



WELLSPRINGS VILLAGE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

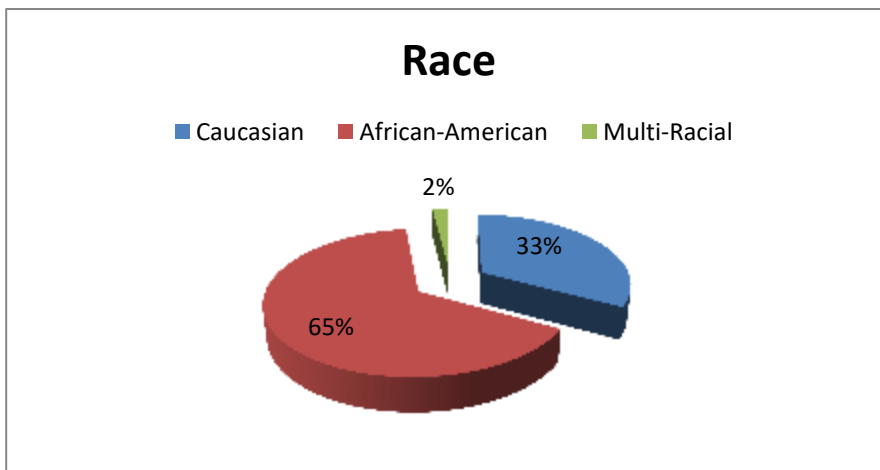
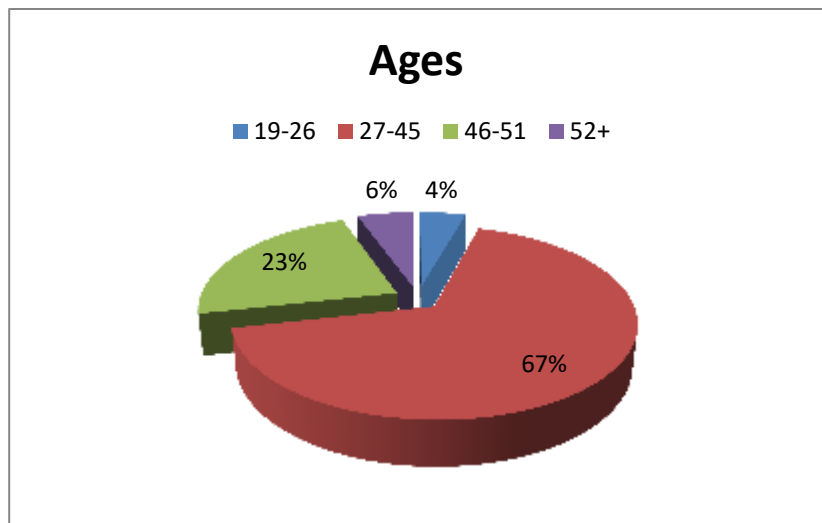
THE BOARD

Wellsprings Village, Inc. has been blessed with members dedicated to our mission to serve the homeless women in our community. For 2016, the board's membership consisted of the following: Most Reverend Joseph Fiorenza (Honorary), Sister Justin Farinella (Emeritus), Sister Rita Owens (Emeritus), Carole Updyke (President), Virginia Kazmierczak (Vice President), William Rice (Treasurer), Stacie Craft DeFreitas (Secretary), Sarah Austin-Morris, Susan Clark, Mary Ann Geist, Michelle Kaltenbach and Kristin Martinez. Board meetings are held, monthly, on the third Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

The mailing address for Wellsprings Village, Inc. is Post Office Box 311017, Houston, Texas 77231.

OUR CLIENTS

Wellsprings Village, Inc. served 91 women in our onsite transitional housing program. Our resident population was diverse in background, in culture, and in race, which included African-American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American. Some stayed only a short time and others needed a longer period of time.



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OUR LEGACY

In 1988, Sister Rita Owens, O.P. and Sister Justin Farinella, O.P., answered the prayers of hundreds of homeless women within the City of Houston. The Dominican Sisters founded Wellsprings and established its mission:

“To provide a safe, stable environment for homeless and abused women to grow. We seek to empower them to become economically, self-sustaining, contributing members of society.”

While they understood that emergency shelters meet the immediate needs of homeless women, they believed the women did not have access to adequate services to overcome the destructive cycles of domestic violence, substance abuse and poverty. Omission of these services would result in at-risk females being trapped in cycle of homelessness. Our pioneers responded to this need by creating Wellsprings village to address the need for long-term stable housing with supportive services.

