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### How You Can Help

### Join Our Mailing List

**Dear Friends of WINGS** - If you have been getting this newsletter, you probably know we have been open for four years next month and have been instrumental in offering over 40 young men the chance to turn their lives around! You also know there is no funding for our program, other than what we get from the work the young men do in the community, their firewood business, grants, and your support. Please consider coming next Saturday, November 10, at the Hood River Armory from 6 - 10 -- just **click here** to purchase tickets! Your contribution will make all the difference! 100% of the money goes to the program and \$30 of your \$50 ticket is tax deductible!

Here are our **Top 10 Reasons** for **Logging on Right Now** and buying your tickets:

1. *To get the best seat in the house*
2. *So we know how many luscious ribs to make*
3. *So we can check you in even faster*
4. *So we know how much yummy **Viento** wine to have on hand*
5. *So we know how much dance room to leave for **Larkspur***
6. *To reduce email begging and sniveling*
7. *To cancel your subscription to Procrastinator's Anonymous*
8. *To prove that folks in Hood River CAN RSVP*
9. *To keep Allyson from having a nervous breakdown*
10. *And the **Top Reason** - **Because you will have a great time!***

### ½ Way to Our New (Used) Truck

WOW! We just got the call! We have been awarded another amazingly generous donation from the wonderful **Boeing Employees Community Fund of Portland**. These folks have been so amazingly kind! In the past their donations have allowed us to purchase our old Suburban and our firewood trailer. This year, their donation will pay for half of a new (used) pickup!

Our poor old Suburbans have really taken a beating over the last four years. They are now too pooped to make most wood deliveries - we can only deliver downhill! We hope to raise

enough money at the Hoe-Down to buy an older crew cab pickup that is beefy enough to go off road to pick up wood and take heavy loads up some of the hills around here! BIG, BIG HUGS to all of the employees at Boeing in Portland!!



*Ol' Blue on her last legs!*

### Lake Family Foundation

Speaking of miracles - we have been getting a very generous check from the **Lake Family Foundation** almost every year. As hard as we have tried we are still not sure how they have found out about us and why they have been such wonderful supporters, but we will just consider it another miracle and are so grateful!!

### Hymns of Thanksgiving



The **Mid Columbia Community Choir** will be presenting their "**Hymns of Thanksgiving**" concert on November 17 at **Riverside Community Church** at 7:00 pm. They have again have

chosen WINGS as the recipient of their offering that evening. If you are looking for a way to get in the Holiday spirit, please join us at this moving and joyous evening! And thanks *sooo* much to everyone in the Choir!

### Cascade Acupuncture Center

As part of their community involvement each month, **Cascade Acupuncture Center** honors one local non-profit. The selected organization is able to share information in the Center's newsletter and all of the WINGS employees will receive a free Happy Hour treatment in their clinics. Can't wait to take advantage of that . . . after the Hoe-Down! Thank you so much to the Center and for all they do in the community!

### Mark Hansen - Crew Leader



Lucky us to find an amazing new Crew Leader with years of experience! **Mark** has worked in a number of helpful fields including construction, forestry and being self-employed! His soft-spoken common sense and hard working integrity is just the ticket to work in the field four days a week with the four WING-men. He is helping us get our Crew-work and firewood business working even better than ever.

### Mid-Columbia Housing Authority

Several years ago, we were awarded a \$2500 gift card to **Home Depot** by the **Mid-Columbia Housing Authority**. We have spent the money to do all types of repairs on the WINGS house, and last month we went shopping to give the house a fresh coat of paint. With careful shopping we ended up with \$2.45 left on the card!

**Tim Timmer** of **Columbia Cascade Housing** has been so nice to meet us at Home Depot with the card. It has been such a big help to have the money for repairs and we are so grateful.



*Tim Timmer with Allyson*

## Firewood - Need Seasoned Wood!!

We have received calls from so many kind folks offering us firewood. They include **Broughton Lumber, SDS Lumber, Hood River County Forestry, Underwood Conservation District**, and a number of homeowners. A number of the referrals came from **Jean Godfrey** at the **Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers**. She kindly offered to include an article about us in their newsletter.

Unfortunately none of this donated wood can be sold this season - not seasoned enough! We are still looking for seasoned wood - so if you have fir or oak that has been down for a year, give us a call and we will pick it up - and give you a donation receipt!!

## Another Happy Birthday



guys!

**Corey** joined us just in time to celebrate his 19th birthday. We always celebrate birthdays and other special occasions . . . sometimes it is the first birthday party they have ever had! The parties are also a great time to practice setting the table and working on manners! We will be gearing up for a monster Thanksgiving party and Christmas cookie party - all made by the

*Thank you, as always, for reading our newsletter and keeping the faith! Hope you will join us on Saturday the 10th and . . . bring a friend! We will be having the best **BBQ** anywhere, the amazing band **Larkspur** will be playing, and we have great auction items, including golf adventures and a trip to Tuscany! Help us raise the money needed to buy our pickup and get us through the winter! Hope to see you there!*

## Become a Fan on our Facebook Page!



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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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Allyson Pate  
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