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Media Advisory

Wellspring Calgary Opens South Location *Supportive programs and resources for people living with cancer*

CALGARY – No one should have to face cancer alone. This fall, Wellspring Calgary took a measurable step toward achieving this vision by opening a second centre at Fountain Court southeast to meet the growing demand for cancer support services in Calgary and surrounding communities.

“Our original home, Carma House, located in Northwest Calgary, has been operating above capacity for several years,” said Patti Morris, Wellspring Calgary Executive Director. “In 2014 and 2015 we conducted a pilot offering samples of our programs and services at several external locations in south Calgary and we were overwhelmed with the response.”

When generous donations from local philanthropists enabled Wellspring to advance its strategic growth plan, a decision was made to start with an interim home in leased space at Fountain Court and continue raising funds to build a permanent second home, Wellspring Calgary Randy O’Dell House in Seton, in three to five years.

Wellspring’s Fountain Court, operational since October, is already gaining rapid momentum – appealing to south Calgary residents and others who are keen for the support and will travel the distance from rural communities to take programs. As with Carma House, Fountain Court offers a variety of evidence informed programs that meet the emotional, social, practical and restorative needs of people living with cancer – caregivers included. Membership and programs are free and no referral is necessary.

“People living with cancer feel hopeful and empowered when they take programs and spend time with others who get what it is to have cancer. They want to do all they can to live well with cancer and Wellspring plays a vital role in supporting them in their quest for wellness,” said Patti Morris.

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***Media invite: Join us for a tour of Wellspring Fountain Court at our come and go launch on Nov. 24 between 1 and 4 pm.**

For more information or an interview please contact:

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About Wellspring Calgary

Wellspring Calgary is a charitable organization that supports, informs and empowers those diagnosed with cancer by helping them address the fear, isolation, disruption and practical problems cancer can bring to their lives.

Founded in 2007 and an affiliate of the Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation, Wellspring Calgary provides a comprehensive range of programs, support, and resources so anyone living

with cancer and the people who care about them can improve the quality of their lives. All programs and services are informed by evidence and offered free of charge and without referral in one of two welcoming community-oriented centres.