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Change can make you crazy - but eventually, it is all good! Never a dull moment around the WINGS program! New staff, new guys, graduations and progress!! So many blessings, lots of work, grants and of course, miracles! Treasure Sale is next month and we are getting excited!!

Treasure Sale - July 12-14

OK, all you hoarders and pack rats, this is your chance to get your car back in the garage! WINGS is holding its 4th Annual Treasure Sale at the old **Produce Kountry** location on Tucker next to **Bryant Pipe & Supply!** **Clark Bryant** has generously offered us this perfect location - how nice is that?



Got Stuff?

We need your treasures - no junk, please - and hope you can help by bringing it to us July 9-12 from 10-2! If you need a pick up, give Allyson a call at 541-380-3820 - either way we will be happy to make you a tax donation receipt!



Thanks again Clark, for the space!

Have a car or boat you are trying to sell? Give us a call and we will put it in our lot - all we ask is 10% consignment!

The Preview Sale is Friday, July 12th from 5-7. That night everything is twice the price - but you get first crack at all of our amazing stuff! **Saturday, July 13th**, the **Regular Sale** will be from 8-4 and **Sunday the 14th**, the **½ Off Sale** will be from 10-1.

In addition to stuff we REALLY need volunteers. Please give Allyson (541-380-3820) a call if you can help set up before the sale, willing to work during the sale, or are available on Sunday for clean up!

U.S. Bank Foundation

From our local US Bank, Sam Bauer, Commercial Relations Manager, and Matt Stoneberg, Branch Manager, all of the folks at U.S. Bank, and U.S. Bank Foundation get three cheers from us for, again, supporting us with a wonderful grant. This year we will be able to help graduates with a little money to start savings accounts, as well as getting them some much needed financial education! Thanks so much for the continued support!



Thanks Matt and Sam - YOU ROCK!

Oregon State Marine Board & the Port of Hood River



Thanks, Jordan!

We are very grateful to **Steve Burdick** and **Michael McElwee** for partnering with WINGS to get a grant from the **Oregon State Marine Board**. Through this grant, matching funds for two weeks of work will be paid for by the Marine Board. Thanks as well to **Jordan Kim**, Asst. Mgr. of the **Hood River Soil & Conservation District**, for holding a class for the guys about noxious weed identification and conservation!

NAILBA Grant

Thanks again to Jess Wardwell and the National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies for the grant we received from them last year. We spent every penny on tools and we were able to purchase much-needed chainsaws, a log splitter, and a wonderful array of gear. This was a game-changer for us and we are so grateful!



*What a bounty of blessings
- thanks so much!*

Quilting Memories!

We just love the Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild and especially our pals, Carolyn & Norm Penner. Last month we were blown away by a delivery of eight gorgeous handmade quilts that were lovingly donated by the Guild. They cannot imagine how much these treasures mean to our guys! Thank you all so much!

Wonderful Walt

Well - miracles do happen. We decided we needed a real pro to be our new Crew Leader. We needed a smart, hard working, experienced Pied Piper to lead our troops this summer and there he was! You may know **Walt Davenport**. He has been in the area a while and we are so blessed to have him leading our troops!



Amazing Oscar

Who knew the answer to our prayers for a new houseparent was a great . . . guy! **Oscar** brings his years of experience at *Opportunity Connections*, a kind heart, and organization to the houseparent position. Another joyful blessing!

Jumping Joe

I have been remiss in not introducing **Joe** to you. Joe is our Phase 2 Liaison and he has been busy. With funding from our HUD grant, we have two people in our Rowena House, three folks in an apartment in The Dalles, and two in a house in Hood River with two more getting ready to transition! Joe has been meeting from daily to weekly with these young people to insure they are working the program, working at their jobs and staying on track! In addition Joe teaches a recovery class on Mondays at the Phase 1 house and takes the guys to NA meetings during the week. Thanks Joe!!



Thanks for the Recommendation!



A Happy Customer!

The guys are always getting rave reviews from our customers. And the good news: we are swamped with work - we are booked several weeks out - but wanted to share a very nice email I received this week:

Good morning Allyson,

Just a note to let you know how impressed I am with what a team of four, from Wings, accomplished last Thursday, 20 June. This was at our home in Mount Hood. The team, Nick, Dennis, Ricardo, along with Crew Leader Walt, are hard, thorough workers. They finished the day, doing more than I ever thought they would be able to... I'm impressed.

I look at it as money well spent. If you ever need a recommendation, I'll gladly supply one.

*A happy customer,
Larry*



The Team at work on another site!

Phase Two

This cute face is **Chicoby**. I met him the day before he graduated from HRVHS. He was working 50 hours a week at **Shari's** while going to school (and still is!), was an Eagle Scout, and was living in his car. WINGS was proud to help pay for his Grad All-Night Party and some new clothes to wear and then moved him into our rental the next day. He has never had his own room before! What a kid!



You probably remember **Riley** - he has transitioned to Phase 2 and is also living at our rental in Hood River. He is working hard at **Taco Del Mar** - stop in and say hi! He has completed two semesters at CGCC and is on his way.

John is working, and brother **Richard** is also working and graduating to Phase 2 - YEAH!!

Kade is working full time for **Jenny Logsdon** and **Cody** is getting ready to fight fires this summer and working construction till then - both doing great!

We have two graduates from Oregon Trails living in The Dalles apartment with another young man who was formerly homeless. All are working and doing well! Big thanks to all of the folks at **Leeland Property Management** in The Dalles for taking a chance and renting to WINGS!



Apartment/Small House Needed

WINGS is seeking a two bedroom place in Hood River for our graduates. WINGS is the lease holder and the rent is paid by HUD. We supervise the house weekly and talk to the graduates almost daily. The kids are employed and working with the program! If you have a suggestion, please give us a call! 541-380-3820.

Finally. . .

I turned 60 this month. Some how the birthdays with 5s and 0s seem to remind me to take a minute and count my blessings. Thanks to all of you, I have the best life. With your support, we are able to offer young men the chance of a lifetime - the chance to turn their lives around for the better. Know I am ever grateful to my darling mom, **Liz Heinz**, for her generous support, my darling **James**, and to all of you for being the wind beneath **WINGS**.

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

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When you just can't wait for the next WINGS Newsletter, head on over to our Facebook page. Just click on the "f" and you'll see lots of great photos and read about everything the WING-men and their supporters have been up to!

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
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