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# The Wellspring CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2015

How your organisation can support homeless and  
disadvantaged people in Stockport.

The Wellspring is a registered Charity number: 1157268



# What is The Wellspring?



The Wellspring is a registered Charity which runs a resource centre for homeless and disadvantaged people. The project is open 365 days a year. It provides a whole host of specialised services aimed at both preventing homelessness and supporting people out of homelessness.

Around 150 per day access the services at The Wellspring. The Wellspring operates a membership system and currently has around 7500 registered members.



# Who can use The Wellspring?

Anyone and everyone can use The Wellspring. The Wellspring is a non-means tested non-judgemental service.

All kinds of people use the services at The Wellspring, the charity aims its services at people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, people who are seeking to better themselves, people who need some basic support often to address larger problems. The Wellspring is open 365 days a year and anyone who feels that they could benefit from our services is welcome





# What does The Wellspring provide?

In 2014 The Wellspring achieved over 8000 interventions with homeless and disadvantaged people. Simply The Wellspring provides support to those that need it. In 2014, 350 people presented as homeless at The Wellspring, most of these people were supported in to accommodation. Hundreds of 1-1 support appointments took place, hundreds of referrals were made to specialised projects. The Wellspring supports people with long term and enduring mental health issues, people with learning disabilities, people with substance misuse issues. People who are looking for work can get a bespoke CV and job search service.



Numerous educational groups run at The Wellspring in our state of the art training room, from Maths and English classes to art groups and support groups. The Wellspring Social work team has a basic ethos to make everyone who uses the service become as independent as possible. We want to open our doors and for nobody to walk through them. Until this day arrives. We can, and will, do more. With your support together we can achieve this goal.



# Fundraising

The Wellspring is a community funded charity, it costs around £400 per day to run The Wellspring. The Wellspring receives no Council funding, no funding from the Government or The National Lottery. The Wellspring does not employ paid fundraisers.

The Wellspring runs lots of fundraising events throughout the year from small coffee mornings to big events like the Great Manchester Run. Every single penny that the charity raises is spent on running the project and providing services to homeless and disadvantaged people.



## Adopt The Wellspring as your charity of the year

As an organisation you can get involved at The Wellspring in many ways, Adopting The Wellspring as your charity of the year is a brilliant way to both engage your staff with a local charity and support homeless and disadvantaged people.



### **The Wellspring can offer:**

- Volunteering opportunities at the project, from teams working in our kitchen preparing and serving food to homeless people to teams doing away days, painting and decorating, cleaning, sorting donations and maintenance. We always have jobs that we need volunteers to do.
- Support with planning a fundraising event. The Wellspring has a fundraising committee who can offer support in planning, arranging and running your fundraising event for The Wellspring.
- PR support. Links with local media. The Wellspring has a large social media following.



# What others say about us



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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Testimonial: The Wellspring Stockport (Registered Charity: 1088776)**

We were first introduced to the The Wellspring Charity 6 years ago by one of our employee's children who had been supporting them via their school and church network to provide Christmas parcels/lunches for Homeless and disadvantaged people on Christmas Day.

WorleyParsons has since done various different fund raising activities with the full support of our senior management as part of our wider Corporate Responsibility Program. Our fund raising efforts have ranging from an annual Christmas Supplier Raffle, Easter Egg hunt, voluntary donations from Employees at company dinners and social events to more challenging events where our employees have represented The Wellspring by taking part in the Great Manchester Run & Swim events with the added bonus for those who took part an opportunity to improve their fitness at the same time. We have also arranged for food collections and donations with all of our employees getting involved to help support a very worthy local cause.

The unique local community charity feel to The Wellspring has been an extra incentive and our employees have been really interested to support the charity. People feel that because it is a charity that is not nationally run and supports the Stockport Community that the efforts are actually making a difference. There is no hard sell and a very warm and relaxed atmosphere is the approach of The Wellspring. The management of the Charity is run to the highest standards and it is a pleasure for us to be able to contribute to this worthy cause that provides valuable services to Homeless and disadvantaged people 365 days a year.

Yours sincerely

James Allen  
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*"The Wellspring was nominated by our staff as their charity of the year. It is a fantastic charity to be involved with; the hard work and support which they*

*give to people in Stockport is amazing. For us to contribute in a very small way towards what they do is great for all our staff.*

*Equity staff really enjoy organising events and volunteering time for the Wellspring whilst also learning and acquiring new skills along the way. These skills also help us serve our tenants and improve our business."*



*"As a local company, based in Hazel Grove, Trolex have been supporting The Wellspring since December 2012. At first, you may just think its*

*fundraising that can help, but we have helped in lots of different ways – we ran a sponsored sleep over in our canteen to raise funds to support the centre, we send volunteers on a quarterly basis to help with preparing lunches and their cleaning duties, we've also helped with sorting out the food donations that are sent to the centre. Other things include taking part in the Great Manchester Run to raise funds, collecting toiletries and other specific items such as tea/coffee/sugar, as well as running a Harvest collection in September. There are lots of different ways that you can help!*

*By volunteering at the centre, it really is a great way for our staff to experience first-hand just what The Wellspring do and how they help the homeless people of Stockport – I really do think that for some people it has been an eye-opener as well as an enjoyable and rewarding experience."*

# Ways to support The Wellspring

**Although financial support is vital to the survival of The Wellspring, we don't just want your money!**

Wellspring needs donations of clothing. For the last 2 years we have been running a service called The Ruck Sack Project. This service aims to provide people who are sleeping on the streets with warm clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries and flasks, in order to make that experience of sleeping on the streets that little bit easier. Donations of clothing are always needed and put to very good use.

Have a Wellspring red letter day and sponsor a day's service at The Wellspring for £365.

The Wellspring provides a daily food service, in 2014 we served just over 70,000 free meals. We always need donations of food.

## Get in touch!

If you would like any more information about The Wellspring or a chat about how your organisation can lend its support then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would be delighted if you could spare the time to come and visit the project as see for yourself the many services that we offer.

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