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So many blessings! This last month has been a joy. In this newsletter you will get to meet Beverly, learn about our up-coming events, and so much more. We know that we are here only because of your support, and although we are applying for grants every month, and the WING-men work hard every day to earn almost 40% of what we need to run the program, *you* are the folks who make all of the difference, and we are so grateful.

YOU DID IT - The Suburban Has Been Saved!

If you see **Glenn Taylor**, be sure to give him a HUGE HUG as he and so many of you donated enough money to buy the new transmission for the Suburban. Our old workhorse blew its transmission last month and over 20 wonderful friends of



Glenn Taylor



*Brandon, Nick, Stephen and the
Suburban*

WINGS donated enough money to get it fixed. We are applying for grants to get a new-used vehicle, as it will likely need to be replaced this year, but it is great to have it back - thank you all so much!

Meet Beverly



*Beverly with Nick and
Stephen*

We are so excited to have **Beverly Gallagher** join us. Beverly has taken over the job of weekend staff and works Thursday nights through Sunday afternoon. We love her organization and enthusiasm - and she just received her Masters of Social Work. She has really made weekends fun with kayaking trips, fishing and even front row seats at the 4th of July fireworks. She rocks!!

Thank you, Bernadette

Most of you know that WINGS would never have gotten off the ground without the tireless help of **Bernadette Williams**. After almost four years, Bernadette has decided to focus on all of the other wonderful projects she has going, and we are *soo* grateful for all of her time and energy.



Oregon Community Foundation

We were thrilled beyond measure to learn we were the recipients of two designated funds through the Oregon Community Foundation. Our thanks to **Lillian Baumann Fund** of The Oregon Community Foundation \$3,000 for general support and **Clifford and Doris Carlsen Family Fund** of the Oregon Community Foundation \$1,000 toward paying the volunteer coordinator or assistant director.

Big Thanks Again to United Way



Skip Tschanz presents grant check to Allyson.

We are ever so grateful to be the recipients of a \$1700 grant from **United Way**. We appreciated being invited to their big event, to be one of 35 awardees, and to be handed our first installment of \$850. Thanks so much to all who donated to United Way.

WINGS Treasure Sale

Tired of looking at all of that junk in your garage? We can help! Our WING-men can help you clean out your garage, take all of your goodies and give you a donation receipt! Then you can come to the old Movie Gallery location on **Friday night, August 7th from 5:30 to 7:30, and all day Saturday, August 8th**, and buy it all back! Check out over 30 families' treasures, clothing, furniture, and so much more.



Want to have first dibs? - please call to volunteer to help tag! We need more stuff - so please call Beverly at 360-567-5966 for pick up or to volunteer! (Please only donate clothing you would wear and stuff you would use!) **Have stuff to drop off? Come by the Movie Gallery Saturday, July 31 from 10 to 2** and we will be there to help you unload and give you a donation receipt!

Woo-Hoo - Hoe-Down, October 21



Please save the date for this year's Hoe-Down. We will be holding it at the newly remodeled Armory this year. Larkspur will be playing again and the party promises to be bigger and better than ever. The date is Thursday, October 21 - grab your pard'ner and we'll see y'all there!

The Guys



Stephen learns from Lions volunteer James Weseman.

Stephen turned 20 in June and is, as always, the mentor and professor of the group - here he is learning all about fireworks from Lions Club volunteers at this year's 4th of July fireworks show - thanks for the front row seat!

Brandon turned 24 on July 1. Both of these young men have come so far - really, the changes and progress can be marked daily! The photo is of Brandon getting his learner's permit. Keep a sharp eye out: he will be getting his drivers license - and his GED - this month. And if you see a huge smile on his face it is because **Dr. Haynie** has agreed to help with his teeth - Dr. Haynie is wonderful friend of WINGS.



Brandon is happy to get his learner's permit.



Nick tries kayaking.

Nick is our Steady-Eddie and hard worker. His goal is to become a WINGS staff one of these days. Beverly is getting him to try new things . . . even kayaking!

Brian has completed the basics of the program and is working and living in town. You may have seen our cowboy proudly riding with Margot Goodman in the 4th of July parade. Keep up the good work, Brian.



Brian celebrates the 4th.

We do have an opening at the moment, so if you know of a young man who needs our assistance, please call Allyson at 541-380-3820.

Hope to see you all at the Treasure Sale and thank you again for all you have done to help us give these young men . . . WINGS.

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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