



Above: The 5th classroom. Right: Joe and Judy Sambataro

Long Time Dream Receives Funding

"I have a dream," famous words spoken by Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.! Those words embody so much to so many. Here at Wellspring, they speak to the hope and desire to open the Early Learning Center's (ELC) fifth classroom. Bevette Irvis, Chief Program Officer for many years has referred to the dormant classroom as the "I have a dream" classroom. An opportunity to welcome more children and families to a regionally unique learning center, breaking down barriers and uplifting hope through education.

In 2021 a handful of donors from private and public sectors stepped forward to bring the dream to life! Their multi-year financial commitments ensure the ELC's fifth classroom will open Fall of 2022.

Wellspring supporters Joe & Judy Sambataro were amongst the first to make a three-year pledge to opening the classroom. "Judy and I believe education and early childhood development are the great equalizer in our society. Wellspring serves a population that is most in need for these services at an age that will carry forward in their lives", said Joe. Judy was an early learning educator, making this a deeply personal commitment.

Additional support for the classroom will come from the State of Washington's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). At its capacity, ten children ages 3 to 5 will be supported in their social and emotional development and learning, with the intent to inspire a passion for learning that will serve them into their later years. At the time of printing the Lead Teacher, bilingual in Spanish and

English, has been hired to support the students and the ELC team.

The classroom is in the final stages of preparation, soon the doors will be open and ready to receive the bright smiling faces of young ones ready to learn. We thank the Sambataro's and all the contributors, as well as the Early Learning Center team for their dedication and commitment to our children's future. Dreams do come true and hope for tomorrow starts with our children.

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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.



Ensure a Brighter Future

Legacy giving is an easy way to put family first, while caring for your community. Not only will you have the satisfaction of having your affairs in order, you will create a better reality for future generations. Consider gifting a percentage of your assets through your will or a beneficiary designation by naming Wellspring and Tax ID #91-0567261.



Double Your Donation

Did you know you can double your giving? Many employers will match their employee's giving dollar for dollar, sometimes more. It is a simple easy way to increase how your donation makes an impact for families facing homelessness. You can check our employer match database by scanning the code or <https://qrco.de/bdKCBV>

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

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Impact Report

41,015
lives changed



In 2021 you supported:

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Wellspring's Early Learning Center is the only program of its kind serving homeless families in Washington state. Designed to provide trauma informed education for children and their parents, the ELC transforms children's lives for the future.



45 children were served
11,358 healthy meals



given the opportunity to grow & develop with an eye toward
90 different developmental competencies

HOUSING

Wellspring helps families stay housed, find housing, or secure transitional housing. Housing specialists support families in finding the right path forward for their situation.



2,888 families received housing services
1,230 evictions were prevented



429 families found home and stayed housed

FAMILY STORE

Wellspring's Family Store is a free community resource available for clothing, toys, diapers, hygiene items, books, and so much more serving children pre-birth to 17 years old. Since its launch, Wellspring's Family Store has been an essential program that has served thousands in our community.



59,000 diapers kept
450 babies smiling
2,982 children received the clothing, formula, & hygiene items they needed



1,311 families shopped for the holidays with dignity

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE & COUNSELING

Serving employees and families before the crisis hits. Our Employee Assistance Program is a nationwide service contracted by employers to provide front line care and support employees by helping them respond to life's challenges. Wellspring Counseling helps individuals locally by providing skilled, professional therapy services.



659 people received the trauma-informed counseling necessary to find healing



27,107 people received the help they needed to stay on their feet during crisis through the Employee Assistance Program

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the beating heart of the work we do at Wellspring. Their time, skills, and expertise are an invaluable resource that amplifies our mission, extends the reach of our programs, and increases the opportunity we have to give back.



301 volunteers gave

1,126 hours to support homeless families

Going Mobile: Wellspring meets the needs of a changing community

At Wellspring Family Services, we are aware of the challenges families face securing reliable transportation and accessing services. That's why we'll launch our Mobile Family Store in 2023 thanks to a generous grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound.

The Mobile Store will take the clothing, toys, hygiene supplies, and other free essential items our Family Store has provided on Seattle's Rainier Avenue for the last 11 years and bring them directly to families in crisis. This will help remove obstacles associated with transportation that might prevent families from receiving the help they need.

Rising gas prices and the challenging logistics of public transportation are just two potential issues associated with transportation. For families on the brink of crisis, these realities become part of

a constellation of difficult choices.

Parents with their own vehicles may be forced to ask "should we pay rent or fix the car this month?" For families relying on public transportation, the questions might be "will I be able to make it to work on time?" or "if we need help, will the kids be able to sit still on multiple bus rides that could take hours?"

As the map shows, the families Wellspring serves are not concentrated near our Rainier Avenue headquarters. Families are being pushed south and east of Seattle into cities like Renton, Federal Way, and Kent, and the services Wellspring provides are increasingly needed in those communities.

By partnering with and traveling to locations like public libraries, community centers, and low income housing sites, the Mobile Family Store will also be able

to distribute physical goods and help connect families to additional resources.

Members of our housing services team will be able to meet families where they are. Wellspring staff can share information and answer questions about other community programs in person rather than over the phone.

Wellspring will maintain the benefits of a brick-and-mortar storefront at our Rainier Avenue headquarters while simultaneously taking a more active approach to serving our community where need is greatest. We are excited to expand across Puget Sound by reducing barriers associated with transportation that might prevent families from getting the help they need. Working together with community partners, local experts, and donors like you, we can end family homelessness for good.