Wellsprings has opened its doors to serve over 2,590 women since 1988.

THE WELLSPRINGS SOLUTION

Wellspring Village provides housing and services to the homeless, abused, and distressed women of our community. Through housing assistance and supportive services, Wellsprings helps homeless and abused women make significant lifestyle changes that will allow them to rise from the ashes of despair and hopelessness to a life of productivity and self worth.

Our programs include education and life-skills training in a safe, affirming environment, giving homeless women the chance at the lives they deserve – lives of independence, self respect and freedom. Participation in our programs and services allows the women to gain strength, education, support and hope.

Wellsprings offers the following services for its clients:

- Safe, stable housing in six four bedroom homes;
- Comprehensive case management;
- Transportation in the form of bus passes and agency van rides;
- Limited clothing & food;
- Personal supplies, & household items
- Counseling (individual & group);
- Life skills educational classes;
- Spiritual growth & development.

Upon entering Wellsprings, a woman is assigned a client advocate who offers continuous contact, support, and motivation. Each resident's situation requires individualized care that directly addresses the root causes of her being homeless; whether it be domestic violence, substance abuse, poverty, or combinations of these reasons.

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All of clients are required to engage in development and implementation of service plan goals and objectives that target education & employment, personal growth & development and locating permanent housing. Clients attend individual and/or group counseling sessions to address the root causes of their self destructive behaviors and encourage new coping skills. Additionally, the clients learn life skills that emphasize time and financial management so that they can responsibly manage their daily lives.

Wellsprings considers a resident's departure a "successful exit" when they have obtained viable job skills, secured full time employment, learned to apply new life skills, and have established a savings account. Wellsprings conducts periodic Client Evaluation Surveys to assess the advantages of program services as well as to gain feedback from the resident regarding the services offered and what is most beneficial in order for them to complete the program successfully.

PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY WELLSPRINGS

The Wellsprings Village is a comprehensive transitional housing facility that is built on a three acre tract of land in Houston, Harris County, Texas. This location is the permanent site that provides a safe, nurturing environment for the homeless and disadvantaged women of our community. This may include women who have histories of substance abuse, domestic violence, or both, but do not have children in their immediate care.

Our clients share living quarters in a secure and safe environment that is staffed 24-hours a day. Care and compassion are provided to ensure the women have on-going support to remain focused on their personal goals to become self-sufficient. Wellsprings Village provides a nurturing environment to help the women take charge of their lives and their future; and to never again find themselves without the tools needed to obtain gainful employment and stable housing.

After completing the core requirements of the program, the women receive employment readiness and employment search assistance. Once they have secured full-time employment, they are required to save a portion of their income to prepare them for their transition to permanent housing.

At capacity 44 women benefit from housing and supportive services at Wellsprings Village.

OUR TEAM

Wellsprings Village has a dedicated team who are committed to serving the homeless women that are admitted to the program. The staff consist of: Valerie Beckham (Executive Director), Cheryl Pratts (Resident Coordinator), Nirra Lockhart Client Advocate), Monique Douglas (Lead Technician), Carmen Wright (Client Advocate), Evelyn Brass (Part-Time Technician), Charlotte Hypolite (Part-Time Technician), Dione Dennis, (Part-time Technician), Juanicia Lee (Part-time Technician), Jameka Dunn (Part-time Technician), Diane Goodman (Part-time Technician), Karen Gaddis(Part-time Technician), Trenecieya Gray (Part-time Technician), Rahquia Jackson (Part-time Technician), Kimberly Teter (Part-time Technician), Jennifer Williams (Part-time Technician), Aaron Blake (Full-time Security), Taylor Graves and Quenton Randolph(Part-time Security) and Cheryl Rivers & Deidra Simmons (Part-time Financial Administrators).

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VOLUNTEERS

163 unduplicated volunteers contributed an average of 2,177 hours of service. These community members dedicated and committed to the mission of Wellsprings by providing leadership, fund raising and organizing special events/projects.

FUNDING

Wellsprings Village, Inc. was fortunate to receive funding from a variety of supporters who believe in our mission. Support was received from the following sources: Individual Donors, Foundations, Special Fund-raising Events, United Way of Greater Houston, Emergency Food & Shelter Program, Churches, and other groups and organizations. Wellsprings total income for 2016 was \$581,441 and total expenses were \$514,112. The ending net assets for 2016 totaled \$1,925,894.

