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More, More Blessings & Success

My gosh - so many good things!! And, so much fun to come. Please be sure to save Saturday, Aug 8 to come to **Lakecliff** for our big annual fund raising event - **Starry, Starry Nights!** More info below!

So proud of our young people -



Jamison

Jamison - If you follow our newsletters you have seen Jamison! Last year he came to WINGS, when he was couch surfing and unemployed. He had dropped out of school at 15 to work. Well, he turned out to be an amazingly hard working young man. He is a natural leader and tireless worker. In June he got his GED, his drivers license and a job working for **Brad Gearhart's** construction company. He moved into Phase 2 and has saved enough to put a down payment on a shiny used truck. We are so proud.

Joe - was living in Dallesport and really struggling. In his seven months in WINGS, he lost 60 pounds, got his license and, just this month, completed his high school graduation requirements online. He also now has his drivers license, is working at **Boda's Kitchen** and also



Joe

moved into Phase 2. Wow Joe, you have come so far and we could not be more proud!

Phase One Guys - We

have such great young men right now in Phase One. Both **AJ** and **Kaiel** are hard at work, working on getting their GEDs at night at CGCC, and **Alonzo** is helping sell granola at the Farmer's Market. Alonzo now has his license and Kaiel has his permit! Great changes happening every day!



Alonzo - thanks for helping Tiffany with the granola sales at the Thursday Farmer's Market!



Kaiel got his permit!



Welcome AJ!

Emily - is our hard working, formerly homeless young mom with two small children. She is in our Phase 2 housing in The Dalles. She recently passed her CNA and is now working full time. We were all so excited when she was selected by the **Hood River Rotary** to receive one of their \$4000 scholarships. This will help her go on to more education - life changing! Thanks soo much to Rotary and congrats to Emily!!



Congratulation to Emily!

Starry Starry Nights



Starry Starry Nights - Saturday, August 8th

What a line up! We are going to have the best party!! This year we will be overlooking the Columbia River at our Bed & Breakfast - **Lakecliff**. We have a fabulous array of music - jazz by **Three Speed Trio**, wonderful vocals by the **Columbiaires** and dance music by **Willie & Nelson!**

Chef **Mark Whitehead** from **Ahi's Ohana Catering** will be dazzling us with three delicious entrees and we will be busting into **Jim's** wine cellar for a celebration of the best of the Gorge!



Lakecliff

We will also be kicking off the second year of the **WINGS Dinner Series** at Starry Starry! Over a dozen wonderful parties so far! Offerings include a **Mardi Gras Dinner, New Year's Eve at Lakecliff, Birdwatching Breakfast,**

Blake's Greek Dinner, Tessmer's Boathouse Bash and more!! We still have room for more dinners - so if you would like to host a dinner - email Allyson@getwings.net!

This fundraiser will help us sustain our program through the lean months and help pay for the construction of our new barn and classroom. Hope you can come and make a difference! To buy your tickets for this great event, log on to getwings.net/starry_tickets.html. The tickets are \$75 or get a table for 8 for \$500!



Best of WA - Saturday, July 18



Speaking of great fun - we still have a few tickets left for a wonderful hosted dinner - **Best of Washington!** **Will & Annette Swope** are opening their beautiful home and yard with their spectacular 270 degree view for a wonderful evening. **AniChe Cellars** is offering a perfect selection of summer wines and **Big Man's Rotisserie** is providing smoked tri-tips, salmon and scrumptious sides, appetizers and desserts!



To buy your tickets online [click here](#).

Fabulous Feast

What a great night! What could be a better Hood River Night than a wonderful dinner at **Bob & Lynette's** house overlooking the whole valley! What a fabulous view. Bob pulled out all the stops with his wine selection. He spoiled us with some favorites - **Phelps Creek** Pinots and Chardonnay - but also the very special Cuvee Alexandrine Pinot Noir and his new Estate Ice Wine Pinot Gris. WOW!!



What a great night - thank you again!!



Lilo's dazzled us with a whole smoked pig - soo tender and yummy - as well as awesome sides, appetizers and desserts! **Rob Guidera** played favorites and a few originals to provide the perfect backdrop! What a night!

BIG thanks to Bob and Lynette Morus for hosting the great event and Rob Guidera for the great music!

HUGS to Shawn

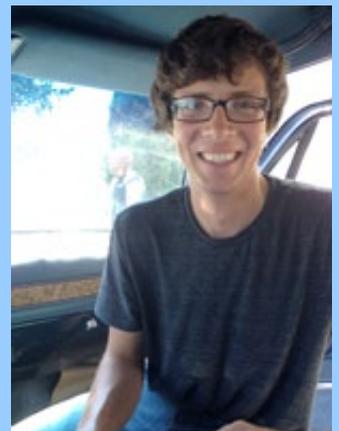
The amazing **Shawn** has been with us for six years. He has taken the summer off to follow his other passion - kids and horses! We had a party to thank him, but, of course, he was on a ride that evening - so imagine me hugging him!



Hugging Shawn!

Welcome Patrick

With Shawn taking the summer off we were so blessed to hire **Patrick** to share his lanky enthusiasm with us this summer. He has worked hard with the guys as well as taking them on some amazing adventures including last week's scaling of Mt Adams!



Welcome Patrick!!



Photo from guys' campsite at 9000' on Mt. Adam



And taking the guys to Badger Creek!!

Gorge-Us!

Thanks to all who have tried and enjoyed our scrumptious **Gorge-Us GF granola**. We are getting rave reviews for our two flavors and our GF dog biscuits - **SNUGGS** (Snacks+Hugs). All items made at the Incubator Kitchen at CGCC by our WINGS formerly-homeless young people. Check us out at the **Hood River Farmer's Market** on Thursdays from 4-7 and The Dalles Farmer's Market from 9-1.





The darling Mady!

Hurray for Mady

One of the blessings of the *Treasure Sale* is what a friend-maker it is for us. **Mady Blackburn** showed up to volunteer and the next thing she knew, she was volunteering to bring her enthusiasm and good brain to the WINGS board! Welcome aboard Mady!!

Helping Out

What a project **Betty Paddock & Patricia Huff** are taking on! They are converting the old *Oak Grove Store* to a thrift store to help out folks in the upper valley. We were happy to have been asked to help with the demo and wish them all the luck!! Thanks to **Kirby** for the great pics and getting us in the paper!!

So many blessings - thank you all for making this such an amazingly successful program! Hope to see you all at **Starry Starry Nights** and at our wonderful dinners! What could be better than making a difference AND attending a wonderful event?

As always, we are so incredibly grateful for this wonderful community and the many Friends of WINGS. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at the Farmers Markets or at one of our events - know that every dollar donated goes to help formerly homeless young people from the Gorge! 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 and women 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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