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WINGS Treasure Sale 2015

Whoo Hoo - We did it! We made \$15,000 at our Treasure Sale - how crazy great is that? So many blessings!!! We sold the super cute VW GTI donated by our good WINGS friend **Seth Bradley**, and an Econoline Van, which was wonderfully donated by **Max & Karon Peterson**.



Seth Bradley - you rock!

Could never have made it without my amazing Board and staff. BIG HUGS to **Lisa, Elise, Karon, Charlene, Ruby, Debbie** and our newest Board Member, **Jan Brending!** **Walt, Petrina, Shawn,** and newest staff, **Tiffany,** were also amazing. We are also so proud of the



Guys clowning around before the sale!

Paul Romans! Special hug to **Max Peterson** for fixing all of our Treasures and my darling husband **James!** Thanks to **Mal Brown** for the use of his truck- it was a lifesaver! All of the leftovers goodies went to good home - **Patricia Huff & Betty Paddock** are opening a faith-based community store in Oak Grove - the **Oak Grove Store!**



We did it! Raised \$15,000 in 3 days!

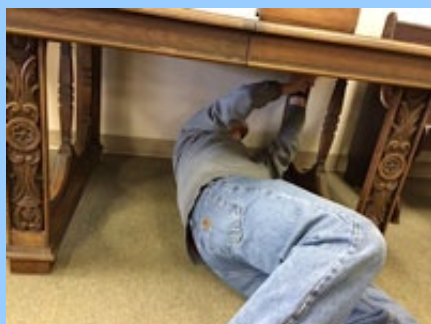
The funny thing was, we sold them to the same couple - **Adam & Katya LaPierre!** Treasures from over 40 families filled the old Dream Street space - which was generously donated by **Harsch Investments!**



Adam and Katya LaPierre

WINGS-guys, **Jamison, Alonzo, Joe, Kaiel** and **Dillan,** who worked sooo hard the entire week!

HUGE thanks to the volunteers who came out to help set up and sell over the weekend! We love **Patt and Gary Blake, Mady Blackburn,** and **Diane** and



Love you Max!

Gorge-Us Gluten Free Bakery



We have been working to create job opportunities for our formerly homeless families in The Dalles, and also wanted to get them involved with starting a business - from the ground up. This led to our newest enterprise, **Gorge-Us GF Bakery**. We have

perfected our **GF Granola**, GF dog biscuits called **SNUGGS**, and other GF goodies, and will be selling them at the **Gorge-Grown Farmer's Market** on Thursdays and at **The Dalles Farmers Markets** on Saturdays.



Petrina and new staff, Tiffany Pruitt, at Thursday Market!

We are doing all of our baking at the **Incubator Kitchen** at **The Columbia Gorge Community College**! BIG hug to **Nick & Pam** of **Nicolas Photography** for the gorgeous photo we are using on our labels!! We are also very proud that **Tiffany Pruitt** has joined our team to help with the baking business! Stop by the Farmer's Markets and try a sample - best granola anywhere!!



Baking our first batch of GF Granola with Brandy, Brandon, Hailey, Emily, Petrina and little helper Delilah!

WINGS Dinner Series

We have had two more VERY successful and fun dinners since our last newsletter.

Lorena Lowell really out did herself with a multi-course **Mexican Fiesta** at her Hostel. Margaritas and Sangria went beautifully with all of the amazing and delicious dishes - thanks, Lorena - soo delicious and fun!!



Lorena's dinner



Big thanks to Barbara Robinson...

Suzi Conklin really outdid herself for her **Suzi Conklin Cooks** dinner! She had arranged for **Barbara Robinson**, a local expert, to take all of the guests on a guided wildflower and geology tour of Mosier. She had also asked **Silas Blakely** of **Rack & Cloth Cider**

Company to share his passion and cider at the dinner. Everyone raved about the dinner, the cider and the tour - thanks so much to all of you!!



...and to Suzi and Silas for a great evening!

Not Too Late - Two Dinners Still Available!



Fabulous Feast - Saturday, June 27th



Join us on the grounds of the beautiful **Phelps Creek**, overlooking their luscious vineyard with a view of Mt. Hood, where we will feast on an amazing Hawaiian BBQ.

