



WINGS

Work, housing, education and support for homeless young women and their children from the Gorge.

November 2018

I was so blessed to have two Thanksgivings this year. One with my family and one with my WINGS Family. We call our WINGS Thanksgiving "Friendsgiving" and we held it on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year was a wonderful, crazy, and joy-filled event with 30 adults, five kids and six babies - so so so fun!

As you can see, we have been blessed again this year with even more babies and healthy moms! The wonderful gentleman on the right is **Fritz Bachman**. He is the Director of Wasco Community Corrections and the hero who helps our program thrive! In the middle, as she is the heart and soul of our program, is **Brandi**. We love her and would be lost without her!!



I would have been lost without the help of Krystal and Cece!

Moms **Krystal** and **Cece** spent the day Saturday helping with everything from cranberry sauce to dessert. They were such a huge help - they even came early on Sunday to finalize the last minute details.



Look at these beautiful pies Krystal and Cece made!

So blessed to be joined by friends **Walt** and **Pam Davenport** and Board Member **Karon** and her husband **Max**. Unable to attend this year: **Patt Blake**, **Mady Blackburn** and **Billie Curry**, but we are SO grateful for their support!



Walt, Pam, Karon and Max

Below, sandwiched in the middle and holding Oliver, is our wonderful Board Member **Arwen Unger**. We are so grateful for all she does in our community!



Thank you, Arwen, for all you do!

The most memorable part of the evening is when each of our moms take a minute to talk about all of the success they have had this year. Here are the highlights:



Shannon moved into her own beautiful house with her gorgeous 11-year-old daughter, Ava, three months ago. She has almost three years clean and was just promoted to Leasing Agent at work. She is getting ready to launch a new ministry at Covenant Christian Church called *Freedom from Addiction*.



Ashlee graduated from WINGS a year ago, celebrated 2 years of sobriety on November 4, got a car, moved into her own place with her son, Kayson, got her DHS case closed, became a certified peer mentor and started work helping other moms in their recovery. And, of course, in the picture she is holding someone else's baby!

Rachel was one of our first graduates and she is doing great raising her beautiful daughter Sophia, working full time, and helping others. She has her own car, her own place and she is doing great!



Alyssa graduated from WINGS and moved into her own place in August with her boyfriend Ryan and adorable son Izaiah. She graduated from FDC, graduated to bench probation, got her own car, a full time job, and is in the process of getting hearing aids. She will celebrate 16 months sober in December.



Mitzi graduated from WINGS and got off probation last year. She celebrated two years clean on Nov. 5th. She reunited with her oldest son, is busy raising Thomas, Hannah and darling Natalee with fiancé Nick. But best of all, she became our newest staff member in May. What a wonderful addition to the team!



Krystal is celebrating 15 months sober. She delivered beautiful Oliver into our family 10 months ago. She got her license, insurance and a car. She has completed two terms of her GED. She is graduating from FDC December 11th, has finished her 12 steps, and starts work Jan 1st!



Aspen is a great mom to 2 1/2-year-old Lydia. She moved into WINGS two months ago, is graduating from her parenting class, has almost finished her GED, and is four months sober.

Unable to attend Friendsgiving, but also doing great are Shelby, Christina, Ashley O, Heather, Lupita, Amanda and Annie!



Cece delivered her beautiful baby Isaiah clean and sober two months ago and moved into WINGS the next day. She just got her license and her first car. She has been sober for 10 months and has almost completed her diploma.

WINGS has been helping young people for 12 years this week, and with your help, every day we are able to celebrate big and small successes! We can continue to make a difference with your support.

Please take a minute and log onto www.getwings.net/donation1.html and help share the bounty of the season. Happy Holidays!!

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Give Them Wings, Inc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation doing business as WINGS. WINGS offers formerly homeless young women and their children from the Columbia Gorge Region everything they need to learn to be employable and sustainable. We offer a home, work, training, continuing education, and all types of support to young women with children.

*Sincerely,
Allyson Pate
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