



Spring-Well Foundation

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Our Founder



Eva Larrieu's journey is rooted in education, entrepreneurship, and faith. Raised on Chicago's South Side, she overcame personal and academic challenges through the transformative power of learning. Inspired by four generations of teachers and business owners from her great-grandmother's one-room schoolhouse to her father's groundbreaking ventures, she built a life anchored in service, resilience, and purpose.

In 2024, she founded the Spring-Well Foundation for Better Living to continue that legacy, empowering individuals and restoring communities through education, healthcare, hunger relief, and social preservation.



Why This Matters Now



The Problem

Direct & Impactful

Only two local centers currently accept infants. This shortage forces parents to commute out of town or leave the workforce entirely, deepening economic stress and gender inequity.

Emotional Appeal

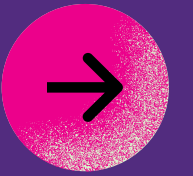
Working parents must choose between employment and safe childcare. When care isn't available or affordable, parents, especially mothers, scale back or quit jobs, reducing household income and community productivity.

Comparative Framing

Nelson Merry Park sits idle while the need grows. A historic, city-owned space with classrooms and play areas is underutilized, representing a missed opportunity to meet urgent childcare and community needs.

Jefferson City families can't find affordable, full-day, infant-to-pre-K care. Most childcare options are part-time or for older toddlers, leaving working parents without consistent, quality care they can rely on.

The Solution: Turning Need into Opportunity



Transform Nelson Merry Park into a Preschool and Community Hub:

Renovate the existing park to include licensed classrooms, safe playgrounds, and gathering spaces, creating a full-day, faith-rooted early education center that meets families where they are.

Build Sustainable Support Systems Around Families:

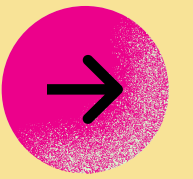
Pair childcare with mental health workshops, nutrition programs, food distribution, and senior activities addressing not just education but the overall well-being of the community.



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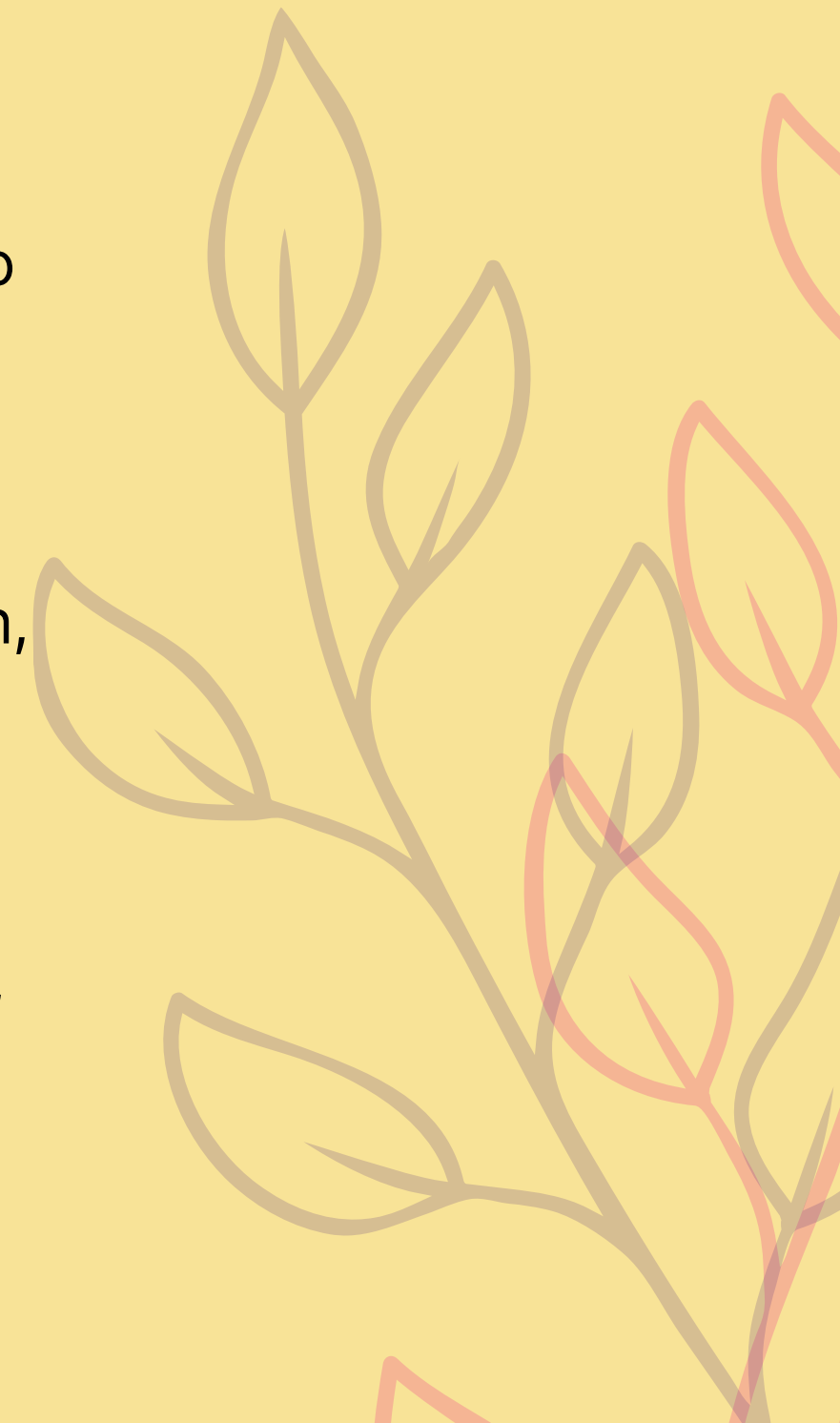
Mission & Vision



