



WINGS

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

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So Much to be Grateful For!

Don't you just love Thanksgiving? For me it is a chance to take pause and reflect on all we have accomplished! Tomorrow (Dec. 1) we will be 10 years old. Crazy how fast time flies! 90 young men, 13 women and 11 children - all changed because of the support and kindness of so many.



Thanksgiving

We had a blast making Thanksgiving dinner for 18 this year. We teamed **David** up with **Lupita**, and **Karli** with **Kevin** and they prepared amazingly delicious sides and desserts while the turkeys were baking

away. **Max** and **Karon** joined us - **Petrina** and **Brandi**, too!

Because our event was on Saturday, a lot of favorite folks were out of town. **Shannon** said the prayer and made us all cry and reminded us why we are here. It was a sweet and joyful evening for all.



I am proud to say that **Karli** and **Lupita** took all of the recipes home and prepared Thanksgiving at their house on Thursday.

They added their favorites and put on a wonderful spread for their friends and family - love to see them starting their own holiday traditions. The bright smiles of children and the reunions with families are especially heartwarming!



Moms' Thanksgiving

Mom House

We have been busy - we started leasing the **Mom House** Oct. 1, and it has quickly filled with four wonderful women! **Lupita** hopes to have her two-year old son move in soon.

Shannon and **Ava**, her nine-year old daughter, make a wonderful addition.

Heather's darling baby, **Terrance**, has the greatest cheeks and



Shannon and her daughter Ava



makes everyone laugh. Sweet **Karli** is expecting a baby girl in January.

The house is a beauty and a blessing! **Scott** and **Kari Peters** are our landlords and have been great to work with. **Walt, Rob,**

Jamison, Kevin and **David** have been the muscle that made the many moving trips work so smoothly - who knew women could have *sooo* much stuff! Big Hug to **Dale Walker**, of **Secure Storage**, for the use of temporary space and their truck - what a big help.



Thanks, Kari & Scott Peters!



Speaking of blessings - wow. All of your wonderful donations have filled this house with almost everything we needed.

BIG THANKS to the **Taylors, Hitchmans, and Reyniers**. Every prayer was answered. Crazy - as the sign on my desk says: **Pray, Believe, Ask, Receive**.

Where Your Money Goes

Of course, every penny we receive is spent providing services for our young people. Salaries and insurance make up our biggest expenses and I still volunteer my time. It was such a blessing to be able to buy much-needed move-in items for our mom house - all thanks to you! We were able to purchase a second fridge and replace a broken range. We bought curtains and cleaning supplies, shelving, and lots of picture hangers! Each mom got a new mattress and linens, but the most fun was putting the kids' room together! We also provide all of the every day necessities to support our moms. We bought the food for the moms to have for Thanksgiving and can't wait to buy a Christmas tree this week!



Holiday Wish List

With so many moms now, we have quite a Holiday Wish List. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated - click on



the donation button on our home page, www.getwings.net, or simply click [here](#). We are saving for a larger washer & dryer and more fun stuff for the kids! Karli needs a crib and changing table, as well as new tires for her car. Shannon needs a new phone, Lupita needs a toddler bed, and Brandi could really use a new

computer. David bought the Suburban, and it needs some work! Anything helps! Thanks sooo much and Happy Holidays!!

WINGS Dinner Series Events



Tour Your Town - What a wonderful Fall - full of events! In September, our first event was an amazing talking/walking tour of Downtown Hood River. **Fran Finney** and **Buck Parker** led us on a 90-minute tour - fascinating! We finished with

a scrumptious lunch at **Celilo** - YUM! Speaking of amazing - Fran & Buck donated their spotless and wonderful VW to WINGS. Will be saving it for the next young person to get their license.



Thanks, Fran & Buck, for the sweet ride!

Glass Blowing & Pizza Night

- Our darling Board Member and artist, **Charlene Fort**, pulled out all of the stops with a fabulous glass blowing demonstration with artist **Andy Nichols** at **Nichols Art Glass**.



Guest **Brody** made a great vase and **Ruby Mason** made a super ornament. Andy



enthralled all of the people with a gorgeous salmon. **Sahara's Pizza** wonderfully provided the pizza and beverages! What a great night!

For the Love of Chocolate - WOW -



loud and wild cheering for Board Member **Erika Doring**. She and pal **Susan McCourt** put on an amazing event. Over 35 entries competed for *Best Chocolate Dessert*. Over 80 folks came to **Springhouse Cellars** for wine, chocolate and great music by **Mark Daly and Friends**.

Special thanks to **Rosauers** for their generous support! It was an indulgence enjoyed by all ages, the winner at age 11! Fun was had by all, and I am sure this will become an annual event, so start saving your recipes!



Gorge-Us GF Bakery

We have had so much fun this Fall. We have had enough work to bake every Monday at **CGCC**. Pro baker **Debbie Jenkins** (head baker for **Blissful Brownies** for years) agreed to join our team and has really helped us become more organized and efficient. We are proud to bake biweekly for Klickitat

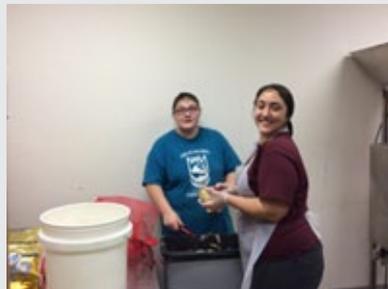


Debbie working with Lupita!

County's **Backpack for Kids** program - providing healthy snacks for 450 kids on Free and Reduced Lunch. We are so grateful to **Ahi's Catering**, **Class Act Catering** and **Riverside Restaurant** for ordering GF desserts, cupcakes and goodies. So fun! We hope to sell our products in local stores next year! Will let you know!



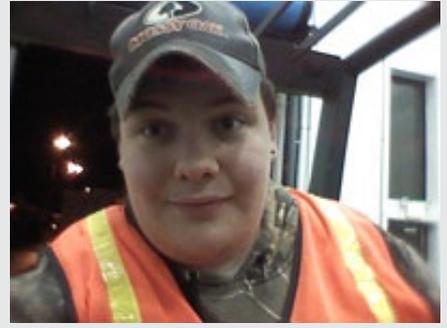
These photos are the moms helping out with prep for the **Salvation Army's** Thanksgiving Dinner for 1200!



Men's Program

Again I apologize to folks who have called asking for help with projects. We did close our work program this fall due to a lack of funding. Sadly, it lost more money than it made.

We are working hard with **Wasco County's** Probation Dept. which has a grant for transitional housing and we will be assisting them in opening their men's program in The Dalles. We are hoping **MCCOG** will help us structure a work program so that we will again be able to provide work experience for young men and assistance to home and business owners in the community.



David - riding high on a fork lift at Ryan's Juice!



Kevin...undercover insulator!

Speaking of young men - **David** is doing great as a forklift driver at **Ryan's Juice**, and **Kevin** is working as an installer at **GMI Insulation!** Great work guys!!!

God Bless Quilters

Adorable sisters **Betty**, **Beverly** and **Sally** stopped by to deliver the bounty of quilts lovingly made by the wonderful members of the **Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild** - 51 members strong! Betty organizes this every year and we are so blessed to be the recipients of so many handmade treasures! It really brings tears to my eyes and makes a wonderful and blessed start to the holiday season!



Thanks to sisters Sally, Betty & Beverly for the delivery!



Thanks Betty & Quilters!! So Generous!

Don't tell the WINGS folks, but they will each be getting a new quilt for Christmas!

Thanks again to all of you through this transitional year. Your faith in us, and your continued support, means the world to us! Happy Holidays!

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
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