Hull, MA – In recognition of an increasing need for social services assistance, Wellspring Multi-Service Center, headquartered in Hull, MA, is pleased to announce the opening of a second site in Weymouth. Opening in October, the new site at 409 Washington Street includes a Thrift Shop consisting of gently used and new clothing, household goods, art, toys and books. Counseling for those who need a helping hand will also be offered later in the fall, to include assistance with government aid, legal issues, mental health counseling, job training, adult education and elder affairs.

Wellspring’s mission is to provide support for anyone facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. All Wellspring programs reach beyond offering emergency services to help people reach their goals of becoming productive members of their communities.

Wellspring’s expansion to Weymouth is an organizational milestone made possible thanks to the vision and generosity of a local anonymous donor as well as donations from supporters throughout the South Shore.

Weymouth Mayor Bob Hedlund said, “Weymouth is delighted to welcome Wellspring to its new location, where local residents and businesses alike can easily access Wellspring’s shop, services and volunteer opportunities. The Town has a strong commitment to social services - a vital source of economic security for many households in our area.”

"Wellspring has a long history of partnering with local government, organizations and businesses to help our neighbors reach independence and self-sufficiency. We are beyond excited to bring our brand of hope to Weymouth and the entire South Shore," according to Vinny Harte, Wellspring’s President and CEO.

Wellspring’s Weymouth location will be open Tue 10am-4pm, Wed 10am-4pm, Thurs 10am-8pm, Fri 10am-4pm, and Sat 10am-1pm. Donations are accepted Tue 10am-3pm, Wed 10am-3pm, Fri 10am-3pm, Thurs 10am-6pm, and Sat 10am-12pm. For questions, call Wellspring’s Weymouth location at 781-800-0246.

Financial contributions to support this expansion or to support any of Wellspring’s services are welcome (www.wellspringmultiservice.org/donate/).

Headquartered in Hull, MA, Wellspring is a multi-service organization with a mission to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. Wellspring’s aim is to reach beyond providing emergency services to help people become more independent and productive members of the community. For more information, please visit www.wellspringmultiservice.org.

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Wellspring Multi-Service Center, Weymouth

• What is Wellspring?

Wellspring Multi-Service Center is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. Its mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical or emotional well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency. Our unique wraparound approach combined with our programs and services reach people in many ways, and often intersect. We offer counseling, legal aid, adult education, elder services, transportation, food insecurity support through a food pantry and federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment, job skills training and job placement assistance. Wellspring also operates a thrift store including furniture sales, and a print shop. Wellspring headquarters are in Hull; a new location in Weymouth is opening fall 2020.

• What are the address and phone number for the Weymouth location?

409 Washington Street, Weymouth, MA 02188
781-800-0246

• When will you open in Weymouth?

October 2020 - updates will be on our website, WellspringMultiService.org, social media, and local press outlets.

• What are the shop hours once the store opens in October?

Tue 10a-4p, Wed 10a-4p, Thurs 10a-8p, Fri 10a-4p, Sat 10a-1p

• What are the donation hours?

Tue 10a-3p, Wed 10a-3p, Fri 10a-3p, Thurs 10a-6p, Sat 10a-12p
• **How will this impact Wellspring’s location in Hull?**
  Services in Hull, Wellspring’s headquarters, will remain the same. Professional staff will continue to hold office hours and schedule appointments in accordance with local regulations during COVID. The food pantry is open by appointment and for delivery. The Thrift Shop is open for shopping Thursdays & Fridays 10a-4p & Saturdays 10a-1p. Donations for the Hull Thrift Shop are gladly accepted on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10a-4p. Masks are required.

• **Why a second location?**
  Wellspring is very much a part of the Hull community. We own the building that houses the Wellspring offices and Thrift Shop at 814 Nantasket Avenue and take pride in our presence in the community. Due to the success of Wellspring’s wrap around approach to client needs, we are pleased to offer a second entry point to our South Shore neighbors.

• **Why now?**
  Wellspring’s expansion has been in the works since 2018 when our Board of Directors drafted a five-year Strategic Plan identifying key areas of focus to build on the past and look to the future. Two of the areas, bolstering our existing programs and seeking to expand revenue-generating programs, are the driving forces behind the addition of a second site. The Thrift Shop in Hull generates 20% of our annual budget and serves as a welcoming entry point for many of our clients. We will use this same model for the Weymouth area. The new location will open as a Thrift Shop first, immediately generating revenue.

• **I donated to support Aunt Dot’s Kitchen (or other programs) during COVID. Did you use that money to expand?**
  No, funds donated to Aunt Dot’s Kitchen and all other designated donations are restricted per your (donor) intent. Thank you for your support. COVID has upended all areas of our operations and having your support means we have continued to adapt; our services can be provided without interruption.

• **How is the expansion to Weymouth being funded?**
  The expansion into the Weymouth area is being funded in part by lead donors and private grant makers who have earmarked funds specifically for capacity building in the Braintree/Weymouth area. We have secured enough funding to operate the second location through 2025.

• **I live in Hull and want to support those who live in Hull; can I still do that?**
  Yes, Aunt Dot’s Kitchen is the only service provided at Wellspring that is restricted to Hull residents. The rest of our programing is open to anyone in need regardless of geographic location. We hope you will consider unrestricted support but otherwise a donation to the food pantry is truly
meaningful. During this time of COVID, our food insecurity numbers have doubled - your help is greatly appreciated!

• I live closer to Braintree than I do to Hull. Will I be able to access services in Weymouth now?
  Yes! We are very excited to be able to offer the same services in Hull and Weymouth. We are collaborating with local agencies and non-profits already servicing the Weymouth areas to make sure our clients’ needs are met. Stay tuned to learn more about specific timelines. In the meantime, we plan to use the Weymouth location as a convenient pick up and drop off point for our Ticket to Ride Van connecting the two offices and allowing easier access to all services in Hull for those coming from further away. To schedule services please contact Pat Martin, Director of Client Services, at pat@wellspringmultiservice.org.

• I am familiar with Father Bill’s & Mainspring. Is Wellspring part of that organization?
  No. Father Bill’s & Mainspring is a non-profit headquartered in Brockton with a mission of ending and preventing homelessness in Southern Massachusetts. Mainspring House is the name of one of their two primary shelters. Wellspring and Father Bill’s collaborate frequently and yet are separate entities.

• I am a business owner in the area. I am interested in partnering with you, what do I do?
  Thank you! We know how vital partnerships are and we are always looking to build new relationships. Please reach out to Kelly Loftus Fleming, Director of Development and Advancement, at k2@wellspringmultiservice.org to learn more.

• I am a social service organization already working in the Weymouth area. How do I refer clients to you or partner with you to make sure my clients’ needs are met?
  We don’t have to tell you that it takes many hands to do the work we do. Please contact Pat Martin, Director of Client Services, at Pat@wellspringmultiservice.org to see how we can work together to serve our communities.

• I am interested in volunteering. Who do I contact?
  Volunteers are the foundation of our success at Wellspring. Contact Rich Keif, Director of Operations, to learn more at Richard@wellspringmultiservice.org.

• How do I donate to Wellspring Multi-Service Center?
  Thanks for asking! You can donate on our website, WellspringMultiService.org/donate. If you are interested in becoming a founding supporter for the new location in Weymouth, please contact Kay Benedict Liscomb, Major Gifts Officer, at kay@wellspringmultiservice.org or 781-925-3211 x115.