Jose Ruis of Lilo's Hawaiian

BBQ will be slow roasting a pig and providing all of the fixings. Enjoy one of the best views in Hood River, with scrumptious **Phelps Creek** wines and a delicious dinner. [Click here for more information.](#)

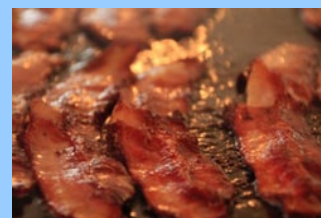


The Best of Washington - Saturday, July 18



What a night! Couple some of the best Washington has to offer - beer, wine, rotisserie - with stunning Gorge views. Join us at **Will & Annette's** gorgeous home in Underwood, with the 270 degree view, for a night of fun! **Big Man**

Rotisserie fires up your appetite with delicious appetizers and dinner! Enjoy **Everybody's Beer** and of course we will serve an array of WA wines! [Click here for more information.](#)



**Starry
Starry
Nights**

Starry Starry Nights - Saturday, August 8

The **WINGS** annual fundraiser will be held at **Lakecliff** this year. Save the date for a wonderful night of music, great food by **Ahi Catering**, amazing wines and the best view from the cliff overlooking the Columbia River! Put the date on your calendar now!!

Jan Brending

What a blessing! The amazing **Jan Brending**, City Administer of Bingen, has agreed to join the ranks of the WINGS Board - even after we tried to wear her out at the Treasure Sale, she has still agreed to join! Thanks so much, Jan!



The amazing Jan!

Very Honored!

I was very honored to have been chosen as one of this year's **Soroptimist Women of Distinction for 2015** - of course my first reaction was - oh no, now I have to pluck my eyebrows and make a speech! Two other amazing women also chosen - **Ann Frodel**, the feisty force behind the **Waterfront Park**, and **Tami Swanson** with **New Parent Services at The Next Door** for her 25 years of service to over 200 new moms - so blessed to be in such a amazing group! Thanks to all of the **Soroptimists!**



Very honored to be selected with Ann Frodel, Tami Swanson! Big thanks to Barb Young & rest of the Soroptimists!!

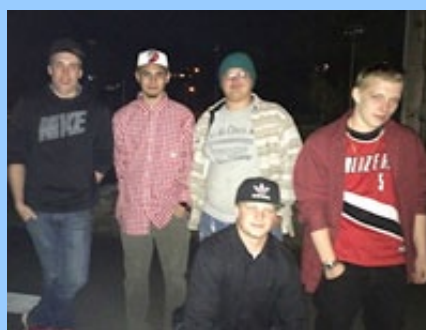


Driving permits for Jamison & Alonzo and new license for Joe!

Changing Lives

A big part of our program is to be sure that every young man who leaves Phase One has at least their permit and a checking account! We had a big day last month when **Joe** got his Driver's License, and **Jamison** and **Alonzo** got their permits! Nice work you guys!

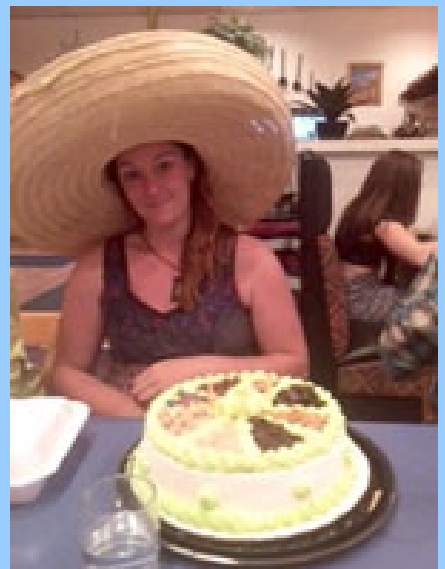
We also try to take part in local activities, so **Dillan** joined the guys when we all went to the Lion's Follies!



Looking good at the Lion's Follies!

Happy Birthday Petrina!

Petrina is the glue that holds **WINGS** together and the catalyst for change and perfection that has helped transform **WINGS** to the successful program we have today. Two years ago, she talked me into accepting women and children into our Phase 2, and she has made that program a success! **Petrina** - you rock, happy b-day!



Happy, happy birthday Petrina!



AMAZON

Buy items though Amazon? Then you can donate to WINGS! [Click here to get started](#). Sign in and type "**Give Them Wings Inc, dba WINGS**" in the search box. On the next screen, click on "Select" next to the WINGS name! Now you will see "Supporting: Give Them Wings Inc, dba WINGS" below the search box. A tiny portion of every sale goes to WINGS - every little bit helps!

WISH LIST

Boy - prayers were sure answered after the last newsletter so I thought I would try it again!

Dinner Hosts - Love to cook? Have a great venue? Own a winery? We would love to talk to you about hosting one of the WINGS Dinner Series for 2015-16 - email me at Allyson@getwings.net. So fun, great way to meet people and such a great way to support WINGS!

Table Sponsors - Gather folks from your company or gang of friends and attend the best party of the year! We are looking for Table Sponsors for Starry Starry Nights on Aug 8th. Lots of great publicity and you can save \$100!

Part-time Grant Writer!

Needed for our WINGS Home - bookcases, guy-proof couch and sectional

Needed for Summer Fun - small boat or canoe, XL and L wet suits, snorkeling gear, water shoes, knee boards, tubing tubes!

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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