



Joan Barry, Wellspring's Director of External Affairs (left) accepts a check from Roger Chase (right), a representative of the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation.

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WELLSPRING RECEIVES ELLEN KNOWLES HARCOURT FOUNDATION GRANT FOR SUMMER ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE

April 29, 2010 – Bethlehem, CT – Wellspring has received a \$5,000 grant from The Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation in support of a new summer program for children who struggle with social and emotional issues. The Summer Adventure Experience will run for two weeks in August, between the end of summer school and the beginning of the traditional school year, and is open to boys and girls ages 12 – 17.

“Every child should be able to have a fun summer experience,” explains Joan Barry, Wellspring’s Director of External Affairs. “With the help of the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation, we are able to provide an opportunity for children who might struggle in a traditional camp setting, while offering parents peace of mind in knowing that their child is safe while having fun. We are grateful to the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation for their generosity.”

Wellspring’s skilled and compassionate staff will help children gain independence and confidence, increase their social and communication skills, and build healthier relationships. Activities will include swimming, hiking, crafts, team building games, and field trips to places of interest such as the White Memorial Nature Museum, Sandy Beach, or Mount Tom State Park. The two weeks will culminate in an overnight camping experience.

Drop-off and pick-up will take place at Wellspring’s Main Campus in Bethlehem. The program will run from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$360 per week, with a sliding fee scale available.

The Summer Adventure Experience at Wellspring is a perfect match for families looking for a safe, structured, and fun day program for their child.

For more information, or to register your child, please call Mayda Capozzi at 203-266-8003 or email mayda.capozzi@wellspring.org. You can also visit our website at www.wellspring.org/summerexperience.

About Wellspring

Wellspring is a nonprofit psychotherapeutic and educational center dedicated to healing through relational approaches. Our peaceful woodland setting supports a healing environment where residents, students, clients, and their families can feel safe to face themselves, their issues and their relationships, allowing them to return to home, school, and community to lead healthy and meaningful lives.

Wellspring is licensed by the State of Connecticut and accredited by The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Since its beginning in 1977, Wellspring has progressively expanded its services to provide:

- residential treatment for children ages 6-13, adolescent girls, young adults, and adults
- extensive outpatient services
- a therapeutic state-approved special education school for residents and community day students.

Wellspring's excellent reputation for comprehensive treatment and quality care has accompanied its growth. More information about Wellspring's programs and services can be found at: www.wellspring.org or by calling 203-266-8000.