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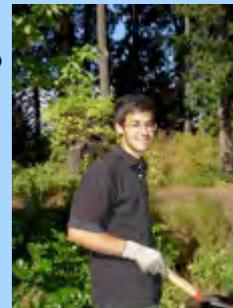
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So hoping you will be able to join us for the **Second Annual Hoe-Down on November 14th at Mt Hood Town Hall**. *Please note - this is a CHANGE from October 17th.* It will be a great party with amazing BBQ, dancing with Larkspur, poker and great wine and golf auction items. . . but even more importantly, we hope to raise enough money to get through the winter. If you can't make it, please consider logging on to our web site and making a contribution. Even with all of the blessings listed below we really need your support!

## Our WING-men

### Stephen

What a find! Stephen is our brainy kid - hopes to be a physics teacher eventually, but do not be fooled by his sweet demeanor - he is one hard working young man! He just started school this week - hurray!



### Logan

Thank goodness for Logan . . . without him joining the team to do the cooking, the guys might starve. He has been rolling out great dinners and he is reading Rachael Ray's cookbooks - look out Bobby Flay.

### Alex

Heeeee'sssss baaacccckkk! Alex had originally joined WINGS last spring, but he was not ready to commit to the work. He called us a few weeks ago and asked to be given a trial. We are glad he is back and appreciate all of his hard work so far!





**Our AmeriCorps Volunteer - Adam**  
Yes, he is amazing - he scaled all of the mountains in the NW - Rainier too! Now he has run the Aluminum-man Triathlon and he came in second in his age group - with 10 days of training. He heads back to school next month and we miss him already!

### We are on TV!



**Elaine Busby Thompson** is so wonderful. She selected WINGS to be on her show, *Making a Difference*. We hope you will take a minute to log on to and watch our show. The guys did a great job and you will get to see why we are so proud to have Shawn as our Program Director. (To see

our show go to [cgn7.columbiagorge.com](http://cgn7.columbiagorge.com) then click on the menu box in the fuzzy screen, click on on-demand, then *Making a Difference* and then on Episode #4.)

### New Board Members



**Glenn Taylor**

**Kathy Eastman**

**Karon Peterson**

We are very proud to introduce three new Board Members - **Glenn Taylor, Kathy Eastman and Karon Peterson**. So much brain power and energy - we are so grateful! You three ROCK!!

### Mid-Columbia Community Action Council



If you see **Barb McNabb** around give her a BIG HUG! She wrote a grant for WINGS to help to pay for our education expenses and woo hoo - a little federal money is coming our way every month.



### Mid-Columbia Housing Authority

More good news! **Veronica** from the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority has pried money out of the stimulus plan to help offset some of our rent and utilities! Veronica - Thank you for your patience and support!

### Hood River Lions Club

Our thanks to the **Lions Club**. Not only did their foundation help us buy the Suburban last year, this year they helped Jaysen get new glasses - thanks Lions, for all you do.



### Lone Pine Village

We are very excited about our new contract with **Lone Pine Village** in The Dalles. You have probably seen that beautiful project at the foot of the The Dalles bridge. We are very grateful to **Robert** and **Jayne** for one to two work days a week. We are

doing noxious weed removal, restoring the lagoon and recycling materials from their LEED project - the MCMC new wellness center.

### More Work

We are so grateful to community members who have hired our WINGS-Team to work for them. Folks like **Kathy** and **Eric Eastman** have hired our guys for half or full days to do everything from moving and painting to tearing up their back porch.



Let us know if you have a project and keep us in mind for fall clean-up or snow removal this winter! Thanks so much to all who have had projects for us.

### Vegetables Everywhere

Oh my gosh, look



what they grew - big hug to **Steve Labadie** and **Steve Richter!** If you know how to preserve food, we could use your help!!



### New Tires

Thank you so much to **Melanie** for connecting us with **Mark Russell** and **Les Schwab**. Mark tracked down four new-used tires for the Suburban - just in the nick of time. We so appreciate the help!!

### Wet Planet

Big hugs to **Jaco** and **Wet Planet** for four seats on one of their fabulous White Salmon rafting trips. Check out the guys getting ready to go over the water- fall. Jaco, please know they had the time of their lives, had a bonding experience and made so many lasting memories! Thanks again!



### More

Big thanks to **Gorge Grown** for a free table at their Thursday Farmers Market. We so appreciate the opportunity! You may also have seen our guys at the **United Way Kickoff Dinner**. They did all of the clean up as part of their giving back to the community.



### Look What We Got



Thank goodness for **Glenn Taylor** for our shiny new/old tractor. Our new toy comes with cool attachments, which fortunately **Shawn** knows how to operate! Glenn - you ROCK!!

## How You Can Help:

Of course, we could use help financially and we so hope you will join us for the **Hoe-Down**, but we also need your time and energy. If you can give an evening a week or an afternoon a month, drive the guys to school or teach them something you do well - anything from refinishing furniture or canning peaches - we need your help!!

Check out the Donation/Volunteer page on our website: [getwings.net/donation.html](http://getwings.net/donation.html). If you can help with a one-time donation or better yet, a monthly pledge, your money will be directly spent to provide services to kids.

Thanks to all of you who have helped WINGS get this far; your help has made all the difference! When the young men are ready, together we are giving them "WINGS."

Give Them Wings, Inc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation doing business as WINGS. WINGS is a two-phase program which provides housing, work, trade and life skill training, education and wrap-around services for 18- to 23-year-old young men in Hood River and Wasco Counties who were formerly in foster care or are currently homeless and in need of support.

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