



## December 2015

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### Giving Thanks!

What a great evening! On Sunday we celebrated **Friendsgiving** with 28 wonderful people. My **WINGS-Women** made the desserts and the guys made the entrées and sides! What a feast! My favorite part was going around the table to hear what everyone was thankful for - the young people were all so grateful for **WINGS**, and I am grateful to all of you to be able to offer the young people a chance to turn their lives around! Thank YOU!!



*28 for Friendsgiving!*



*The WINGS Women made all the desserts!*



*Kaiel & Kevin hard at work!*



*David was in charge of chopping!*

### Gorge-Us GF Bakery

Besides making all of the holiday desserts, our young moms have been hard at work baking for the **Klickitat County Backpack For Kids** program. Twice a month we



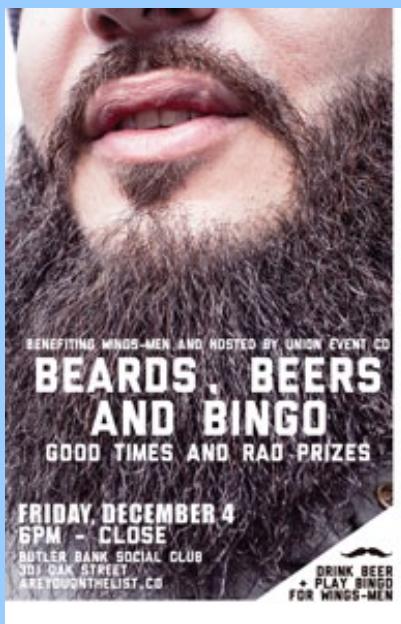
*Nice work women - 5 desserts!*

make treats for the kids in the free and reduced lunch program. The treats go into a nutritious bag of goodies on Fridays - to get the kids through the weekend! Both our program and the Backpack program are supported by **United Way!**



*25 cookies down - 375 more to wrap!*

## Friday, December 4th!



In addition to Friday being First Friday, the Tree Lighting AND the parade, the wonderful folks at the **Butler Bank Building** will be culminating their **MOvember Event** as a fund raiser for WINGS. Stop by after 4 pm to vote for your favorite beard and mustache, enjoy a beverage, and sample *Small Bites* desserts made by us - **Gorge-Us GF Bakery!** Thank so much to **Stephanie Laur**, Event Manager - so grateful for the support!

## What a Wonderful Evening!



*Kathy - showing us the ropes!*

The AMAZING team of **Kathy and Stu Watson** put on an amazing evening of Thai delights at **Lakecliff**. Kathy held court and we all took turns chopping and stirring - even using a mortar and pestle! Everything was delicious - but the pork satay with the peanut sauce was crazy good!!

We have a few openings left in the **WINGS Dinner Series** in 2016 - [click here to see what is available!](#)

## Christmas Came Early!

Our darling friend **Betty Murphy** (Mrs. Claus) stopped by with her sleigh full of beautifully handmade quilts! These gorgeous treasures are made by the wonderful women of the **Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild**. We are so blessed to have been adopted by these women. The quilts and toys will be distributed to the young men, women and babies of WINGS during our holiday party. Sooo grateful!!



*Love our Betty, our own Mrs. Claus!*

## Ask and you shall . . .



*Thank you, Alex and folks at Dakine!*

Last month we put out a request for a laptop, and **Alex Miller** and other wonderful people at **Dakine** responded with four used laptops and a new backpack to take them in. How amazingly nice was that? Prayers answered every day!

## Just what we needed!

We currently have three moms in our Phase Two program in The Dalles. Two of them have babies under six months (and a year sober for each - yeah!!). The wonderful daughter of our good pals, **Barb & Kirk Stein**, just happened to have big bags of baby clothes to donate - just in the nick! So nice! Our newest mom, **Amanda**, brings her darling four-year-old **Devon** and six months of sobriety to the program. So proud of you all!



*Thanks, you two - and to your daughter!!*



*New Asst. Linda helping out with Amanda...*



*...and Rachel!*

## Heeee's baaaack!

When **Don** and **Terri** decided to retire to run their newly remodeled **Jocelyn House B&B** in Bingen, the amazing **Shawn** decided to step back into the program. He insisted he is not the House Parent - more like House Supervisor, but either way we are thrilled to have him!!



## Looking Good!



*New paint is looking good!!*

Before the wonderful **Chuck Johnisee** turned over the reins at **Your Rental Center** we were able to have a chance to show what a great job we can do with scrapping, repair and painting. The guys did a great job and we were grateful for the work!

## Work Work Work

Our hardworking **Crew** have been busy this fall. They did the set up and take down of **Harvest Fest** as well as being the gate managers. They helped sell apples with the **Lions** at **AppleRama** in Portland. They did the set up and take down for the **Quilt Show** and the **Museum Fundraiser** and they just finished putting up the lights for the **Columbia Gorge Hotel!** We have really been focusing on moving gigs and hope to get



*Our hard working crew: David, Walt, Kaiel and Kevin!*



*Beginning to look like Christmas for Kaiel and Kevin!*

more in the future! Thanks to all who call for help! Need something done? Call Allyson at 541-380-3820.

## Giving Guide



Big hug goes to **Elaine Vincent** and the folks at **AmeriTitle**. They have agreed to sponsor a page for us in this year's **Hood River News Gorge Giving Guide!** So great to be able to share information with people this way and so grateful for this wonderful offer of support!

### **Other Ways to Help!**

1. **Amazon Smile.** Before you click through on **Amazon**, please take a minute and first go to Amazon Smile. If you search for **Give Them Wings**, or [click here](#), every purchase you make will be sending a tiny donation to WINGS. Free to you and great for us!
2. **Stop by the *MO*vember Event at Butler Bank** on Oak on Friday, December 4!
3. **Sign up for a Dinner** in 2016 - [click here](#) to see what is open.
4. **Make a donation.** As you know, WINGS is solely supported by work in the community and folks like you. Every little bit helps - particularly this time of year! If you want to send a thoughtful gift, make a donation in someone's name and we will send them the donation letter. [Click here for more info](#).
5. **Hire the team.** We love to move folks, do demo work, pretty much anything except gutters. Be sure to call if you need snow removal (pray for snow)!



**Items we need:** We could really use apartment furniture, particularly a small table and chairs. We are also on the look out for snow gear and the guys would love a chance to go snowboarding, so Meadows cards would be awesome!

*So grateful for your continued support. Without you we would not be able to offer formerly homeless and unemployed young people . . . WINGS! May your hearts be filled with the joy of the season - ours are overflowing!*

## 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](#).

*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*