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Wow - What a Night!

Over 140 'Friends of WINGS' came, ate, danced and helped us raise over \$30,000 at this year's Hoe-Down. We had such a great time and there are so many folks to thank. Yes, this newsletter is one long thank you - so please note the merchants and supporters of WINGS and be sure to thank them when you are in their places of business!! I had my doubts when I learned that the Oregon game was moved to the same night and the Giants were in the playoffs; even so, people came from far and wide, miracles happened and the night was a success.

Hoe-Down photos courtesy of Keith Dennis.



Harold & Arlene Schnitzer Care Foundation



Arlene and Harold Schnitzer

We were so blessed to receive a matching grant from **The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer Care Foundation** of \$5,000. Through their Care Foundation, **Harold, Arlene and Jordan Schnitzer** pledged to match live auctions and paddle raises up to \$5,000. I was so pleased that we were able to collect the whole \$5,000.

Party Posse

Of course there is no party without months of planning, willing and able board members, and volunteers. Please know how grateful I am for everyone's time and effort that transformed an empty Armory into an adorable Hoe-Down. Special thanks to our WINGS team: **Lea, Shawn, Beverly and Paula**, who



Patti Pearce and Keely Reed



are vital to our success - both for the event and the program. Also a big hug to the WINGS guys - **Aaron, Brandon and Nick** for supplying the muscle and to my wonderful son, **Kevin**, who held down the B&B while I raced to the finish! My posse included Board Members **Kathy Eastman, Patti Pearce, Terri Johanson, Deirdre Kasberger and Karon Peterson**; as well as friends **Bernadette Williams, Jacquie Barone, Debbie & Keith Dennis and Halla Graves**.



Must give special thanks to Jacquie, who can magically turn 67 bales of hay into a party; my 'energizer bunny' Kathy Eastman for everything from auction items to decorating;



James and his Posse!

Paula for handling the check-in and check-out; Terri for the very cute program; Lea for all of her hard work on auction items and volunteers; and Beverly for our slide show - I would be lost without these women!

Sponsors and Partners



Glenn Taylor

River Fire Department for the use of their monster BBQ - thanks, **Nathan!!** Also, hugs to **Juanita at Infinite Graphix**, **Brad at the UPS store**, **Adam at Staples**, **Keith** for all of the photos - and to **Jenie**,

Dave at the Armory was amazing, and **Geoff Gill** wowed everyone with his amazing BBQ. **John Kasberger** and **Glenn Taylor** were such nice straw bale transporters (left over from the Harvest Fest). Big hugs to **White Buffalo** for their barrels, **Your Party Center** for wine glasses and **Blissful Brownies** for delicious brownies - YUM!! And we are so grateful to the **Hood**

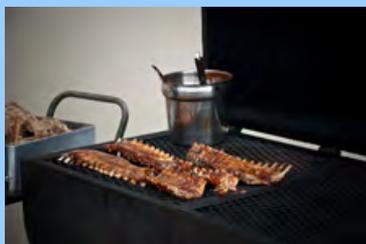


Jeanne, Allyson & Claire



Glen Pearce serves up BBQ.

as always, for her adorable graphics. Big thanks to our community partners: **Tri-County Hazardous Waste** for recycling bins, and **Pierce and Tyler at Dirt Huggers** for composting bins and signs.



Auction Item Donors



So many folks donated auction items: Board Members **Kathy Eastman**, **Karon Peterson**, **Terri Johanson**, **Patti Pearce**, **Bill Marick**, **Glenn Taylor** and **Paul**

Glenn, Lucia & Franco

Dezurick; as well as friends Allan Conant,

Scott Lindgren, Bob Allen, Steve Roselli, Lisa LaManna, Lisa Pearce, Margo & Doug Goodman, Painting by Mark Nilsson, Chris @ Hood River Jewelers, Tifani @ Salon Visio, Eastern Medical Diagnosis & Acupuncture by Bonnie Lambert, Raindrop Treatment by Bernadette Williams, Reflexology by Marie Louise Pencheon, Lorena @ Bambinos, Erwin @ Hood River Transfer, David @ Tri-County Hazardous Waste, Bob @ Phelps Creek, Heidi @ Mt Hood Meadows, Donna Roddvik and



Painting by Mark Nilsson



Dave Barringer @ Naked Winery, Massage by Pamela Wolter, Kelly Phipps Metal Art, Luke Adams @ Cross Financial Management, Massage by John McCallum, Michelle @ Salon Solle, Sally @ Timberline, Cake by Polly

Wood, Karen Louiselle @ The Painted House, Glass Ornament by Charlene Fort, Ericka @ Columbia Laser Skin Care, Tyson @ Indian Creek Golf Course, Doug @ Rosaurers, and Gordon @ Positive Negatives.



Gary and Gean bought the Lakecliff sleepover.

Volunteers

A HUGE thanks to our volunteers who came early and stayed late to guarantee our success. We so appreciate the help from: Missy Russell, Keely Reed, Glen Pearce, Erik Eastman, Darlene Marick, JoAnn Harris, Maureen Higgins, Jamel Badrieh, John McCallum, Camden Lindsay, Heidi Venture, Michael Groves, Alex Cuffe, Amber Terry,



The Amazing Jacquie Barone

Ramona Miller, Daren & Adriana Starwing, and Clarissa.



Volunteers helped make the Raffle a success.

More Fun and Games

So many folks bought auction items, played poker with the wonderful Bob Kramer, bet in the football pool, and bought raffle tickets from Beverly's amazing team of volunteers. Through the Wish Wall, we raised



\$425, and we will use the money to buy much-needed items - special thanks to the adorable **Jean Harmon**.



Jean Harmon and Keely Reed

The Wine Wall was a big hit and we are SO grateful to the following Wineries for making this event so great; **Viento, Memaloose, Jacob Williams, Wy East, Mt Hood, Naked, Pheasant Valley, and Marchesi**. And beer - we are so blessed to have such a great community supporter in **Full Sail** - thanks **Emily & Sandra!**



Mike Thompson

As always, **Mike Thompson**, our auctioneer, stole the show and had people laughing as they were opening their wallets and **Glenn Taylor** allowed himself to be arm-twisted into doing our paddle raise. Next year we will be going back to a Saturday evening, so dancing to **Larkspur**



can go on MUCH longer - they are FABULOUS and made our evening so special. Another highlight was the amazing **Luke Adams**, and his beautiful partner **Lucinda**, who led us in a hilarious dance lesson. . . look out Dancing with the Stars!



Luke and Lucinda



Luke Adams gives a dancing lesson.

James!

Mostly I am grateful for my wonderful husband, **James**. Believe me, without him, there would not be a WINGS program. His support, emotionally and financially, is what keeps me and this program going - love you James!



James and Allyson Pate



Bob and Claire bought the Ireland Trip.

Thanks again!

It was a great evening and we hope everyone had as good a time as we did. I know it seems impossible to believe that we have to hold a Hoe-Down to raise money for homeless kids . . . but that is our reality. The money we raised, with belt tightening, should get us through the next three months. It is very expensive to provide staff,

insurance and all of the necessary expenses for four young men - can you imagine our food bill? But we are able to raise almost 40% of what we need through the work **Shawn** and the **Crew** do every day. Know that you are making a difference and we are so grateful to you for your support.



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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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