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Time flies - it almost summer! We are very excited to be 19 months old. So many blessings and changes. We will be having our **Hoe-Down** this year in October - the next newsletter will confirm the date, but we will also be having a **HUGE Garage Sale** this summer - so let us know if you have stuff to donate!!

Our Suburban has died so please read through to the bottom and make a donation if you can! Thank you all so much for your continued support which allows us to give these young men . . . WINGS!

Stephen . . . he's baaack!

Stephen left WINGS in February even though we tried hard to get him to stay. After about a month on his own he asked to come back, we agreed, and he has really turned the corner. He is now the mentor and leader we knew he could be. He is back on track to attend University of Oregon in the Fall. Great work, Stephen!



Meet Brandon

What a hard worker! We are so happy to have **Brandon** on the Crew. He joins us from The Dalles. Brandon is changing daily from a painfully shy guy to a funny, smart, hard working WING-man; we are so proud to have him on board.



United Way of the Columbia Gorge



We are so grateful to **United Way of the Columbia Gorge** for the \$1700 grant they have awarded to WINGS. This much needed support will be used to offset some of our rent. We so appreciate being recognized and supported by this community.



Following His Heart

We are sorry that **Rayne** will be leaving us after six months. He is following his heart back to Washington. He has been such a valuable asset as a Crew leader. We will be changing the schedule back to **Shawn** as the mid-week Crew Leader and are currently

interviewing for a weekend staff person. New staff will have big shoes to fill - we will miss you Rayne!



Rena Whittaker

Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation

Wow, the Foundation contributes so much to our community. Just last month they agreed to offer our WING-men a chance to get dental work done - up to \$500 each - how great is that? Most of our guys have not been to the dentist in years and this will be life-changing for them. Thank you to **Rena** and to all of you who contribute to the Foundation.

Work, Work, Work . . .

We are grateful to have renewed our work contracts with the **Port of Hood River, Cascade Commons and Lone Pine Development**. They provide the lion's share of our work every week, and we are so grateful to our community members who have



hired us to do everything from moving furniture to painting to landscaping to clearing brush. Every day the WING-men can work is another day that our program is more sustainable.



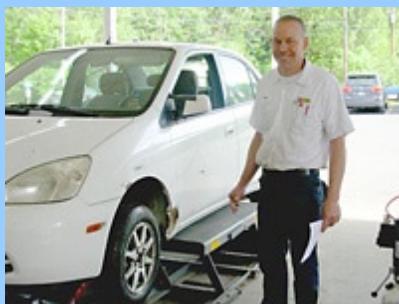
If you have a full or half day of work you need done, please call 541-380-3820.

And, of course, Play . . .

WING-men do get a chance to have all types of recreational activities. Weekends are spent exploring the Gorge in so many fun ways. Again, we are grateful for bikes, camping gear, fishing equipment - any donations that allow our guys to get out and enjoy the outdoors!



What a Guy!!



Marc installs new tires on the Prius

Special thanks to **Marc Russell** of the **Hood River Les Schwab**. Not only did he go out of his way to track down some really great tires for our Prius, he then had them donated to us and installed for free! Woo Hoo! Marc and Les Schwab **ROCK!!**

Nick and DelCarpine Automotive

We are so grateful to **Melissa and Anthony DelCarpine** for selecting **Nick** to work Fridays as an intern and shop assistant. It is a great learning opportunity for Nick and the perfect way for him to hone his mechanic skills! Nick also completed a 10-week parenting class through **The Next Door, Inc.** - great work Nick!



Nick (photo by Lea Rachford)

Save the Suburban



Please Help Fix the Suburban!!

Speaking of **DelCarpine . . .** our poor old **Suburban** has blown its transmission and we are praying for a miracle. It will cost \$2200 to bring it back to life. We really need the truck to haul the guys and our trailer full of tools to job sites. **If you have ever thought about supporting WINGS we could really use your support to get**

our truck repaired. Even better, please consider becoming a regular monthly donor, as this helps us plan and be sustainable. To make a donation, or to let us know about items for our garage sale (we'll pick up) or gear for the guys please click on the donation page on our web site - www.getwings.net. Thank you, as always, for your support!

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,
Allyson Pate
WINGS