



WINGS

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

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Geez - OM - time flies! Had lots of craziness with family, weddings and all - so I apologize for the delay in getting out this newsletter!!

Treasure Sale Recap

We did it - in spite of a train derailment and a heat wave - we managed to raise over \$9,300! I am *sooo* grateful to my amazing board and some wonderful hubbies who made this fun for all!



Special hugs to **Karon**

and **Charlene** - my super sales team! **Patt, Lisa, Ruby, Erika** - you guys rock!! Big hugs to helpful hubbies - **Max, Gary and Dave!** Thanks to wonderful volunteers - **Dierdre, Terri, Linda, and Paul and Diane Romans.** Special thanks to my staff and our **WING-men! Walt, Rob, Tiffany, David, TJ and Kevin** - you guys were amazing!!!



The guys made me a birthday cake during the sale - so nice!

We are so grateful to **Mary Ann Kolen** and **Harsch Investments** for the use of the space and to our wonderful pal, **Dale Walker**, for use of a storage unit and their truck at **Secure Storage!** Over 25 families donated items, and special thanks to **Erik Koivisto** and **Chase McPherson** for their vehicle donations - it helped *sooo* much!!

Starry Nights - Save the Date - Sat, Aug. 20

Hoping you will all plan on joining us for our big annual fund raising event - **Starry Nights!** Again this year it will be held at **Lakecliff** and be a wonderful evening of



music, great food and beverages - but mostly it will help WINGS continue to

provide on our important mission to support for homeless young people.



We are actively seeking auction items - so if you have a Gift Card you are not going to use or a wonderful item, please call me at 541-380-3820!

Dinner Series - Few Dates Still Open!

Due to some cancellations we have a few openings left for the *Wonderful Wy'East Dinner*, *Dahlia Daze* and *Mid-Summer Wine Pairing*. To sign up for these fun "friend raisers" [please click through here.](#)

Wonderful Wy' East Friday, July 22, 2016 - 6:00 pm

What could be better than a sensational summer evening in the vineyard at the *Wy'East Vineyards Tasting Room* with **Christie and Dick Reed**?



Enjoy live music during happy hour with a splendid array of *Wy'East* wines and appetizers from *Boda's Kitchen*. *Wy'East* wines will be paired with fresh grilled Chinook salmon filets, grilled seasonal vegetables, Northwest baby arugula salad and topped off with delicious home made desserts! As the Reeds say, "Life doesn't get any better!"



Dahlia Daze Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 11:00 am

Women only!! Grab your besties and come out for a day of gardening tips, flower arranging and lunch!! **Alice and Ken Clarke** are sharing

their spectacular 45-acre home at the base of Mt. Hood. Alice has an incredible garden filled with summer delights! She will share her growing tips and tricks! Bring a vase and make a beautiful bouquet! A wonderful lunch with delightful beverages will be served!!

Mid-Summer Wine Pairing Night Saturday, August 6, 2016 - 6:00 pm

Hosted at *Cathedral Ridge Winery*, this wonderful evening of small, tantalizing tapas paired with perfectly matched wines will be a deliciously different gourmet experience. This perfect summer event will be hosted by **Debbie Chandler** and **Carlene Lokey**. Bring your friends, pass the plates, raise your glass and share the experience!



Dinner Series Hosts Wanted

Willing to help WINGS by hosting a dinner in late 2016 or 2017? It is a great way to get involved, make a difference for homeless young people and get to know some other wonderful people! If you do want to host a dinner or fun event, you will get **two free tickets** to *Starry Nights*! Please help WINGS by contacting me at Allyson@getwings.net.

Baking Up A Storm

Our moms have wrapped up the school year of providing bi-weekly snacks for **Klickitat County's Backpack for Kids** program. We were grateful for the opportunity to make gluten free cookies and granola for 450 kids every other week.

We are so excited to have been asked by three top chefs in town to provide them gluten free desserts! Our thanks to **Mark Whitehead, Ahi's Ohana Catering**; **Ben Stenn, Celilo Restaurant**; and **Mark DeResta at Riverside**.

We have been making mini cupcakes and muffins for Riverside, but our most popular items have been our pavlovas - Mark is using them for his Berries in a Cloud dessert! On the night of the derailment a busload of folks ordered 42 Berries in a Cloud! Hurray!!



Hurray for David & Kevin!

So Much Success!

So proud of my guys - they are really getting it done! This month **Kevin & David** completed their GED - you have no idea what a BIG Deal this is for them. **TJ** just got his Drivers License and that is huge for him! Both **David** and **Kevin** are getting close to full

time employment and we could not be prouder.

The WINGS-Moms are doing so great! **Amanda** has over a year in sobriety, has her license, a car and a full time job at **The Dalles Inn**. **Rachel** also has a year sobriety, license and car and is working for **The Dalles Chronicle**! **Ashley** is getting ready to graduate to her own place, but will be a part of WINGS. We are so proud of her - her sobriety and great job at **Mid-Columbia Medical Center**! So proud of you women - you have come so far!

Changes Ahead

We will be making changes to **WINGS** in the future so that we can be more cost efficient and help more young people. We are working on a plan with various agencies and think that **WINGS** will be stronger than ever - more info next month! We are very excited and know we are blessed and heading in the right direction.

*Thank you all for your continued support and we hope to see you at **Starry Nights** on **August 20!***

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.*

*Sincerely,
Allyson Pate
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