

# Wellspring connection



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## Wellspring's 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon & Celebration!

Dear Wellspring Friends,

I am happy to highlight Wellspring's 20th Luncheon taking place on Monday May 7th at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Danvers. This event will present a culmination of stories and people who have been at the core of Wellspring for so many years. Please join us for a performance given by well-known community leaders highlighting the experiences and journeys of the parents, students, and families of Wellspring. Please also join us to honor the fifty-eight women who have been honored by Wellspring at all previous Luncheon events. All are welcome.

I look forward to seeing you on May 7th!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Dimond  
*President & Executive Director*



Melissa Dimond



Board Members Ellen Shain, Amy Kingman, and Luncheon attendee Patti Stoll



Luncheon Committee Chairs: Caroline Esdaile, Allison Mueller, and Melanie Healey



Jill Brown addresses the audience at last year's Luncheon



**20TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON**  
*Don't miss the celebration!*

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 | 11:30AM-2:00PM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, DANVERS MA

Sponsorships and Table Hosting Opportunities Available Now!

[WELLSPRINGHOUSE.ORG/LUNCHEON/](http://WELLSPRINGHOUSE.ORG/LUNCHEON/)

# WERC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER MENTORS

**Laura Pedone**, *Director of Career Pathways*

Wellspring's Education Resource Collaborative (WERC) is looking for volunteer mentors. Please forward this to anyone interested in volunteering for Wellspring House.

**Mentor training to be held Monday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 4th**

**5:30 pm–8:00 pm**

At Wellspring House

302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA

*Please contact Becky Wuenschel at 978-281-3558, ext. 323 or [bwuenschel@wellspringhouse.org](mailto:bwuenschel@wellspringhouse.org) for more information*

Mentors help students:

- Stay focused on their Pathway for Personal Success
- Balance and navigate life stressors that get in the way of success
- Deepen academic skills for college success
- Build and polish resumes and cover letters, and interview skills
- Execute job searches
- Develop problem solving skills, confidence and a deeper positive sense of themselves.



Nancy, a volunteer WERC mentor works with a Wellspring student.

## ESOL VOLUNTEER TRAINING SERIES

**Adam Cutler**, *Director of Community Education*

Wellspring is blessed to receive the invaluable participation from over 50 volunteer Tutors in the ESOL program based out of the Sawyer Free Library. The Tutors come to us with lifetimes of experience and coupled with that they are really caring and enthusiastic people who really want to give back to their communities. They dedicate their time to assist individuals with limited English proficiency advance to the next levels. In response to this, Wellspring launched a Tutor Training series in January 2018. The first two workshops focused on identifying the needs of the Tutors and in addition providing a baseline education in Immigration 101. Wellspring is now planning a monthly, free workshop series, for the Tutor community including topics from ESOL Lesson Planning and Teaching Techniques to Teaching Soft Skills in the Workplace.

*For more information, contact Adam Cutler at [acutler@wellspringhouse.org](mailto:acutler@wellspringhouse.org)*

An ESOL Tutor Training workshop took place in January at the Veronese Community Education Center. Monthly training sessions are in the works.



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# Wellspring's New Awesome Closet

Wellspring House has always kept a collection of gently worn women's business attire on hand for our program participants to select from for interviews or new jobs. It's a great way to help make a good impression and have something nice to wear until those first few paychecks come in and finances even out.

Up until recently the former hallway-turned-office-space used for our "boutique" was in need of a renovation. Permanent built-in desks would need to be removed to make way for clothing racks.

In January, Awesome Gloucester awarded Wellspring House a \$1,000 micro-grant to convert the space into a respectable "shopping" experience for program participants. The grant has helped tremendously in our efforts to purchase racks and closet systems.

And the word spread. W. Herbert Goodick Inc. helped renovate the space and installed the racks for free. A volunteer painted the room. And Glover Floors Coverings donated and installed new carpeting.

J.Jill and the J.Jill Compassion Fund provided racks to be used here and at our Mediclerk location in Salem and has generously donated clothing and hangers for the closet. In addition, J.Jill helps



Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce and Awesome Gloucester at the Awesome Closet Ribbon Cutting

fund staff support of this project.

The Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Businesswomen's Committee collected clothing at their recent Mixer held at The Crow's Nest in support of Wellspring's newly dubbed Awesome Closet.

This program would not have happened without the support of our amazing community. We are so grateful

to our corporate partners, as well as individuals who donated clothing. The "Awesome Closet" is now open and available to all program participants—men and women—in need of casual/business attire.



Many thanks to Glover's Floor Coverings for donating and installing new wall-to-wall carpeting in the Awesome Closet.

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Thanks to our generous friends at W. Herbert Goodick Inc, for their help building our new Awesome Closet at Wellspring!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark your calendars for Wellspring's upcoming events!*

### Monday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 4th

#### Volunteer WERC Mentor Training

5:30pm – 8:00pm  
Wellspring House  
302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA

### Monday, May 7th

#### 20th Annual Wellspring Luncheon

11:30am – 2:00pm  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA



## NEW SINGLE-DAY PROGRAMS FROM OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### Friday, April 6th

#### Financial Literacy 101 with Britney Tarantino of Bank Gloucester

9:30am-11:30am  
Wellspring House  
302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA

### Tuesday, May 1st

#### Starting a Business 101, with SCORE

9:30am-11:30am  
Wellspring House  
302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA

### Friday, May 4th

#### Financial Aid 101 with Jennifer Bento of Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA)

9:30am-11:30am  
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