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Regifting

Is this an amazing community or what? Two weekends ago we had the WINGS Treasure Sale. Over 40 families donated items -



including a trailer, a wooden boat and a tractor. Well, we kept the trailer and boat, but we sold the tractor - thanks to **Glenn Taylor** - and so much other stuff that we made over \$10,000! Crazy!

But the best part was the "regifting." The **Women's Shelter** took the best of our leftovers and they made \$1000 at their garage sale. All of the stuffed animals went to the **Senior Center** for bingo prizes. The TV and monitors were recycled at the Transfer Station. Twenty-two boxes of books were delivered to **Amerititle** to become part of the Community Book Swap, and the rest went to **Goodwill**. Big hugs to our **Lea** and **Beverly**, my event chair, **Karon**, and our volunteers and amazing board - you made this all possible! Thanks so much to all who donated or purchased and as always, to all of you who help us give homeless young men . . . WINGS.

Save the Date - Thursday, Oct. 21

Please mark your calendars for this year's WINGS Hoe-Down. It will be held on Thursday, October 21 at the newly refurbished **Armory**. Again this year we will have our famous **BBQ** and **Larkspur** will be playing, so plan on gettin' gussied up and kickin' up your heels!



Meet Aaron

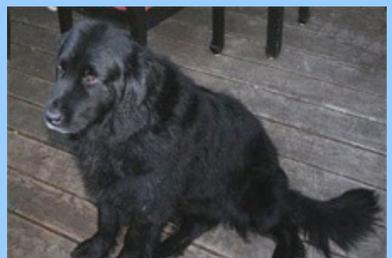


Aaron with Daisy

He has only been here two weeks, but is fitting in perfectly. Aaron is 18, working on finishing his diploma and has a great heart. Aaron was living at a homeless shelter and eating at a soup kitchen. We are so grateful to all of you who enable us to offer him a safe place to land!

And Here's Daisy

What's better for young men than the sweetest dog in the world? Daisy joined our WINGS family a few weeks ago. She is a two-year-old Newfoundland - a gentle 90-pound hug. She lives with the guys at night, and hangs out at the **Lakecliff Doggy Day Care** during the day.





Allyson and Bob Schultens

Another Blessing

Please give **Glenn Taylor** a hug when you see him in town. He does so much behind the scenes. He scouted a 1988 Suburban in the back lot of **Ray Schultens Motors** in The Dalles. Sure enough, owner **Bob Schultens** wonderfully

agreed to donate this beauty to our "fleet." You may remember we raised enough to replace the transmission in our first Sub, but it is really not sturdy enough for long trips, therefore we are so grateful! Thanks so much Bob and Glenn. You can see that we needed every inch of BIG BLUE on the last road trip!!



So Much to Be Grateful For!



Sam Bauer and Jennifer Reinhard

We are so proud and grateful to have received another grant from **US Bancorp Foundation** this year. What was even more fun was that **Sam Bauer** and **Jennifer Reinhard** from our local branch came by the Treasure Sale to personally to present us with the check. Thanks for making the donation even that much more special.

More Goodies

Thank so much to **Paula** and **Jason Maden** who donated a towable trailer to WINGS . We are in the process of fixing it up so that guests will have a place to sleep. Another big hug to **Karon** and **Max Peterson**, who donated this beautiful boat that Max hand made 20 years ago. We offered it at the Treasure Sale, but secretly prayed it would never sell so the guys could have a boat to adventure in! Can't wait to take it out on the water!



Hood River Valley Christian Church

It is so amazingly wonderful to receive support from **Hood River Valley Christian Church**. We hope they know that their support means so much to us, and the money will be carefully spent providing our

WING-men the medical, dental, and prescription assistance they need.

Another Milestone

With help from **Beverly**, **Brandon** got in a lot of driving practice on the weekends and passed his driver's license test - WOO HOO! We are so proud of how far he has come in such a short time. Nice work, Buddy!



Shawn's BD



Aaron, Stephen, Nick, Shawn and Brandon

The guys are celebrating Shawn's birthday *and* how all of their hard work paid off at the Treasure Sale. We love Shawn and are very proud of how much he has brought to our program!

Is She Brave, or What?



Captain Jack teaches rafting skills to the WING-men.

Beverly took her son, **Connor**, and the WING-men on a weekend adventure down the Deschutes River. They rafted, fished, camped and had the time of their lives. Big hug to her pal **Captain Jack** for donating his time and raft - the guys had a blast!



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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