Who would have imagined we’d all be experiencing a global pandemic like this? Yet here we are, weeks and weeks into social distancing, staying home and working remotely (or not working at all).

No matter what, Wellspring provides for those in need, and now more than ever, Wellspring is needed. All services have gone remote, with one big exception—Aunt Dot’s Kitchen, the Wellspring Food Pantry, and it is busier than it has ever been, providing for more individuals and families than we’ve ever seen.

Most of our other programs—elder services, counseling, community outreach and legal services—are all fully operational, just via phone and online. We are busy helping folks navigate unemployment benefits, food stamps, health insurance, housing and legal struggles. Meanwhile our education staff are working remotely also, providing one-on-one support to our current students to keep them on track to achieve their educational goals. Advocating, educating, nourishing, counseling, and caring. Wellspring staff and volunteers continue to do it all.

In Honor of Our Founder, Rev. Diane Edson

As you may know, Wellspring’s Founder, Reverend Diane Edson, would have celebrated her 72nd birthday in March. Just as we planned our first ever “72 Hours of Giving” in her honor, the COVID-19 pandemic swept in and shut everything down.

Well, it turns out, not even pandemics can stop Wellspring and its amazing friends and family. Thank you to all who didn’t hesitate to step up to help your neighbors just as Diane would have wanted. We are grateful to be part of a community of steadfast support—even and especially during a pandemic.
Nourishing Children

Wellspring is no stranger to feeding children when they are not in school. Each and every summer, with the help of various partners, we provide ample and nutritious lunches for Hull Public Schools students.

Now, in collaboration with the Hull Public Schools system, we are providing families with kids in HPS with 10 meals per student each week. Together, we will not let one single child go hungry just because they are not in school.

Again, we find ourselves grateful to the many neighbors and friends who have stepped up to support us during this important endeavor. Please visit wellspringmultiservice.org/donate today!

A Pantry in Need

Even before the pandemic struck, Aunt Dot’s Kitchen suffered a blow when Project Bread, long a provider to our pantry, ceased its support of what it calls smaller pantries. Now, with all that is going on due to the pandemic, we are seeing regular support from our grocery store partners dwindle as they all struggle to keep their own shelves stocked. Nevertheless, we always find a way to nourish those in need; and thanks to the generosity of folks in and around our community, these unprecedented times are no different.

The numbers tell the story, and these numbers—the number of meals provided and the number of households served—keep steadily rising. With rising unemployment, kids home from school, and people just trying to make ends meet, Aunt Dot’s Kitchen is rising to the challenge. However, we can’t do it alone. We are grateful to the kind and generous individuals who have already stepped in to help, and we welcome any and all support. Please visit wellspringmultiservice.org/donate today!

Paying it Forward

From neighbors banding together (while apart of course) to deliver needed groceries to our pantry and folks utilizing social media to raise funds, to individuals donating their stimulus payments and giving money they would’ve spent on a trip or project before the pandemic struck—a bright light certainly shines even in the darkest times.
It is truly heartwarming when folks feel compelled to help Wellspring help others simply because Wellspring helped them during their time of need. Here are just a few of the nice messages we've received... along with generous donations.

“You guys helped us out when we were not getting paid last year, so we will help you guys out when you need it!”

“Returning the favor for helping the Coast Guard out last year.”

“Thank you for all you’ve done for my family over the years. I am so happy to finally pay it back.”

“I literally cried when I saw the food pantry needed help, because I knew you were there when I needed you.”

We have been truly fortunate throughout the years to have the long-standing support of so many local businesses, including many of our area's most popular (and delicious!) restaurants. Now it is our turn to help our friends just as they have always helped us. That's why we created this already successful program—Better Together; Even Apart. This way we can help our friends while also providing a hot meal for those in need.

Senior citizens are some of our community’s most vulnerable neighbors now more than ever. That’s why we didn’t hesitate to step up and partner with Hull’s Council on Aging when they sought to supplement the Meals on Wheels offerings. Working together with the Council and the Senior Center ensures the most vulnerable among us remain nourished, checked on, and safe.

So why not buy a hot meal directly from one of these great local restaurants that goes directly to a neighbor. This is what community supporting community is all about. Or, if you prefer you may donate directly to Wellspring; just be sure to include Better Together in the notes and we will make it happen.

Alma Nove 781-749-3353
www.almanovehingham.com

Capone’s 781-340-0033
www.caponesweymouth.com

Jake’s 781-925-1024
www.jakesseafoods.com

The Parrot 781-214-9300
www.thetinkersson.com

Schooner’s 781-925-5200
www.schoonersdining.com

Shipwreck’d 781-925-2337
www.shipwreckd.net
25 Years of Drowned Hogs!

It seems like a lifetime ago at this point, but this year—the 25th year of freezing cold Drowned Hogs shenanigans—was yet another great success. The weather was great and the crowd even better! With the generosity of swimmers and donors alike, we were able to raise nearly $40,000!

For the first time ever, the annual Soup & Chowder Fest, long a part of the Drowned Hogs festivities, was held at Paragon Boardwalk and we couldn’t have been more pleased.

We remain grateful not only to Paragon, but also to the wonderful restaurants who generously donated their delicious soups and chowders to benefit Aunt Dot’s Kitchen, the Wellspring Food Pantry. Please consider supporting these great neighbors:

- Jake’s Seafood, Hull
- Nantasket Flatts, Hull
- Alma Nove, Hingham
- The Parrot, Hull
- The Fresh Feast, Cohasset
- True North Kitchen & Bar, Weymouth
- Hull’s Kitchen, Hull
- Legal C, Hingham
- Daddy’s Beach Club, Hull
- Paragon Boardwalk, Hull

Did you Catch us on Chronicle?

We were thrilled to welcome WCVB’s Anthony Everett to Wellspring to film the inner workings of Aunt Dot’s Kitchen during the pandemic as part of his segment, “Food For Good,” which aired on Friday, May 1.

THRIFT STORE & FURNITURE SHOP

FURNITURE ANNEX
We are once again taking furniture donations in order to help those who are in need.

Please email photos of what you’d like to donate to furniture@wellspringmultiservice.org.

You will receive an email response with complete info. Please note we can only accommodate curbside pick-up at this time.

THRIFT SHOP HOURS
- Tuesday: 10 am - 4 pm
- Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
- Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
- Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm
- Sunday & Monday: CLOSED

FURNITURE ANNEX HOURS
- Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
- Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm

OPEN HOURS TO BRING THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS
- Tuesday: 10 am - 3 pm
- Wednesday: 10 am - 3 pm
- Thursday: 10 am - 6 pm
- Friday: 10 am - 3 pm
- Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm
- Sunday & Monday: CLOSED