COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 12, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition honoring Wellspring Living and its "Run for One" 5K run.

Background/History/Details:

Tyrone-based Wellspring Living will hold its Ninth Annual Peachtree City Run for One 5K on Saturday, September 14th. The non-profit will use profits from the race to care for survivors of the sex trafficking through its comprehensive treatment programs to restore women and girls.

Wellspring Living is a non-profit organization that confronts the issue of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation through awareness, training and treatment programs for women and girls ages 12-40. Founded in 2001, the organization is home to the largest residential program for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) survivors in the United States. Wellspring Living provides safe and therapeutic environments that are key to the healing and successful futures of the many survivors whom the organization serves.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition honoring Wellspring Living and its "Run for One" 5K run.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	Yes	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Wellspring Living held an additional Run for One 5K earlier this year in Grant Park. There were 309 in attendance and runners alone raised $12,000 through individual giving. Funds support the non-profit's work through awareness, training and treatment programs for women and girls.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wellspring's "Run for One" 5k Run

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Wellspring Living was founded in 2001 by Mary Frances Bowley and is a non-profit organization that confronts the issue of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation through awareness, training and treatment programs for woman and girls ages 12-40; and

WHEREAS, The organization is located in Tyrone, Georgia and is the home to the largest residential program for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) survivors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Wellspring Living has served more than 150 women since inception in 2001 and more than 72 girls through the Wellspring Living Girls program since opening in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Wellspring Living truly believes that it takes a community to make a difference in a survivors life; and

WHEREAS, Knowing that more than 100 girls are exploited each night in Atlanta, Wellspring Living will hold its ninth annual Peachtree City *Run for One* 5k on Saturday, September 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The *Run for One* theme is to connect runners individually to one survivor by giving each runner a bracelet with a survivor's name at the beginning of the race and then lead the runner to read that girl's story of both hardship and triumph; and

WHEREAS, The funds raised will support the non-profit's work through awareness, training and treatment programs for women and girls;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS encourage all Fayette County citizens to participate in the *Run for One* run and help bring consciousness to sex trafficking, childhood abuse and exploitation. We recognize and support the efforts of Wellspring Living to provide a safe and therapeutic environment that is key to the healing and successful future of the many survivors whom the organization serves.

So proclaimed this 12th day of September 2013,

STEVE BROWN, Chairman