From the Board of Directors

Dear Wellspring Community,

As members of Wellspring’s Board of Directors, we get an insider’s view of the strategic thinking, planning, and work being done to end the cycle of family homelessness. We experience first-hand the immense historic value Wellspring holds throughout our region. It is through this lens we are offering our sincere gratitude to all of you who make Wellspring a philanthropic priority.

We represent a variety of communities, including those we serve. Some of us are entrepreneurs, bankers, tech, medical, and non-profit professionals, community volunteers, and many other occupations. Our experiences combine to create a diverse foundation for fiscal support and oversight. Each of us is involved in raising money and awareness for Wellspring so we deeply appreciate each of your contributions. Whether you participate in donation drives like Ready to Learn, give through your employee giving program, join the thousands of donors who participate in our annual campaign, or are simply inspired to donate from personal experience, we THANK YOU!

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These past 18 months have been difficult for each of us in a multitude ways. But for the families who seek help from Wellspring, the challenges have been amplified. We hope your generosity rewards you with the knowledge that you are making a real difference in the lives of your neighbors experiencing the crisis and trauma of homelessness. You are expanding each family’s sense of community while growing their access to sustainable and realistic resources.

With gratitude,
Wellspring Board of Directors

Opportunities to Create Impact
Wellspring has a variety of ways you can help children and families facing homelessness. Your support ensures Wellspring has the resources necessary to keep families housed, provide life essentials and educate our next generation!

Make a Financial Contribution: Financial support is the best way to support Wellspring families, you may make one time or recurring donations online give.wellspringfs.org/donations, via mail or by calling our office, 206-826-3050.

Leave a Legacy: You can name Wellspring in your will, retirement or life insurance plan to help families for our next 130 years! Contact Asa Tate, atate@wellspringfs.org, or 206-902-4231 to discuss your legacy.

Donate a Vehicle: The vehicle (car or boat) you are trying to get rid of into support for families in our community. Find out how easy it is at, donateforcharity.com/nonprofit/wellspring-family-services or email us at donate@wellspringfs.org.

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A YEAR OF PANDEMIC AND PURPOSE

In 1918 the world was swept into a global pandemic because of influenza, in March 2020 the declaration came that Washington would go into lockdown because of the COVID 19 pandemic. In both instances Wellspring Family Services, or Associated Charities of Seattle as we were known then, leapt into action to support families in need. Wellspring staff, without hesitation, transitioned to being a remote-based organization, utilizing technology and a compassionate spirit to continue to serve families. We knew the need was going to be great, it was greater than we foresaw!

Without missing a beat our housing team continued their amazing work to keep families housed and stable, as well as helping those who needed housing get into safe, secure homes. The Early Learning Center, while forced to close operations during the early months of the health crisis, continued to serve their students. Teachers developed a home-based curriculum and checked in with families regularly. Teachers also supported other Wellspring initiatives focused on supporting our community. The Wellspring Family Store closed its doors to in-person shopping, but the team pivoted to personal shopping experiences with curbside pickup and delivery. Every effort was made to ensure that families who sought assistance were welcomed with open arms even when it was via phone or email.

Additionally, Wellspring was asked to support a broader initiative to manage and distribute both private and publicly funded Covid emergency funds. One such fund focused its support on front-line restaurant workers displaced by restaurant closures. These unique programs launched in April 2020 and served over 5,000 households and distributed over $7,100,000 within nine months.

The pandemic isn’t over, we are still in it, and no one knows what will happen next. One factor looming high on the horizon is the final lifting of the rental eviction moratorium, how will that unfold? What do we know is this; Wellspring is at the ready to serve and support our neighbors. The months ahead will take all of us, but we are ready to ensure every child, every family has a home.

Visit our new website at www.wellspringfs.org. (206) 826-3050
Lives you helped transform...

Early Learning Center
- 51 children from 42 families were enrolled in the ELC
- 1 to 5 teacher to student ratio
- 7,381 free meals served to children

Housing Services
- 1,241 children and parents achieved stability
- 501 families were supported to stay in their homes or find new homes

Social Enterprises
- Wellspring’s Employee Assistance Program and Counseling Services prevent homelessness by addressing crises that could lead to homelessness.
- 22,172 Individuals served by Wellspring Employee Assistance Program
- 722 Individuals supported by Wellspring Counseling Services

Family Store
- 37,324 diapers provided to families
- 2,231 “shopping” trips were made in the family store

Volunteers support Wellspring in many ways...
- sorting & folding clothes
- web coding
- administrative support
- photography
- special projects
- knitting items for families
- … so many other ways!

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