

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



# WE ARE WELLSPRING

As another year of service came to a close, I want to personally thank you for standing alongside Wellspring and believing in our mission. Because of your generosity, compassion, and continued support, we were able to serve more than 24,000 individuals throughout our community in 2025. Your support helped ensure that families facing difficult circumstances had access to nutritious food and essential clothing with dignity and care. It also provided children with a safe, welcoming place where they learned, grew, built confidence, and experienced encouragement from caring adults.



**Ermina Mustedanagic**  
Chief Executive Officer

Every meal distributed, every child welcomed into our programs, and every family supported is possible because of people like you. Together, we are creating hope for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for investing in Wellspring and in the lives of the families we serve. Your partnership is making a lasting difference in our community each and every day.

Each year, I am struck by something simple and powerful: Wellspring is not sustained by obligation, but by choice. Year after year, our donors, partners, and volunteers choose to give financial support, food, clothing, and time because they believe those in need should be served with dignity. For more than 50 years, that choice has helped Wellspring provide programs that meet real needs in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for placing your trust in this mission. As rising costs continue to put pressure on families in our community, we are committed to putting your support to good use and helping ensure that our staff and volunteers have the resources they need to do this important work.



**Dan Michael**  
Board President

Your decision to support Wellspring continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community each year.

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## Food Assistance

With your support, we address food insecurity through compassionate services. Our **Food Bank** provides nourishment and empowers individuals to choose preferred foods, minimizing waste and respecting dietary needs. **Wellspring on Wheels** delivers food to food-insecure neighborhoods in Allen County. Additionally, the **Wellspring Nutrition Program** offers education, cooking classes, tastings, and fresh produce for long-term health and wellness.

### New in 2025

- Friday Wellspring on Wheels sites
- Weekly Costco produce donations



## Youth Programs

Wellspring's **After School Program** and **Summer Day Camp** eliminate cost and transportation barriers by offering free, accessible care for children of low-income families. Our holistic approach nurtures academic, social, emotional, and behavioral growth, helping children thrive and paving the way to a brighter future.

### New in 2025

- Expanded enrollment
- Summer Learning Labs
- Overnight Camp
- Added another van



## Wellspring Shoppe

For many families, weather-appropriate, well-fitting clothing is not something they can afford. Thanks to your support, the **Wellspring Shoppe** offers a boutique-style experience where individuals can select quality clothing at no cost. Organized by style, size, and color, the Shoppe empowers clients to choose what they need and like, restoring confidence, dignity, and hope.

### New in 2025

- New tracking system made for quicker check-in time, allowing us to see more clients

#### MISSION:

People of faith serving the social, physical, and educational needs of the community in Allen County.

# BY THE NUMBERS

## 2025

|                                                                                                         | Individuals Served |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|  Food Bank             | 10,521             |
|  Wellspring on Wheels  | 5,653              |
|  Nutrition Program     | 3,268              |
|  Wellspring Shoppe     | 4,735              |
|  After School Program | 91                 |
|  Summer Day Camp     | 301                |
|  <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>24,566</b>      |

