As we drive around the city of Houston, we frequently see homeless individuals panhandling on the street. Often we wonder how we can help. That is exactly what the mission of Wellsprings Village is. We work to provide women with the counseling, job training and social skills to become independent individuals. We provide the counseling to maintain their sobriety, assist them in their mental health issues and along with a safe living environment, to allow them to reach inside themselves to determine the causes of their homelessness.

At the same time homelessness has increased, government assistance has decreased. This is due to changes in Federal, State and Local government requirements that limit help to transitional housing. We had to make the decision to forgo government grants that would require us to make major modifications to our mission here at Wellsprings.

How you can help….
As you look over our annual report numbers and statistics, please notice how individual and church group support is only 18% of Wellsprings’ total income. Experts say that individual donors should account for as much as 50% of a non-profit’s income. As we talk to groups and individuals about Wellsprings Village we are frequently told that they never heard of us, in spite of the fact we have been around for more than 28 years. Please don’t keep Wellsprings Village a “well kept secret”. We ask you to tell your friends, tell your church, tell your service clubs, tell your companies that you support Wellsprings Village and you would like them to do the same. Remember to support our fundraisers, the Founder’s Luncheon is coming in August and of course our Annual Gala is in November. Also consider joining the Wellsprings’ Board of Directors. We are always looking for new, fresh ideas.

The Wine tasting party at Caliente was a big success. Thank You!!
From the Executive Director

We are more than halfway through 2016 and the year has definitely had its share of ups and downs for the Wellsprings Village family! Because of government funding changes and limits on transitional housing programs that restrict applications to certain funds, we have seen several programs in our community close their doors. But we called on our supporters and you came through in a major way, and for that we will be forever grateful! Our board, volunteers, and staff continue to work diligently to keep the Wellsprings mission alive for the homeless and disadvantaged women it was birthed to serve.

Sadly, Susan Clark, Wellsprings Village Board Member and Wellsprings Guild President passed away suddenly on July 16, 2016. We are stunned and saddened by our loss and we are asking everyone to send their prayers of comfort and strength to her family during this time. We are also asking that you pray for health & wellness for those Wellsprings family members that are dealing with health challenges at this time.

We are most thankful to all of you that continue to help us actualize the mission and vision of Wellsprings! Without your continued committed support, we would not be able to provide the housing and services that are needed to transform the lives of the women that come through our doors!

Peace & blessings to everyone!

Valerie Beckham

Hope-springs...

It all happened so gradually, I hardly noticed it. This man said he loved me and I truly loved him. First, he had to be in charge of all the money (although I made more), then slowly but surely he started alienating me from my friends, then my family. Was this abuse? The neighbors seemed to think so. After I had our first son it became physical. Christian was only three months old when CPS took him because of all the physical abuse I was receiving. I hope eventually I’ll get to see him grow up. The abuse fueled my drinking then the loss of my first born almost killed me. I have nine month old twins that were taken from me but I am fighting real hard to get my kids back. The major requirement is safety for me and the twins. I went to Santa Maria to identify and learn to deal with all the sources of my addiction. I entered Wellsprings with a clear head and now I am able to accept and use all the tools that are being provided to me by Wellsprings. I also have been provided with the safety and security I need to rebuild my life and the strength to raise my children on my own. I now have a safe place to lay my head while looking for work in order to provide for my family. Most of all I now have the courage to fight CPS for all my kids and to fully carry on to make a better life for all of us.

T. C.

Anonymous Grant Challenge

Wellsprings Village has been given a matching grant challenge. Please consider donating today to enable Wellsprings Village to utilize this generous offer.

Founder's Day Luncheon

Tickets: $100 each
Make checks payable to: Wellsprings Village, Inc.

Mail checks to Mary Lou Kelly
6118 Fox Wind Ct., Houston 77041
Or contact her at 713-854-4756,
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**Save the Date**

Wellsprings Village Gala

Friday, November 4th

Heaven on Earth, Missouri City

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Make Wellsprings your charity on Kroger and Randalls member cards.
Have you sent in your change for change yet?

Keep a jar on your desk at work and tell everyone about Wellsprings.

Founder's Day Luncheon

Monday August 22, 2016 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Speaker: Ellen Cohen
Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilwoman
“Paths to Self-Sufficiency”

Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant
2019 Post Oak Blvd.
Houston, TX 77056
See inside for reservation information