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What a wonderful holiday! Every day is like Christmas here, but this year really took the cake! The outpouring of support was such a blessing! And amazingly it is already time again for everyone's favorite event - the **WINGS Valentine's No-Show Gala!** It's the perfect event for those of us who wish to stay home and still help others!



Don't budge from your comfy chair - just donate the money you would have spent attending another pesky fundraiser! **[Click here to make a donation.](#)**

Quilts and Toys

We are blessed to have been adopted by the **Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild!** This adorable group has donated numerous quilts to us - and the quilts have become treasured possessions of our guys. This year, the adorable pair, **Vergie Karlson** and **Betty Murphy**, met me to deliver this year's bounty.



Vergie & Betty

They came in a car full of treasures and they also personally purchased dozens of toys for all of the babies in our Phase 2 housing! The boys played Santa and wrapped up the toys, and all of the bounty was delivered by **Petrina** to make a wonderful holiday for the kids. Each of our WINGS guys and Phase 2 women and babies received a beautiful quilt and were VERY grateful! Thanks to all of you cute women - you are the heart of the Christmas spirit!

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Cute baby Daryl loving his quilt!



Boys getting wrapped up in their work!

Holiday Blessings



Steve Grace with Allyson

Thank you so much to all of you who chose to support WINGS with your year-end donation! We are so grateful! So exciting to go to the mailbox and find checks in there and know we have enough money for a few months!! Special hugs to **Steve Grace** and the wonderful folks at the **Hood River Alliance Church!** They chose to support WINGS through their **Advent Conspiracy Program** again this year. We are also very grateful to **Connelly Woody** for his Donor Advised support through **Oregon Community Fund**, and to wonderful **Will & Annette**, who again generously supported us through **United Way!** So many crazy nice donations and it means so much - thank you all!

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Cookie Palooza

One of my favorite things to do is have the guys over to make cookie gifts for friends, board members and family. So...five guys, two days, 20 batches of cookies. The guys learned everything from sifting to parchment paper! We had a blast and the cookies were amazing! Thanks to **Shawn** for always jumping in with the dishes!



75 hours donated to FISH!

Bell Ringing

Darn - I did not get a picture of our guys, but they stood in the cold and rang bells for **Salvation Army** the Saturday before Christmas! They charmed folks with their Holiday greetings and the pot at **Walmart** was stuffed when they were through! They are learning the importance of giving back! WINGS also donated over 75 hours to the **Fish Food Bank** this year!



WINGS Holiday Pot Luck

We had a wonderful evening filled with guys, and board members and friends of WINGS! Everyone brought something delicious to share. The guys handed out cards and cookies to everyone and also got the stockings they had previously decorated filled with funny little Christmas goodies. They participated in a Secret Santa present exchange and shared their gifts the following week. Thanks to all who came to share that warm Holiday feeling!



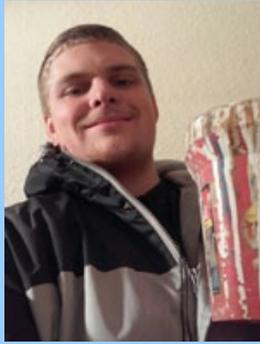
New Year's Eve

James and I had a blast hosting a New Year's Eve Party this year. It was part of the **WINGS Dinner Series** and 30 of us had a great time! Lots of food and amazing wine from **Jacob Williams**. Thanks **Brad Gearhart!!** James kept us entertained with games and we all managed to stay awake until midnight - who knew??



Joe and Jamison were amazing!

Success!!



Dillan has made it!

Three great events happened this month! **Dillan** graduated to Phase 2 with his GED, driver's license, **Petrina's** truck, and a great job working for the wonderful **Tim Sweeney** and **Hood River Construction!** Way to go Dillan!

Ryan graduated from Phase 2 into his own apartment, which he is paying for with his great job at **Ryan's Juice** and the money he saved through WINGS! Very proud!

Netta and **Talisa**, our formerly homeless mom and daughter, are moving out of Phase 2 in February! We are so proud of Netta - over a year clean and sober, out of debt, bills paid, good job, and a strong relationship. They will have their own place, paid for with their savings through our reduced rent! So excited for all of them!



Ryan when he helped with Methodist!!



Netta

Construction Continues



The guys have been hard at work at the house flip we are helping with in The Dalles. So much happens every week and it is looking so great! Thought you would get a kick out of the guys hard at work! Know someone in the market for a darling three-

bedroom, two-bath home on a great view lot -- before it is listed? Have them stop by 400 W 16th!



Daniel & Jamison "rocked out" the rock wall!



Daniel shows off the siding job!



Chris & Alonzo helping with painting.



Big hug to Debbie Green!

Santa Comes in January

Big Hugs to **Debbie Green** - our favorite Santa. Every few months she stops by with a bag of donations she receives from **Walmart** - such a big help as most of our guys arrive with next to nothing!! Thanks Debbie!

Treasure Sale

Still trying to secure a place to store our treasure - so please hang on to all of your donations a little longer. We will be holding the sale in May, so please be patient and we should be able to start collecting mid-February! If you have a storage idea - please call!!



Message from all of us!

Still looking for used laptops for our graduates and any used snowboarding gear would be AWESOME!!

As always, please know how crazy grateful we all are for all you do to keep us going! Thank you again!

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://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 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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