**55,740**

clothing items  
given away



**351,089**

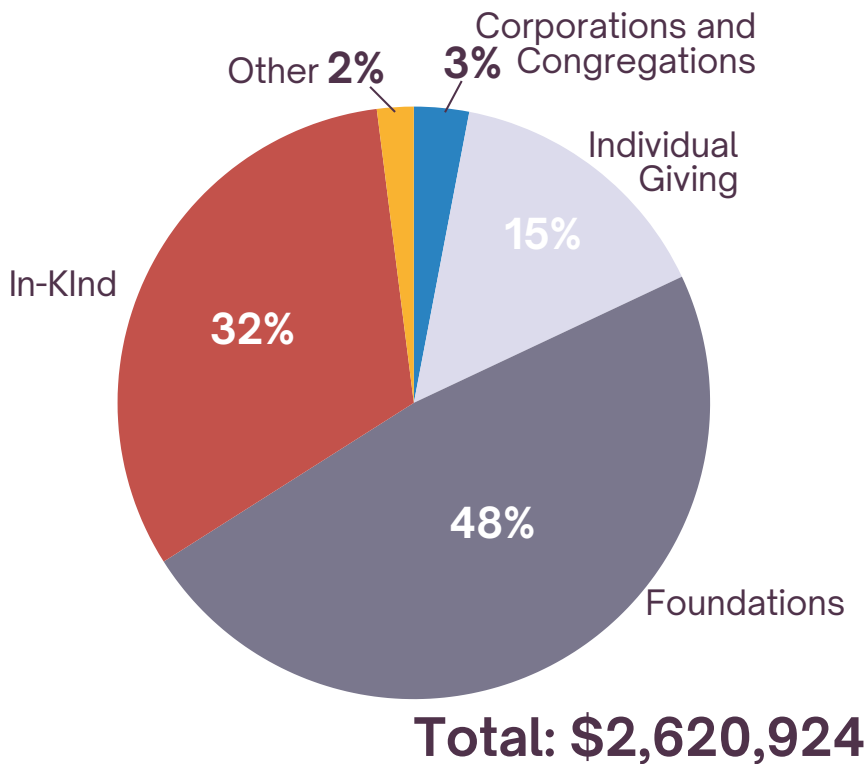
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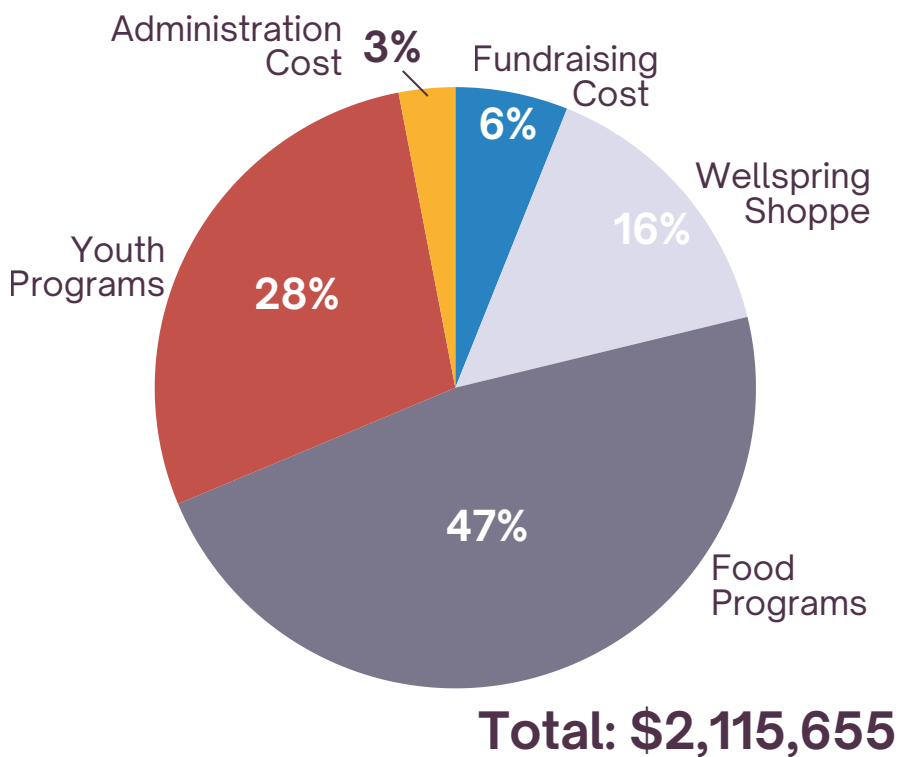
# FUNDING AND IMPACT

## INCOME



Net Assets: \$1,484,015

## EXPENSE



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Finding Stability During Hard Times

### James' Story

After an unexpected medical issue forced James to reduce his work hours, he quickly found himself struggling to make ends meet. Living on a fixed income meant groceries were often the first expense to be cut.

A friend encouraged him to visit Wellspring's Food Bank. James was relieved to find not only food, but dignity and compassion. Through Wellspring's client-choice model, he could select foods that fit his dietary needs and personal preferences.

*"The volunteers treated me like a neighbor, not a number"* James shared.

The support he received helped him regain financial footing while recovering. Today, James still visits Wellspring when needed and often tells others in similar situations that asking for help is a sign of strength.



