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Creating Change that Lasts: Donors Help Power the Mission

Ending family homelessness for good. It’s a big vision that drives everything we do at Wellspring Family Services. And for Lynn Tuttle and Jerome Roache, it’s personal.

By giving to Wellspring, they get to put their values into action while helping children and families achieve more stability in their lives.

A shared passion for making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and their caregivers coupled with a desire to help families in crisis have driven Lynn and Jerome to deepen their partnership with Wellspring over the years. “We’ve been amazed by the love and support shown by the Wellspring staff. Hearing the stories of families who’ve been able to end homelessness and achieve housing stability with Wellspring’s assistance is incredibly powerful,” Lynn shared recently.

Lynn and Jerome have found a myriad of ways to support Wellspring families: cash donations, volunteerism, participation in our in-kind drives providing back-to-school supplies, clothing and shoes, diapers, and toys for the holidays. Their generosity has inspired their two adult children, members of their faith community, and their network of friends – all of whom join them in caring for our community.

Lynn volunteers on Wellspring’s Board of Directors, offering her experience and expertise. She feels fortunate to be involved in some of the decisions that will ultimately help Wellspring achieve our mission – to end family homelessness.

While reviewing their estate plan, Lynn and Jerome chose one more way to support Wellspring. Having been married 27 years, they recently updated their plan to designate Wellspring as a recipient of a specific amount of their estate after they have passed. Both agree it is a valuable way to ensure their desire to help families lives on. “If you are younger, consider making a gift of a percentage of your

estate. As your estate increases, so will your gift and impact” Lynn noted.

Investing in Wellspring’s future through estate planning ensures the transformation of our community for years to come. Lynn and Jerome’s generous spirit paired with a deep commitment to ending family homelessness have allowed them to create change today, while leaving a powerful legacy in their community. As Lynn remarked, “there is great joy in helping others and making the world a bit better.”

Wellspring is honored to partner with this benevolent couple and countless other caring people and organizations across our community. Our shared commitment to the work of ending family homelessness is changing lives by providing solutions that lead to stability. Together we can leave a lasting legacy throughout our community.

To learn how easy it can be for you to leave a legacy please contact us at donate@wellspringfs.org or 206-826-3050.

Upcoming Events



July 18 - August 19 | Ready to Learn Back to School Drive

Each year, Wellspring provides essential school supplies that all children need to start the school year feeling confident and prepared. For information on hosting a drive, email drives@wellspringfs.org.



July 13 5:30pm | Change Is Brewing Happy Hour

Join us at Optimism Brewing (1158 Broadway, Seattle) for a night of brews and games. \$1 per pint sold by Optimism Brewing during this event will benefit Wellspring Family Services.

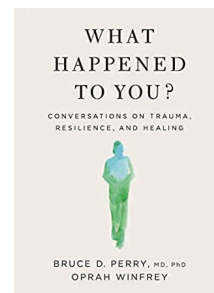


July 23 9-11am | Rotary & Friends Volunteer Saturday

Join volunteers at Wellspring's Rainier office to support the Wellspring Family Store by sorting donations from the community. This event repeats every 4th Saturday. Reach out to volunteer@wellspringfs.org to sign up.

Wellspring Book Club

As an organization, Wellspring strives to create spaces for people confronting crisis to find the help and healing they need. When we approach that work with patience, empathy, and an awareness of the impact that trauma can have across a lifetime, we give ourselves an opportunity to do work that is truly transformational.



What Happened to You?

by Dr. Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD and Oprah Winfrey

This month's #WellConnected book recommendation gives our growing community an opportunity to transform lives through an awareness of the ways that the events of our past impact our present and future. Pick up a copy and join the #WellConnected conversation.

Wellspring Partners Supporting Our Community

Special thanks to our corporate partners and sponsors for generously investing to keep families stably housed in our community. Without community partners like those listed below, the work Wellspring does with families facing homelessness would not be possible. With immense gratitude we thank:



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The Power of Community Strengthens Our Collective Future

Wellspring works diligently to create healing communities that impact families across generations. Aujamari Cook's story clearly demonstrates our efforts.

