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### Look what WINGS bought!

As you know, we are always looking for ways to add work training experiences for our guys and to make WINGS more profitable - OK, remotely profitable! We purchased this little house at 1265 Methodist and are

adding a master bedroom and bath, remodeling the kitchen and guest bath, and well, basically changing everything! We will be putting the house on the market in June and are committing to selling this to a local family - not for a vacation rental!

We have been blessed to have found great subs who are allowing our guys to shadow them. Big shout out to **Dan Homer**, of **Dan Homer Construction**, who agreed to be our contractor. **Bryan Mears** is our plumber, **Rafael Tito** of **Lands End Electrical**, will be lighting us up, and **Honke Heating** will be handling our HVAC. **Pastor Cody Singleton** from **The Church of Christ** will be doing the tile and granite work! You will see more of them as we go!



Special thanks to **Rod Graham** and **CJ Shumate** of **Gen Architects, Inc.** ([www.genarch.com](http://www.genarch.com)). Out of the kindness of their hearts, they designed our remodel and drew up our plans



CJ & Rod!

for submittal to the County. They were so patient with me and rapidly made my pesky changes. How crazy nice was that?

Thought you might get a kick out of our progress. If you want to follow along we are posting up photos and videos

on our Facebook page - [facebook/getwings](https://www.facebook.com/getwings). Want a good laugh? Check out my first whack at the wall: [Click here](#)

### Demolition!



Fortunately, my guys are rock stars at demolition and they had a ball. Amazing what can be done with a hardhat, safety gear, and a sledge hammer! In two days we were down to the studs - in the whole house!



## Fun w/ Excavators!

We plan to use every stage of the project as a learning experience - so check out each of our guys taking a turn on the excavator! One more day and the little illegal back bedroom was history! The room was down in five minutes!



*Walt, you are amazing!*



*The Big Bopper!*

Of course - it is the Rockford area of Hood River, so before we could start digging out our foundation - we had to unearth a couple of boulders - geez! And what did we discover - a Volkswagen bug sized boulder! So - had to bring in the BIG rock crusher!!



*Foundation*

## Progress!

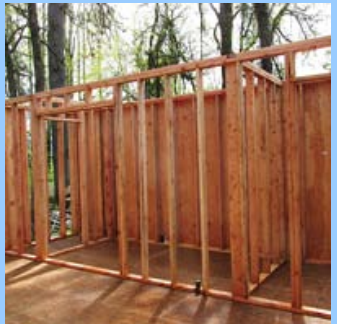
Finally some steps forward - foundation and stem wall - back filled and beautiful! Next came floor and walls. What a wonderful project to watch, and so exciting to see the guys learning and growing - so awesome!



*Floors*



*Walls*



*Chicoby & Connor looking good!*



## Then the Roof!



OK - the roof may have looked new, but was a complete mess - so off it came and new trusses were set up last week. We hope to have the roof finished this week - then real progress can start!

## Thanks to Home Depot

Big thanks to our friends at **Home Depot**. **Lucas Cummins**, the store manager, helped us save money on our tools and materials and his team at the Pro Desk have been so wonderful!



## Ruby & Windermere Real Estate



*Ruby - we can't thank you enough!*

Speaking of blessings, we are so pleased to have the amazing **Ruby Mason** agree to be our newest Board Member - so blessed. Ruby was the director of Mid-Columbia Housing for a lot of years and is sharing her expertise with us! She has hung her hat at **Windermere**

**Real Estate** in Hood River and The Dalles and is hitting the ground running.

Ruby spoke to **Kim Salvesson**, the owner of the local Windermere offices, and Kim has agreed to help WINGS - two ways!! First, the office is going to lower the sales commissions to 5% when they help us sell the house, AND they are putting a picture of our project in this month's **Gorge Buyers Guide**! Check us out!! Thank you Kim, Ruby and everyone at Windermere!



## Congratulations

Speaking of newest Board members - welcome **Baby Ivy**! Ivy was born to proud parents **Debbie & Keith Dennis**, owners of **RiverHood Rentals**. We are grateful that Debbie continues to serve on our Board!



*Debbie & Baby Ivy!*

## Birthday Blessings

**Matthew** had his birthday last month. Matt started out in Phase One and became our Asst. Crew Leader. He recently found a great full-time job! He has moved out with his girl friend into a place in Odell. What a success story in just six months!



*Matthew is 4th on the left - Happy Day!*



*Cody (far right) celebrates his 21st Birthday.*

**Cody** also had his birthday last month. He is doing so well and he will be moving into Phase Two this week. He has agreed to stay and help us finish the flip and then will be looking for employment!

## Tualatin Valley Quilters



*Big Hugs to Betty and Vergie of the Guild!*

If you have been following WINGS, you have seen that periodically the wonderful women of the **Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild** have blessed our guys with their handiwork. Well, this time they have REALLY out done themselves. **Betty** and **Vergie** delivered a trunk full of blessings. Each of the handmade treasures will go to one of our guys as they graduate to their own place or Phase Two. Can you image a more wonderful and thoughtful gift? The guys were so touched and we are so grateful!



*A Trove of Treasures!!*

## Thank You, Union Pacific!

**Brock Nelson** of **Union Pacific** braved our construction site mess to present WINGS with a donation check for \$5000. Union Pacific has been such a wonderful community partner and we are SO grateful for their continued support!



*Brock Nelson and Allyson*

## Work, Work

My apologies to everyone who has called requesting our help in their yard this spring. With this house-flipping project in full gear, we have not been able to help! We expect that we will be able to start taking clients this June! Sorry, and thanks for understanding!

## Treasure Sale

We are putting off the Treasure Sale this summer to get our house completed. Hope you will save all of your treasures for us! We ARE looking for beds and dressers to accommodate all of the guys getting their own places! If you need stuff picked up, give Allyson a call at 541-380-3820 and we will try to make room. Treasure and household items only please!



## Exciting New Event - August 17th

We are changing it up this year! Instead of the Hoe-Down, we will be holding a fabulous dinner and concert at **Mt. Hood Winery** on Sunday, August 17th. The event will be called **Starry Starry Night**. More info to follow - but you will want to save the date - as we will only be able to accommodate 150 people and it is going to be amazing!!



## Valentines Update

Wow - we cannot thank the over 80 people who donated to our Valentine's No-Show gala. We doubled the money raised last year and it has been such a BIG help keeping us going during our house flip! Hugs to all of you.

## 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).

## Thank You Again!

**Know we are so grateful to everyone who supports our program. Stop by 1265 Methodist, or follow our progress on Facebook. Wanna help? Love to drywall or paint? Give us a call! Thank you, as always, for your support to give young men . . .WINGS.**

*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.*

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