



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:
Katie Murray
Outreach & Communications Coordinator
Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc.
1717 S. Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
p. (260) 458-2641 ext. 3678
kmurray@nhci.org

Neighborhood Health and Wellspring Interfaith Social Services Partner to Relieve Food Insecurity

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Neighborhood Health and <u>Wellspring Interfaith Social Services</u> have partnered together to relieve the residents of Fort Wayne from food insecurity on every first Thursday of the month starting March 5, 2020 from 9-11 a.m.

Food insecurity is described as an individual and/or family worrying their food supply will run out before they are able to buy more. In Allen County approximately 14% of the population is food insecure. In the Vulnerable Populations Study conducted by The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, there are many factors that play a role in food insecurity. Some of them include income, lack of health insurance, housing, access to a vehicle, and much more. Many are unable to purchase food after paying their rent and other utilities often leaving them hungry.

Wellspring recently began offering <u>Wellspring on Wheels</u>, a mobile food bank, in which they station themselves in areas around Fort Wayne to distribute food to those who need it. They will be stationed in the Neighborhood Health parking lot behind the Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) office on East Wallace Street every first Thursday of the month for the remainder of 2020. Distribution will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. The specific dates are: March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3.

For any questions, or for more information on the Wellspring On Wheels program, please contact Melissa Rinehart, Executive Director, at 260-411-6618 x 112, or by email, melissa@wellspringinterfaith.org.

###

"This program is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$3,203,978 with 70% financed by non-governmental sources. The contents are those of the authors(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government."

"Providing access to quality health services where everyone is cared for with compassion and respect."