



WINGS

Work, housing, education and support for homeless
18-23 year old young men and women from the Gorge.

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Where Your Donations Go

Every cent you donate to **WINGS** directly goes to support our program through staffing, rents, and the expenses necessary to help young people turn their lives around. I continue to work as a volunteer director and my staff, bless them, work hard for not enough money. We are working to join forces with other agencies to leverage WINGS work and to be able to support more young people, but in the meantime, it is up to all of us to keep WINGS going. Thought you might like to see some of the results of your wonderful support.

David & Kevin

These two are our latest graduates. While in WINGS, they both earned their GEDs, learned to work hard and stay clean and sober. They have moved into Phase 2. **Kevin** is hard at work at **Tum-A-Lum** - if you see a whirlwind buzz by you there - that would be **Kevin!** **David** has his license and new (used) truck and just started at **Diamond Fruit**. He is taking the training to be a Hyster driver. So proud of these two - from homeless to employed full time!



David & Kevin



Ashley and Madisyn!

Ashley

Wow - this is a great story. **Ashley** has been with us for over a year. During that time she has stayed clean and sober and raised her darling baby **Madisyn**. She has become a wonderful part of our baking team and is working at **Mid-Columbia Medical Center!** She saved enough money through our program to get a car, insurance, and now, her own place! Proud of you Ashley!

Rachel

She makes me laugh! Talk about energy. **Rachel** has also been in WINGS for over a year and has been clean and sober since then. She also bakes with us almost weekly, works full time at **Cousins** and takes lovingly great care of one year old **Sophia**. Great job Rachel!



Brandi, Rachel and newest mom, Lupita, making Apple Pie Bars!



Amanda, Davin and Judge Stauffer at graduation!

Amanda

She has been with us since December and came in with a fierce determination to get clean and sober and get her life on track. Last month **Amanda** graduated from Family Dependency Court - surrounded by family and friends. This year-long program is very strict and hard

to complete! She is working full time at **The Dalles Inn**. She is busy with her energetic 5 year old, **Davin**. She is doing great. Another success story!

None of this would be possible without your kindness and support! Every day we are here to offer **WINGS** for these young people is such a blessing.

Starry Nights

Still tickets available for our big fundraising event next Saturday, August 20! It promises to be a great night at **Lakecliff** with amazing food by **Mark Whitehead** of **Ahi's Ohana** catering. Music by **Kit Garrouette** and dancing with **Willie & Nelson**.



We are hoping to raise enough money to open a new home in The Dalles for our moms and we could really use your support! Please come for the fun and if you can't come - and I know I picked a busy weekend - please consider a donation. Log onto www.getwings.net for ticket info. If you have read to here and want to attend, email Allyson@getwings.net and I will sell you tickets - Buy One, Get One 1/2 Off!



WINGS Dinner Series

Wow - we are so blessed! We have 12 wonderful events for you to choose from for 2016-2017. Events include: *A Walking Tour of Historic Hood River, Glassblowing & Pizza Party, For the Love of Chocolate Party, Tantalizing*

Tapas, Valentine's Party, Wildflower Walk & Picnic, Cinco de Mayo with Kathy Watson, Blake's Italian Feast, Pickle Ball Picnic, Washington Wonders, Water Works and Dahlia Daze! Something for everyone!

Sign Ups begin at **Starry Nights** and will open the following week to fill the few remaining events!!

So Many Special Dinners This Summer - Thanks to All of You!!

Blake's Greek Feast

Those two really know how to throw a party!! If you know **Patt** - you know she is an amazing cook. Well this night was over the top - even for **Patt**! So many choices for your palate and all were delicious. Their house and setting are glorious and the **Phelps Creek Vineyard** wine, served by adorable **Vanessa**, was the perfect compliment. Thanks to all for the love and support!

Night on the Water

Steve and Patti Tessmer really pulled out all of the stops at their event in June! The weather, company and food made for a perfect evening out on the water! The water was calm enough for an evening cruise and fun was had by all. Thanks you two!



*What a perfect evening! Thanks
Dick & Christie!*



*Dick shared an amazing
bottle of Sauterne from
1976! WOW!*

Wonderful Wy'East

Big hugs to **Dick & Christie Reed** for a special evening at the **Wy'East Vineyards** Tasting Room. A splendid array of Wy'East wines were be paired with fresh local favorites from **Sirota** of **Boda's Kitchen** - YUM!! Dick went deep and pulled out some really old and special wine. Thanks Dick & Christie - everyone had a blast!

Dahlia Daze

Wow - we all want to live at **Alice Clark's** house! She and **Ken** have a spectacular 45-acre home at the base of Mt. Hood. Alice had a very special event - for women only! She shared flowers from her beautiful garden - and with her help everyone left with an amazing arrangement! **Boda's** rocked out a delicious brunch and the day was magical!



*Big thanks to Alice
for a wonderful day!*



*The perfect partners with the perfect
pairings!*

Mid-Summer Wine Pairing Night

This perfect summer event was hosted by **Debbie & Ken Chandler**, **David & Carlene Lokey** and **Mady & Larry Blackburn**. We were so spoiled as course after course of delicious food came out to us in the beautiful backyard of Ken & Debbie. Each course was paired with the perfect wine. So fun and so delicious - I am still full! Thanks to all!

Baking Up a Storm!

The wonderful **Mark DeResta** of *Riverside* has reeeaaally been keeping my moms and me busy this summer at **Gorge-Us GF Bakery!** Over 1000 pavlovas, 68 dozen mini cupcakes and muffins and now 11 trays of Apple Pie Bars! The Apple Pie Bars are a hoot to make - the trays weight 20 pounds and have 10 apples each! Ask for them at Riverside!! So appreciate the support Mark!

With your help we are making a difference! And having a lot of fun. Please join us for a great night of dinner and dancing next Saturday - your support is what is providing the ***Wind Beneath WINGS!***

Facebook



I am a dinosaur in the internet age and struggle to keep our Facebook page current - but if you have a page, please like WINGS if you have not done so already. We are trying to get the word out to folks and could use your help - [facebook/getwings](https://www.facebook.com/getwings).

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 and women in Hood River and Wasco Counties who were formerly in foster care or are currently homeless and in need of support.

*Sincerely,
Allyson Pate
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