Few will disagree the arrival of a baby inspires joy. But for a single parent, that joy can be quickly overshadowed by financial strain. Aujamari experienced that strain for the first time at age seven when her brother was born. Years later – as a teenager – she experienced it as a mother with the birth of her first child.

Struggling to care for her baby, Aujamari turned to Wellspring for help after learning her mother had done the same when her younger brother was born. Wellspring's Welcome Home Program provided access to funding and valuable

life and parenting skills in 2017 that helped Aujamari stay on her feet.

In 2021, after years of stability, Aujamari returned to Wellspring for support because she was expecting her second child. Through Wellspring's Housing program, she was able to move into a two-bedroom apartment the same January day her baby was born.

While helping Aujamari secure housing, our Housing Stability team learned that Aujamari had recently graduated from a local nursing program. She wanted to continue her education to become a surgical technician, but her dream was on hold because she could not afford both tuition and rent.

Again, Wellspring offered hope. We connected Aujamari with a competitive

scholarship opportunity provided by the Women's University Club (WUC). Since 2013, WUC has been awarding scholarships to recognize the accomplishments of women graduating from high school and women in transition.

Aujamari was encouraged to apply for WUC's Women in Transition scholarship to help realize her professional goals. To our delight, Aujamari was selected by WUC to receive a \$10,000 scholarship this past February! The scholarship can be applied to anything school related (tuition, books, laptop, etc.). It will empower Aujamari to write the next chapter of her family's story.

When our community takes action together, we can end the cycle of family homelessness. Together, we are creating change that will last for generations to come.



"I'm so grateful for the opportunity Wellspring has given me to apply for a Women in Transition scholarship. I wouldn't have known about it without Wellspring's caring staff.

Attending the Women's University Club's Brava! Awards Celebration was phenomenal. A room full of people expressing their support for all the recipients was extremely encouraging. The most memorable moment for me was hearing the plans each recipient had for their scholarship award. The determination of fellow recipients and hearing all they've overcome made me even more grateful for Wellspring and the work they do to help struggling women get to a point where we can give back to other women in similar circumstances.

I've encountered many closed doors as I've navigated through life's transitions. Each day is a work in progress, and Wellspring provided the support I needed to continue on a positive path. I will now be able to

return to school without worrying about funding. Instead, I can focus on being the best student I can be.

I will use my scholarship to return to school to become a Certified Surgical Technician with plans to work in the pediatric surgery field. Continuing my education will provide me stability in a growing field and allow me to provide the foundation for my children to be successful breaking the generational curses I faced growing up which contributed to the life setbacks I had to overcome.

To the Wellspring community -- thank you so much for everything that you have done to get me to this point. I'm more determined than ever and finally feeling like doors are opening for me and my children. There is a light at the end of the tunnel."

- Aujamari Cook

Top: Aujamari Cook with Wellspring Staff Asa Tate and Cobie Howard, and Wellspring Supporter Cathy Gibson.



Above: Aujamari Cook accepting her award.

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Three Easy Ways to Make an Impact Today



The Gift That Keeps Giving

Become a monthly donor! Recurring donations create a sustainable source of funding. Gifts of all sizes are welcomed and appreciated. It's easy to sign-up online at give.wellspringfs.org/donations or by contacting us.



Donate Your Vehicle or Boat

Did you know that your unused vehicle or boat can be turned into a donation that helps families experiencing homelessness achieve stability? Find out how easy it is at www.donateforcharity.com/nonprofit/wellspring-family-services today!



Ensure a Brighter Future

Interested in leaving a legacy without a will? Join our 1892 Legacy Circle and include Wellspring as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. It's easy, takes about 30 seconds, and does not require a lawyer. Simply include Wellspring's name and tax id number - 91- 0567261 and your wishes will be carried out accordingly.

For more information about the ways to give above, and many more, please contact us at donate@wellspringfs.org or 206-826-3050.

Thank you for being part of our family!

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Coming This Fall

A data-driven conversation about the advantages of thinking intersectionally as we seek healing for families facing crises.

Follow us for updates on registration for this event:



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