

Wellspring

Empowering Lives Fulfilling Needs

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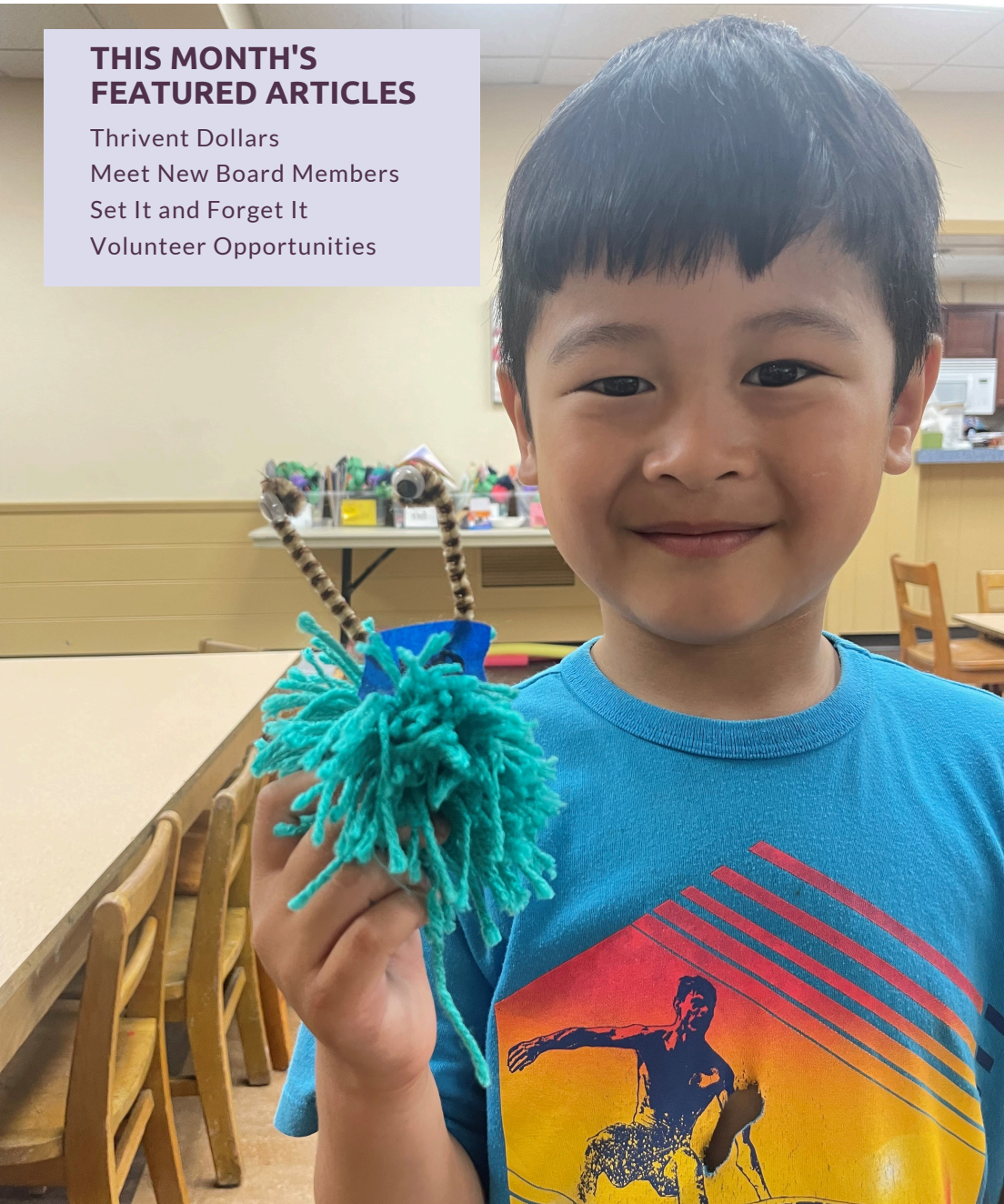
THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ARTICLES

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A Word From Our CEO

We're Making a Difference – Thanks to You!

At the heart of our mission is a deep commitment to serve the most vulnerable members of our community and because of your incredible generosity, we're doing just that.

Every day, our Food Bank is providing free, nutritious groceries to families who would otherwise go without. Our Clothing Bank is helping individuals and children stay warm, confident, and prepared with clean, quality clothing for every season. And through our Youth Programs, we're creating safe, supportive spaces where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.



"Every meal, every warm coat, every smile from a child — it all starts with you."

-Ermina, CEO

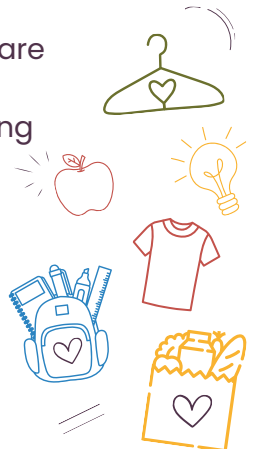
These essential services are only possible because of the unwavering support of our donors. Your compassion is fueling real change.

Thanks to you, parents can feed their children. Teens are finding mentors. Struggling families are finding hope. Together, we're not just meeting needs — we're building a stronger, more compassionate community.

