



July 2013 Treasure Sale Recap

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Treasure Sale Recap!

Wow - I am still in shock - we made \$10,500 at this year's **Treasure Sale**!! How crazy great is that? Soo many people to thank! First, and foremost, we want to thank **Clark Bryant**, and all of the very kind folks at **Bryant Pipe and Supply** for allowing us to use the old Produce Kountry location for our **Treasure Sale**! Also a big shout out to **Erwin Swetnam** and the folks at **Hood River Garbage** for the use of a dumpster - sooo helpful.



Clark Bryant

We had great volunteers and we REALLY love **Cathy Carter, Polly, George, Susie, and Laurie** - thanks for all of your help!! Of course, we could never have pulled this off without our amazing board and their spouses! **Karon Peterson** and **Charlene Fort** were the dynamic duo again this year - wow, you guys rock!! **Deirdre Kasberger, Debbie Dennis, Lisa Brown, Glenn Taylor, and Paul Dezurick**. Lucky **Elise Venusti**, our Board Chair, was away! As always, our staff



Ricardo & Angel clowning around

totally rocked!! **Petrina, Walt, Shawn, and Oscar** worked tirelessly to pull the event together. The WINGS guys were great and really worked hard to make this event a huge success. **Ricardo, Nick, Angel, and Chicoby** lifted, moved, organized - even translated - thanks guys!!!!

What is even more amazing is the fact that dozens of families donated furniture and all sorts of amazing goodies - we filled 5000 square feet. We had such great items - Walt even donated a hot tub! As you probably know, **WINGS** is a two-phased program. In Phase One we provide 24/7 supervised clean and sober housing, work and job training, life skills training, continuing education, and all types of support. Over the last four and a half years we have changed the lives of 55 young men. Currently we have four young men in Phase One!



One amazing goodie!

When young men show they are employable and sustainable, they graduate to Phase Two, in which they have their own job and their own place to live. Last December, we received a HUD grant, which provides \$50,000 annually in rent support. By August, we will be providing housing in Phase Two to 12 young people who were formerly homeless! All of the donated furnishings first go to fill these housing units and the surplus is what is sold at the **Treasure Sale**. A number of items were also sold at very discounted prices or given to other needy families in the area!

We have three fund raising events per year; the **Valentine's No-Show Gala**, the **Treasure Sale**, and our annual **Hoe-Down**, which will be at the Hood River Armory on October 12th! The funds raised through these events, coupled with the work the

young men do as a crew in the community, private donations, and some small grants are all of the funds we have to provide support for these formerly homeless 18 - 23 young men.

Thank so much to all of you who donated and purchased items, spread the word and shared the WINGS Facebook page with your friends! WINGS would not survive without your support! Thank you again!

PS - We really need the following items - working lawn mowers and edgers for our Phase Two units. We REALLY could use a run-around town car - so if you know of someone who has a low-priced car in good working order - or would be willing to donate to a good cause for the tax write off, please call 541-80-3820. Thank you again.

Another PS - Walt's wife Pam was involved in a motorcycle accident. Please join us in praying for her speedy recovery!

Save the Date - WINGS Hoe-Down will be October 12 at the Armory!

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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.

*Sincerely,
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