



WELLSPRINGS VILLAGE, INC.

"Wellsprings provides a safe, nurturing environment for women who were homeless or abused, helping them to become independent, contributing members of our community."

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Wellsprings Village began its mission in 1988.

In 2005, the vision expanded to include the construction of the houses at our current location. 2025 marked 20 years that the "Village" came to life.

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A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wellsprings Village is blessed to have committed partnerships, funders, and stakeholders that are truly passionate about the services that the program provides to homeless women.

Without your help, we would not be able to provide these services to women who need assistance in our community.

Last year, due to federal funding changes, Wellsprings Village was unable to receive government funding that was previously awarded for more than two decades!

Lack of funding resources impacted other organizations as well, reducing the number of shelter beds and services that were available in our local continuum of care.

Wellsprings Village plays an important role in our community's response to serving the homeless by filling in the gap that exists when short term emergency shelter stays have ended.

In 2025, The Coalition for the Homeless for Houston/Harris County reported 3,325 people were experiencing homelessness, and 39% of those were women.

The women served by Wellsprings Village in 2025 reduced the number of unsheltered homeless women and served 128 women, providing 12,120 safe, stable bed nights.

Sixty-two women exited the program, and 91% were gainfully employed and transitioned to independent housing!

The generosity of our donors was phenomenal and helped us to maneuver through the challenges that resulted from those changes, allowing us to provide the opportunities needed for these women to successfully change their lives for the better.



Valerie Beckham

This year Wellsprings Village is partnering with The Women's Home Mabee Whole Life Center to provide an array of services to the women in our program.

Their state of the art facility has employment readiness services, skills training, mental health counseling, substance abuse services and much more.

Their program will also assist with transporting our women to and from their location, when they participate in their services.

This is a great opportunity for the women in the program and a great collaboration for Wellsprings Village.

The achievements of the past year and the promise of this new collaboration show what is possible when we all are working together to support the mission and vision of Wellsprings Village.

We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to continued success as we work together in the months ahead.



Great Times & Memories From 2025



15th Annual Founders Luncheon
March 31, 2025
Speaker, Michael Nichols, City of Houston
Housing & Community Development



1st Annual Beer Tasting
September 30, 2025
Talyard Brewing Company - Sugarland, Texas



Lighting The Way - Wellsprings Village Annual Gala

November 22, 2025



Wellsprings Program Graduate
Tendai Mwanda



Wellsprings Humanitarian Award
Presented To Pat Libero Sims (L) By Board
Vice President, Virginia Kazmierczak (R)



Wellsprings Program Graduate
Sara Franco



Wellsprings Residents

Bel Inizio 5K Run



2026 5K
Team Star Steppers



2025 5K Run
Team Pretty Wings



2024 5K Run
Team Women Helping Others

Bel Inizio is a nonprofit in Houston, that helps women develop self confidence and life skills through fitness and nutrition. Bel Inizio means “beautiful beginnings” in Italian which is exactly what Wellsprings offers the women it serves. Each year the women decide the name of their team and the design for their shirts. This year was our third year partnering with Bel Inizio!

The residents look forward to the Bel Inizio program each year. Some of the staff participate in the fitness routines that are held on campus. Together Everyone Achieves More!

United Way Board Fair



Sarah Morris, Board Member
Valerie Beckham, Executive Director

Wellsprings participated in the Board Fair hosted by United Way on April 8, 2026. The Board Fair gives nonprofit organizations an opportunity to present their programs and services to individuals that are interested in board service.



19th Annual Golf Tournament 2026



WINNING TEAM - TOLUNAY-WONG ENGINEERING



LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS



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Our Legacy

Through the courageous and passionate vision of Sister Rita Owens, O.P., and Sister Justin Farinella, O.P. Wellsprings Village was born! For 38 years, the program has provided stable housing and supportive services to unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness. Their goal was to create an environment favorable to transformative life changes for women, guided by an established mission:

“Wellsprings provides a safe, nurturing environment for women who were homeless or abused, helping them to become independent, contributing members of our community.”

The Wellsprings Solution

Wellsprings Village addresses the challenges of poverty and homelessness by first providing safe, stable housing. Through basic life skills and supportive services, Wellsprings Village helps residents reshape the trajectory of their lives. These services encourage the development of healthy coping strategies, empowering residents to become productive, with the ability to live self-directed lives.