Sincerely,

Ermina

Ermina Mustedanagic
Chief Executive Officer



Meet Our New Board Members

Maria is the Operations Manager at City Wide Facility Solutions and a Real Estate Broker with AMG RLTY. She blends operational leadership with entrepreneurial drive. Maria has served on the advisory board for the Women's Economic Opportunity Center and completed programs in nonprofit governance and civic leadership. She was named one of Northeast Indiana's Visionaries of the Year for raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Maria is committed to using her leadership to create a more inclusive and empowered future.



Maria Nava



John is a private wealth advisor and franchise owner of Reimbold & Miller. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of St. Francis and has more than 30 years experience as a financial advisor. He specializes in comprehensive financial advisory issues for high-net-worth clients.

John Reimbold

Retiring after thirty years of teaching in private schools in Fort Wayne, Judy turned her interests to non-profit organizations that meet the needs of the under-served. She finds it rewarding to work with organizations which strengthen the lives of vulnerable children in our community, including Vincent Village, Iris, Catholic Charities, and others. The arts groups are also an interest, as well as University of St Francis. Judy has three adult children, six grandchildren, and three greats whom she holds dear.

"I feel both honored and humbled to be serving Wellspring." – Judy



Judy Pursley

Set It and Forget It

PUT YOUR DONATIONS ON AUTOPILOT FOR A LASTING IMPACT!

When you become a recurring monthly donor, you are helping to provide consistent access to our services month in and month out. Please consider making a consistent monthly impact. Visit our website to learn more and make a lasting change today.



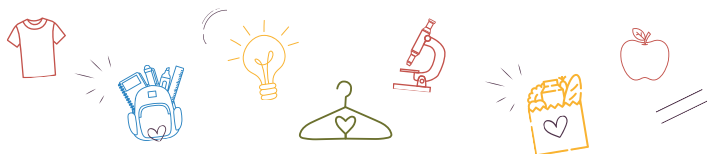
Scan the QR code to give today.

Because of Your Support:

Look at what you've made possible!

- **192,546** pounds of food were distributed through our Food Bank and Wellspring on Wheels, nourishing **15,051** individuals in need.
- **306** children learned, grew, and built confidence through our Summer Day Camp and After School Program.
- Our Nutrition Program empowered **2,920** individuals with education, resources, and fresh produce to support healthier lives.
- The Wellspring Shoppe provided **45,150** clothing items to **3,671** individuals, helping families stay warm, confident, and prepared.

Your generosity is creating real change. Thank you for being the heart behind our mission.



Thank you to our top 5 supporters!



Thrivent Dollars

Thrivent Action Teams

It's amazing what a motivated group of volunteers can accomplish when they have the tools and resources they need. With Thrivent Action Teams, you can make a meaningful impact in your community. How do Thrivent Action Teams work?

Gather a volunteer team of friends, family, or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity—like organizing a school supply drive or food drive, Thrivent will provide the resources you need to get started, including up to \$250 in seed money.

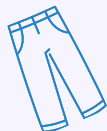
To apply for a Thrivent Action Team, you must be a Thrivent client with membership. Not sure if that's you?

Visit Thrivent Membership page for details.



Thrivent Choice

Through Thrivent Choice, clients with membership can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—like Wellspring! You can also influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars.



Volunteers Needed

Wellspring is calling on caring supporters like YOU to help us support local families and children in need. Whether you have just an hour or a whole day, your time can make a lasting difference in countless lives.



Opportunities Include:

- ✓ Helping kids with homework
- ✓ Packing food pantry orders
- ✓ Driving kids to our programs
- ✓ Sorting clothing donations
- ✓ Seasonal projects
- ✓ Donation pickups

Why Volunteer with Us?

- ✓ Serve low-income families
- ✓ Support youth development
- ✓ Flexible opportunities
- ✓ Be part of something meaningful and lasting
- ✓ Feel good doing good



Your time can change a life!

VOLUNTEER TODAY



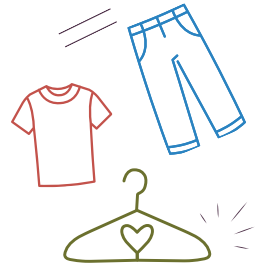
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Volunteer Stories

Hear from some of our Shoppe volunteers on why they give back their time.



I have always liked to help people my whole life. Even if it's just helping to put a smile on someone's face. Working at the

clothing bank has been a blessing to me. I hope that I in turn am able to be a blessing to others. I enjoy seeing how excited the people are as they go through the Shoppe to pick out clothing. I really enjoy helping them find items and sizes that meet their needs. I have learned many amazing things from the clients we serve, and it has been a privilege working alongside the most amazing people.



Rosanne

I have volunteered at Wellspring for many years. I wanted something to do in my retirement that gave me purpose and some physical activity. The Shoppe is that niche for me. I have formed many lasting friendships there. It's also fun to sort clothes and help with displays. Most importantly, it is incredibly satisfying to help customers find the perfect outfit and see their smiles.



Becky

There are a couple of reasons I enjoy volunteering at the Wellspring clothing bank. Along with housing, having nice clean clothes is a basic need and we can furnish that. Clients are appreciative and the work is fun. And I've gotten to meet a group of great women who are fun to work with and have been very accepting of me joining their group. It's a great experience.



Jane

