

How Can You Help?

Although there are many opportunities to contribute to Wellsprings, we are in need of dedicated business leaders and other professionals to serve on our board of directors and to undertake fund-raising activities.

We have several levels of Board involvement, one or more of which might fit you. If you feel you would like to work with Wellsprings in any capacity, please contact us at 713.529.6559, or mail in this sheet with your information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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I am interested in:

Board member Fund-raising Volunteer

If you are interested in donating to Wellsprings please send your donation or pledge to

Wellsprings, Inc.
P.O. Box 311017
Houston, TX 77231

- United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast
- Housing and Urban Development - HUD
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program - EFSP
- Foundations
- Churches
- Individual Donors
- Fund-raising events

Funding

- Wellsprings, Inc. has a proven formula of success - one born out of intensive research, direct observation and hands-on experience:
- Applicants are carefully screened for their level of personal motivation to succeed.
- Women are placed in small, family-style residential setting conducive to recovery.
- Residents are provided food, clothing, transportation, and personal supplies.
- Every woman is working, actively searching for a job, or enrolled in an educational or training program.
- Women meet regularly with a staff member to review their progress.
- Residents participate in group and individual counseling.
- Clients are taught financial responsibility, time management, and service to the community.
- Assistance is provided in locating affordable, safe housing, as well as expenses associated with moving and furnishing an apartment.
- Follow-up and post-departure counseling is encouraged.

Why Does Wellsprings Work?



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Serving Women and Children since 1988



United Way of the
Texas Gulf Coast



Who Are We?

Wellsprings, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides transitional and long-term housing to homeless and abused women that may or may not have children.

Our Mission

“To provide a safe, growthful environment for homeless and abused women, including those with children. We seek to empower them to become economically, emotionally, self-sustaining, contributing members of society.”

Our History

Wellsprings was founded in 1988 by two Dominican Sisters, Sister Rita Owens and Sister Justin Farinella. After researching the availability of services in the Houston area, they identified the need for an organization to provide more than just emergency shelter. There was a desperate need to provide a stable, residential environment for women 30-50 years of age. This environment would facilitate the opportunity for the women to become self-sufficient. The factors identified to accomplish self-sufficiency became the mission of the Wellsprings' program. The women would become empowered by -

- Increasing their income level through job skills training and educational programs,
- Increasing their self worth through daily living skills training and counseling.

Additionally, the women would learn to live in community with each other and share household responsibilities. In time, these tools would initiate the process of breaking the cycles of homelessness, abuse, poverty, addiction, and illiteracy.

Recent Developments

- On July 30,2004, the agency purchased a 3 acre tract of land to reestablish the on-site transitional residence program.
- Wellsprings has been privileged to partner with HomeAid America and its primary Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund partner Ameriquest Mortgage Comapany, HomeAid Houston and the Greater Houston Builders Association to provide housing to Katrina and Rita evacuees.
- David Weekley Homes and Tilson Homes Corporation will build six, four-bedroom homes on the property.

Wellsprings received the use of several residences through the generosity of the Burkitt Foundation. The organization itself purchased a house that was located close to the donated homes. Eventually, there were a total of five houses that provided services to over 30 women each month. In late 1997, due to a surge of real estate development in the Houston area, Wellsprings was forced to relocate the women that lived in four of the houses. Wellsprings continued to operate the house it owned until the property was sold in March 2004.

In 1996, Wellsprings added another facet to its program services. The organization began to administer grants received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants provide rental assistance and supportive services to women with or without children in an apartment setting. The goals of each program would be consistent with that of the on-site residence.



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