In 2025, Wellsprings Village provided over 12,000 bed nights for 128 women experiencing homelessness.

2025 Accomplishments

In 2025, Wellsprings Village provided more than 12,000 bed nights to 128 women who were experiencing homelessness. Many faced significant barriers such as prior incarceration, mental illness, and/or substance abuse, and were unable to access stability, safety, and critically needed services that supported their progress toward becoming self-sustaining. Sixty two women exited the program in 2025 and 90% of them transitioned into their own independent living environments.

Transportation is an important supportive service for the residents. The Wellsprings van transports the residents to nearby bus stops and other locations, providing over 3,600 van runs and 581 bus passes that represented 1,162 Metro rides. Bus passes allowed the women to attend important appointments, engage in employment readiness programs, search for employment, and travel to and from work after becoming employed. In kind donations of household items and personal supplies received from our volunteer groups totaled over \$10,680.

Case management is provided by the Advocates to the residents and is instrumental in providing linkage to services, along with much needed support and encouragement. Residents received over 850 case management sessions during the operating year.



2025 Annual Report

The Board

Wellsprings Village, Inc., has a twelve member governing board that is committed to the mission established by our program founders. During 2025, the board's membership consisted of the following members: Carole Updyke (President), Virginia Kazmierczak (Vice President/Secretary), William K. Rice (Treasurer), M. Theresa Baker, Charles Carmouche, Mary Ann Geist, Rhonda Gideon, Mark Janik, Shobana Muratee, Sarah Austin-Morris, Gwendolyn Turner Juarez, and Cindy Keller Picazo.

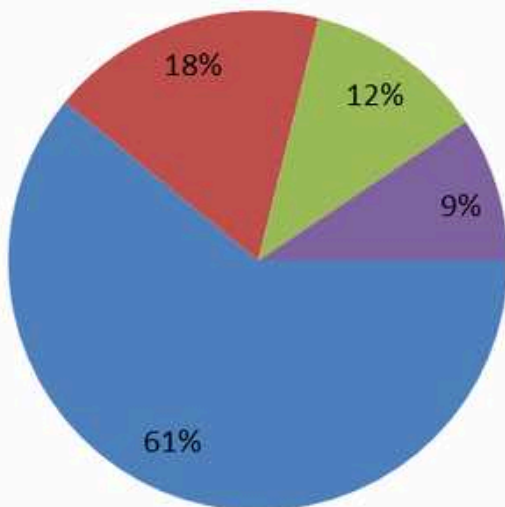
Virtual Board meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The mailing address for Wellsprings Village, Inc. is Post Office Box 311017, Houston, Texas 77231.

Our Residents

Our resident population was diverse in background, culture, age, and race: African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, and Multi-Racial.

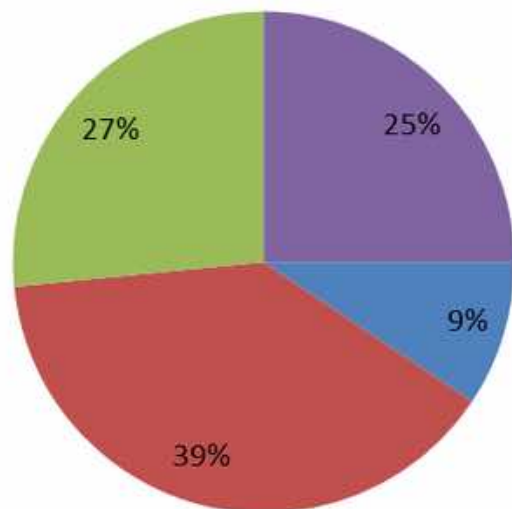
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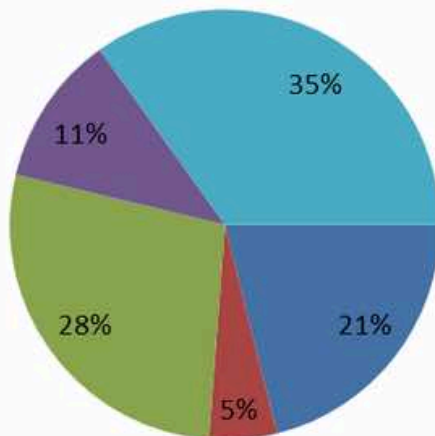
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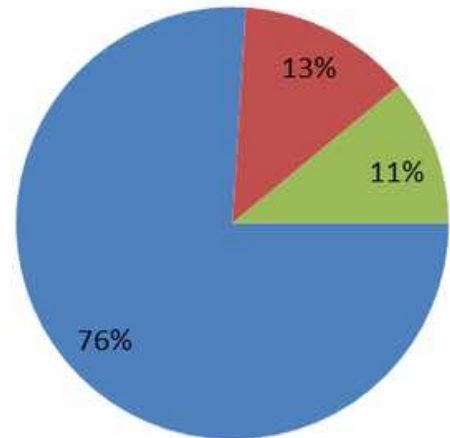
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■ Individuals ■ Churches/Groups ■ Foundations/Corp
■ Program Income ■ Fundraising