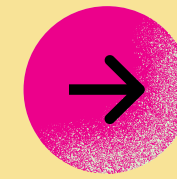
Spring-Well Foundation for Better Living exists to empower individuals, restore communities, and build systems of care that last.

Rooted in faith and service, we believe education, health, and compassion are the foundation of a thriving community.

Our vision is a Jefferson City where every family, regardless of income or background, has access to quality care, opportunity, and hope for the future.



The Plan



RENOVATE

Transform Nelson Merry Park into a safe, modern facility with updated classrooms, restrooms, and playgrounds designed for early learning and community use.

LAUNCH

Open a licensed, full-day preschool serving infants through Pre-K, supported by Carson-Newman University educators and enriched with programs in mental health, nutrition, and family wellbeing.

EXPAND

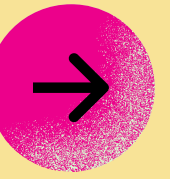
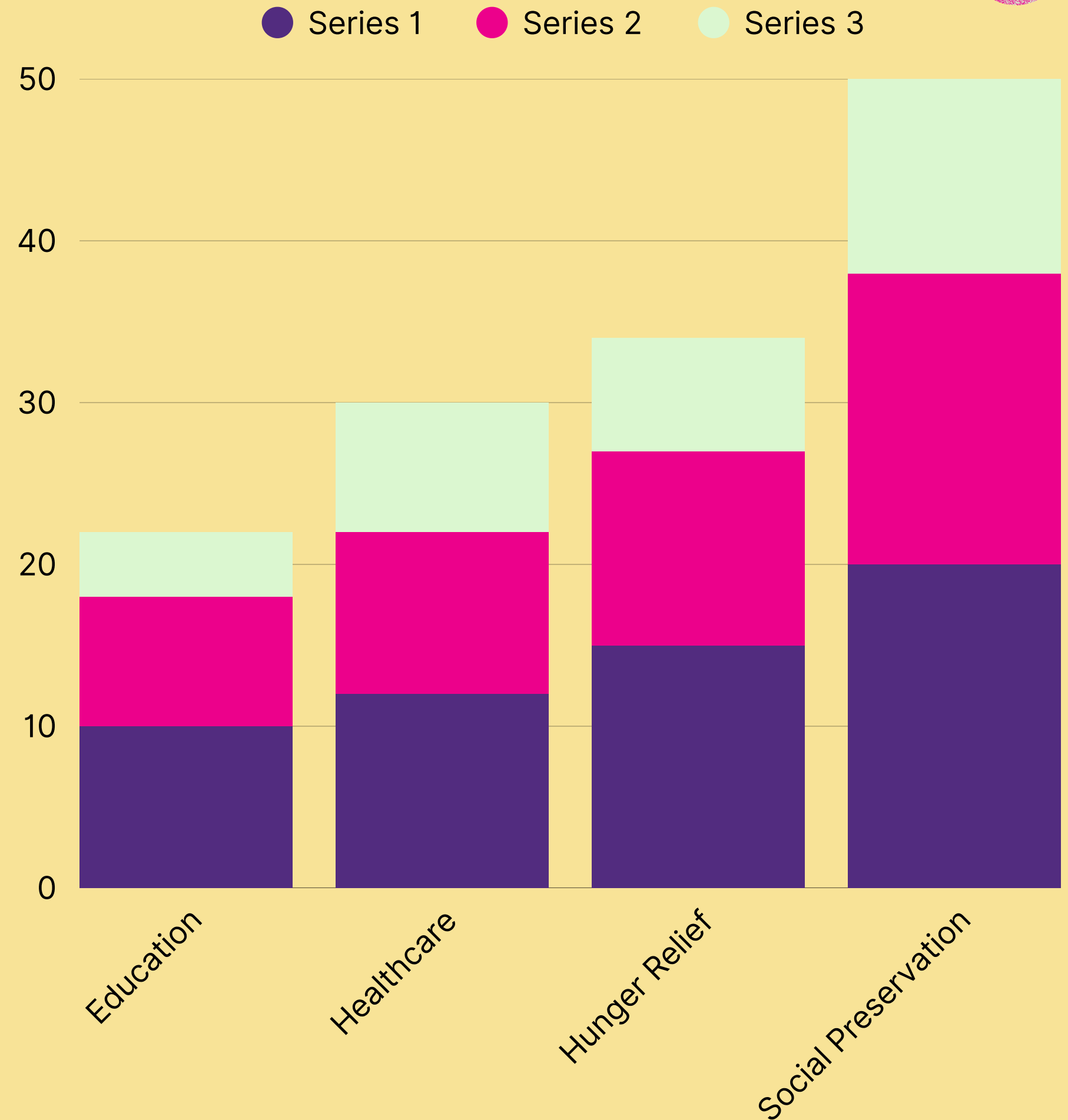
Grow youth and family programming in partnership with Jefferson City Housing and create an online hub connecting residents to local resources, workshops, and long-term support.

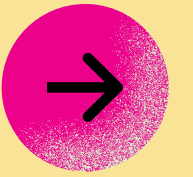
Community Snapshot

Jefferson County is home to nearly 58,000 residents, with 16.7% of children living in poverty. Families face limited access to affordable childcare, healthcare, and social resources, especially in rural areas.

✦ Spring-Well Strengthens Families & Communities

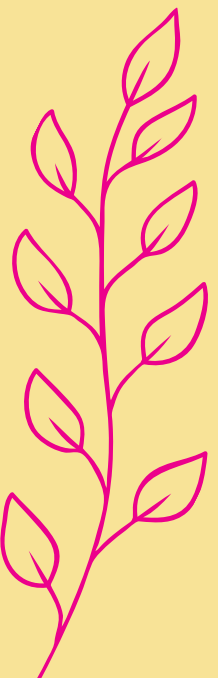
Each pillar of Spring-Well's work builds on the next: education opens opportunity, healthcare sustains it, hunger relief stabilizes families, and social programs keep communities connected. Together, they create a lasting impact for Jefferson City.





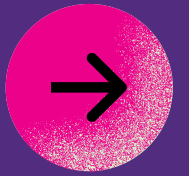
This partnership transforms Nelson Merry Park into a vibrant preschool and community hub combining early education, nutrition, trauma support, and social connection in one trusted space

By uniting faith-based leadership with city collaboration, Jefferson City can revitalize a historic landmark while meeting critical needs for families and future generations.



The Opportunity

Next Steps: Partnerships & Sustainability



Collaborative Partnerships:

Work alongside Carson-Newman University, local schools, churches, and nonprofits to share resources, train educators, and expand community reach through joint programming.

Sustainable Operations:

Blend city support, grants, donations, and sliding-scale tuition to fund programs, while leveraging in-kind services and community feedback to ensure long-term stability.



Projected Impact

- Serve 50-80 Children

- Create local jobs

- Support parents' ability to work

- Reconnect generations and strengthen neighborhoods

ROI

- Workforce stability

- Improved property values

- Reduced social-service strain

- Revitalized historic space



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