## Honouring Ann Halpin pbvm

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As we celebrate Neighbourhood House Week, we honour the remarkable legacy of Sister Ann Halpin, a beacon of compassion and inspiration.

Sister Ann's journey began in the halls of education, where her passion for teaching and nurturing young minds shone brightly. However, it was her transition to parish and pastoral work that opened her eyes to the profound struggles faced by women in our community.

Driven by empathy and a relentless determination to effect change, Sister Ann embarked on a mission to address the pervasive isolation and hardships experienced by many. In 1994, she fearlessly brought her dream to life, founding Wellsprings for Women—a sanctuary of support and empowerment for vulnerable women in Dandenong and beyond.

Sister Ann's vision, fuelled by love and unwavering dedication, blossomed into a flourishing Neighbourhood House since 2000, a Learn Local, and a community organization that touches the lives of thousands. From its humble beginnings, Wellsprings has grown exponentially, evolving into a lifeline for over 4000 women and their families in Melbourne's southeast. Her dream, once a flicker of hope, now illuminates the path for those in need, guiding them toward brighter tomorrows.

Today, as we reflect on Sister Ann's profound impact, we recognize the enduring legacy she has left behind. Wellsprings stands as a testament to her boundless compassion and

tireless advocacy—a living tribute to her unwavering commitment to making the world a kinder, more inclusive place. In this Neighbourhood House Week, we celebrate Sister Ann Halpin—a visionary, a trailblazer, and a beacon of hope. Her spirit lives on in the hearts of all those who continue her noble work, ensuring that her legacy of love and empowerment continues to flourish for generations to come. #NeighbourhoodHouseWeek #CommunityImpact #SisterAnnHalpinLegacy #Wellsprings30thanniversary Neighbourhood Houses Victoria