Expenses

■ Program Services ■ Administration
■ Fundraising



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, Fundraising Events, Government Grants, Churches, Other Groups, and Corporations. Total revenue for 2025 was \$464,067, and total expenses were \$641,447. The ending net assets for 2025 totaled \$1,457,770.

Our Team

Wellsprings Village has a dedicated team who are committed to serving the women who are admitted to the program. During 2025, the following full-time employees included: Valerie Beckham (Executive Director), Erica Bennett (Advocate), Alvicher Willis (Advocate), Monique Douglas (Lead Resident Technician), and Kayla Fisher (Resident Technician). The following part-time employees during 2025 included: Alicia Allen (Resident Technician), Carmen Brown (Overnight Technician), Charlotte Hypolite (Resident Technician), Latrice Kelley (Resident Technician), Nirra Lockhart (Advocate), Kacy Mitchell (Office Admin), Cheryl Pratts (Resident Coordinator), and Paterra Warren (Resident Technician), Carmen Wright (Overnight Technician).

Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to the success of the program. During the reporting period, Wellsprings benefited from the support of 82 unduplicated volunteers who contributed a total of 1,327 service hours. Volunteers played an integral role through board governance, fundraising efforts, special events and financial contributions. They also supported residents by leading on campus activities that fostered encouragement and connection, as well as sponsoring off campus empowerment workshops, concerts, and other activities.



OUR MISSION NEEDS YOU

Dear Friends & Supporters,

We hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to you today with an urgent appeal to consider giving a special gift to Wellsprings Village. As you may know, recent funding cuts have greatly impacted nonprofits and organizations like ours all over the world, and our need for support is great! Wellsprings Village has been a sanctuary and a source of strength for over 4,000 women by providing temporary housing and essential services.

Your generosity can help us continue this vital work, ensuring that we can offer hope and stability to those who rely on our services. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a profound difference.

Take a moment to read the following excerpts from resident testimonials:

Lisa - I came to Wellsprings with nothing and had no idea how to start over. But with the help of the staff, I was able to make steps towards getting my life back on track. I needed help with so many things like getting a valid ID, replacing my social security card, applying for food stamps, and getting a gold card. Wellsprings helped me to do all those things.

Linda – My family did not want me to come back home when I left treatment. I guess they were tired of all the times I didn't do the right thing. Wellsprings accepted me into the program and helped me do the things I needed to do. After a year, my family started to see the changes I was making. We have a better relationship now. The classes at Wellsprings helped me too.

We are grateful for the vision of our courageous founders, Sr. Rita Owens, O.P., and Sr. Justin Farinella, O.P., as we continue to carry out their dream for Wellsprings Village. On behalf of our Board of Directors, Staff, and Residents, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

With warm regards,

Valerie Beckham
Executive Director



(L-R) SR. RITA OWENS, O.P.
SR. JUSTIN FARINELLA, O.P.
HELP US KEEP THEIR DREAM ALIVE



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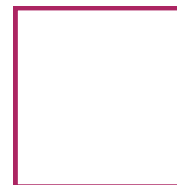


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Save the Date

2026 Gala

Friday, November 6th

Junior League of Houston

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Stay tuned for more details!

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