## A New Beginning

### The Bennett Family Story

When the Bennett family of five arrived in Fort Wayne from Florida, they were looking for a fresh start after storm flooding severely damaged their home. Forced to leave behind many of their belongings, the family packed what they could fit into their car and made the difficult move to begin rebuilding their lives.

As they settled into a new community, they faced the challenge of replacing basic necessities while also managing everyday expenses. Their first stop was Wellspring's Food Bank, where they received groceries and learned about another service available to help them get back on their feet, the Wellspring Shoppe.

At the Shoppe, the family was welcomed and able to select clothing, shoes, and accessories for both parents and their children. Rather than worrying about how they would afford these necessities while starting over, they could focus on establishing stability and creating a new home for their family.

What began as a visit for food assistance became a connection to a broader support system. Today, the Bennett family continues to utilize Wellspring resources as needed, knowing they have a place to turn during challenging times. Their story is a reminder that unexpected circumstances can change a family's life in an instant.



# A Summer of Discovery

## Sophia's Story

Before joining Wellspring's Summer Day Camp, Sophia's summers were often spent at home or bouncing between family members and friends who could watch her while her parents worked. Coordinating childcare was a constant challenge. Sometimes her parents had to adjust work schedules or take time off, creating stress and uncertainty throughout the summer months.

When Sophia enrolled in Summer Day Camp, her family gained reliable care, and Sophia gained opportunities she had never experienced before.

One of her favorite parts of camp was participating in STEM activities. She loved designing and building structures such as tall buildings, bridges, and houses, then testing whether they could withstand challenges like strong winds or shaking earthquakes. While the engineering aspect fascinated her, Sophia especially enjoyed the creative side. She loved imagining how buildings should look and designing spaces that were both beautiful and functional.



What started as a fun camp activity sparked a new dream. Sophia began talking about becoming an architect and designing homes of her own one day.

For her parents, Summer Day Camp provided peace of mind and a dependable place for Sophia to learn and grow. For Sophia, it opened the door to discovering a passion that could shape her future.

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*"Wellspring helped us get through one of the hardest seasons of our lives."*

*"For the first time in a long time, I felt like someone truly cared about my family."*

*"My kids never have to worry about going to school hungry after coming here."*

*"The clothing bank gave my children confidence when they needed it most."*

*"Wellspring gave me hope when everything felt impossible."*

*"Because of Wellspring, I could keep working during the summer."*

*"My son's grades improved so much after joining the program."*

*"Each month I didn't have to choose between groceries and bills."*

*"When life felt overwhelming, Wellspring reminded us there was still hope."*

*"It means a lot because it shows you there are still people in the world who care."*

# FUNDERS

## 2025 Foundations

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The St. Joseph Community Health  
Foundation  
St. Mary's Heritage Fund  
United Way of Allen County  
Waterfield Foundation  
WindSwell Foundation

## TOP 5 SUPPORTERS



## TOP FAITH SUPPORTER





# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Make a Donation



Every gift has the ability to make a difference and change a life. Scan the QR code now to give to someone in need today.



## Gift Stock



A gift of stocks can provide significant benefits to you and Wellspring. By donating appreciated securities, you may be able to avoid paying capital gains taxes while also receiving a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock.

## Be a Sponsor



Annual sponsorship plays a vital role in the success of our vehicle-dependent programs: youth and food programs. By sponsoring, your business gains year-round visibility with a publicity decal on our vans.

## Automatic Donations



Make a lasting impact with a recurring gift. Monthly donations provide steady support and allow us to plan ahead and grow sustainably.

## Memorial or Honorary Giving



Honor your loved ones by making a donation of any amount in their memory or as a tribute to honor them.

## Volunteer



Give back by donating your time and talents to help our food programs, clothing bank, or youth programs. Your volunteer efforts shine brightly as a source of hope for everyone who turns to Wellspring in their time of need.

## Planned Giving



Planned giving uses tax, financial, and estate planning techniques to benefit the donor and the nonprofit organization. Charitable gift annuities and bequests in your will are two of the most popular ways of making a gift.

## Company Giving Programs



Many companies encourage charitable giving through matching programs. Check to see if your employer will multiply your donation to Wellspring or allow automatic deductions.

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