

Wellspring connection



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The Many Hands of Wellspring

Dear Friends,

In this issue we are highlighting some of the ways that the efforts of Wellspring House are made possible by many hands. As a culmination of our 35th Anniversary Year, Wellspring celebrated with friends and colleagues in June. With the generous help of Susan Kelly of Generous Gardeners and the North Shore Association of REALTORS, we created the beginnings of our Founders Garden, literally brightening the physical path that students take on their way to the Veronese Community Education Center for courses, study, and career pursuits.

Also this spring, Wellspring has been so fortunate to have the skill and talent of Windover Construction by our

side. Thanks to Windover's generous support—including donated labor one weekend by many on their team—Wellspring is celebrating the launch of our newly renovated Education Center. Key features include a computer room where any local resident can schedule time to work on building a resume, conduct a job search, or take the Accuplacer Exam for North Shore Community College and other local schools. We also have a new career counseling office where students come for one-on-one and small group advising.

Finally, Wellspring's 19th Annual



Melissa Dimond

Women Honoring Women Luncheon on May 1st, including keynote speakers MA Attorney General Maura Healey and Wellspring student and employee Jill Brown, helped to fill the crowd of 600 with inspiration and hope. The 20th Luncheon will take place on Monday May 7th,

2018. Mark your calendars now! If you would like to join the committee planning and preparing for this special event, please contact Lisa Robinson at (978) 281-3558, ext. 302.

Melissa Dimond
President & Executive Director

Your Generosity Has Made a Difference

Thanks to your support, Wellspring's Women Honoring Women Luncheon raised over \$100,000 – enough to fund one of our education programs for one year!

Whether you attended the luncheon, honored a special woman in your life, hosted a table, or made a contribution, it is YOUR generosity that will help others in need in our community.

If you attended, we hope you enjoyed learning more about the amazing work of our honorees, Margo Casey of United Way for the North Shore, Rose Evans of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, Joan Whitney of the Healthy Gloucester Collaborative, our participant speaker, Jill Brown, and our keynote speaker,

Massachusetts State Attorney General Maura Healey.

For those who couldn't make it to the luncheon this year, view the video of Attorney General Maura Healey's address on our website:
www.wellspringhouse.org



Above: Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey addresses attendees of Wellspring's 19th Annual Women Honoring Women Luncheon.

Left: Attorney General Maura Healey with Wellspring English Language Learning students from Afghanistan and Syria.

CLASSROOM RENOVATION BY WINDOVER CONSTRUCTION

Wellspring's Veronese Community Education Center, home to our Adult Learning Initiative (ALI), has undergone a dramatic renovation.

Thanks to our friends at Windover Construction for their amazing work and volunteer efforts, the space has been transformed from one large single classroom into a multi-room suite including a foyer, computer lab, conference room, galley kitchen and a working office space complete with a separate entrance.

"We are thrilled with the new space and thankful to Windover Construction for their fine work. The new space beautifully meets Wellspring's expanded programming needs providing small meeting spaces for students and teachers and for those working with the WERC program," commented new board chair, Julie Bishop.

Back in use on May 30th, our new space now offers the ability for students to attend class, use computers for job search and resume preparation, and receive career and educational counseling.



This summer, we expect to be up and running with North Shore community College for prospective students to come to Wellspring to take the Accuplacer Placement exams for admissions.

Many thanks to Windover Construction for their continued support!



Photos clockwise from top right:

Windover Construction's team of volunteers

Windover Construction's Senior Project Manager, Charlie Spicer, ready to paint the next room.

Windover's Superintendent, Kevin Fraser, lending his carpentry skills.

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Wellspring House Welcomes Four New Board Members

ROSEMARY COSTELLO of Beverly joins Wellspring's board with more than 20 years experience in economic and community development. She currently serves on the United Way of Massachusetts Bay's North Shore Local Council. She also is on the board of Aaron's Presents, and mentors entrepreneurs with Entrepreneurship For All. In addition, Rosemary performs community grant review for ECCF and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr and Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

AMY KINGMAN of Manchester brings with her over 10 years of experience in Boston's nonprofit and philanthropy sectors in fundraising, marketing, nonprofit management, strategic planning, and volunteer management. She currently manages two foundations for Doris Buffett's Boston based philanthropy: the Learning by Giving Foundation and the Letters Foundation. Amy holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Skidmore College, as well as a Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in nonprofit management from the University of Pennsylvania.

JOELLE MORONEY of Wenham is a media marketing executive with over 20 years experience in business development and strategic partnerships. She built her career as a strategic leader/connector with Fortune 500 media companies: Yahoo and Time Inc., to DataXu, a local Boston digital ad tech start-up and running her own boutique media firm, Moroney Media Inc. representing Condé Nast and Time Inc. marquis brands: Gourmet, InStyle and Real Simple. As CEO & Owner of Joelle Moroney LLC boutique firm, her focus is on media & brand marketing, business development, GTM strategic partnerships & communications.

NICOLE TWOMEY of Wenham is an active member of the Brookwood School community, particularly in the library, where she assisted with the annual Book Fair and scheduling of the library volunteers. In addition, she serves on Brookwood's Faculty Grant Committee. Nicole was first introduced to the Wellspring House through the Brookwood School; and has served on the luncheon committee. Nicole attended the University of Vermont and earned her Teaching Certification for New York State through SUNY-Cortland.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS VOLUNTEERS AT WELLSPRING HOUSE

Many thanks to our friends at North Shore Association of Realtors (NSAR) for volunteering at Wellspring House one recent rainy Monday morning in May.

Twenty five volunteers spent the morning gardening and setting up the newly renovated Education Center in preparation for the latest Adult Learning Initiative session. NSAR also donated a picnic table and worked in the gardens at Wellspring's family shelter.

Thanks to their generosity and dedication, Wellspring's newest ALLI students were greeted by a beautifully landscaped garden and a neatly organized classroom, and shelter guests now enjoy their improved outdoor spaces.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Annual Meeting

5:30 pm Reception; 6:30 pm Meeting
Wellspring House
302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester



**Saturday, December 9th &
Sunday, December 10th 2017**

20th Annual Holiday Store

Wellspring House
302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester



Coming this November...

2nd Annual Celesong Concert and Fundraiser

Stay tuned for details!

New Founders Garden Dedicated

Former staff and volunteers recently gathered at Wellspring House to celebrate the organization's 35th Anniversary and dedicate the new Founders' Garden. The garden will continue to expand, with plants and shrubs that attract butterflies and contribute to Wellspring's idyllic setting.

The Founders' Garden serves as a powerful symbol of Wellspring's history. In her presentation, co-founder Nancy Schwoyer recounted an early

aspect of Wellspring's mission — to provide an environment of beauty and hospitality for those served.

It is in keeping with this tradition that Wellspring's new Founders' Garden will continue to welcome visitors with its beauty for years to come.

Included in the dedication was a reading of the following poem, which served as an inspiration to Wellspring's founders 35 years ago.

The Gold

*The suddenness flowers have
startle the air
with their fire and ether
as we do with what is ours
because we are
the gardeners of each other*

VINCENT FERRINI



Founders' Garden path leads to the entrance of Wellspring's Veronese Community Education Center.