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Yikes - already October - where did September go? Well, August was officially the best month ever! We had an amazing fund raising event, we finished and sold our remodel in one day, and got another NAILBA grant - whooo hoooo!



What a wonderful night! Thanks so much to all who attended our fundraiser ,and those who could not attend, but donated! We raised over \$32,000 - how crazy great is that? Big thanks to **Steve Bickford** and **Linda** from **Mt Hood Winery** - the venue was beautiful and the wine was delicious!!



Beautiful Mt Hood Winery



Could not have done this without my amazing board: **Lisa Brown, Elise Venusti, Glenn Taylor, Paul Dezurick, Charlene Fort, Debbie Dennis, Karon Peterson, Ruby Mason** and **Deirdre Kasberger.**

Mark Whitehead, formerly of **Blossoms Catering**, started his own catering biz, **Ahi's Ohana Catering Co.**, and people are still talking about how good the food was! Sound and light effects were supplied by **Mal** and **Jon** of **Gorge Sound and Light**. And we were wonderfully entertained by **Jenny** and **Chris** of **Black Juniper**, **Amber and the Pale Ales**, and **Moe Dixon**.



Thanks to Amber and the Pale Ales!



So grateful to all of the volunteers including **Susan McGinnis, Kate Cassidy,** and **Paula Maden**. Hugs to **Susie Pitts** for the great photos! **Cathy Carter** - you rock - thank you for your help with the dinners! All of our amazing staff helped out

as well - thanks to **Shawn, Walt, Petrina,** and newest members, **Alan** and **Gina!**



We are so grateful to all who provided auction items including: **Indian Creek, Raven's Nest, Full Sail, Holiday Spa, Springhouse Cellars, Cabi Fashions, Jan Byrkit** and the amazing **Charlene Fort!**



The highlight of the evening was the speeches by the guys - so great to hear them share their stories and let everyone know what a difference this program has made for them! Thank you again to all of you who

shared our beautiful evening and helped us sustain our program.



We were so proud of the guys

House Remodel



All done - Cute, huh??

We did it - finished the house in five months from the day we started - which was pretty amazing, as we only worked 3.5 days per week and every day was a learning experience. The guys gained so much and it was amazing and educational for *all* of us.



Ryan putting in more insulation!!



Living Room, Dining Room combo!



The Master looks out over the park-like backyard!



Kitchen with all the bells and whistles!

The best part was that the house sold THE FIRST DAY it was on the market to a darling couple who had been looking for a year! They walked in and said, "This is it!" Thanks so much to Board Member and great pal, **Ruby Mason**, for all of her hard work as our broker! And thanks to owner of **Glenn Taylor Windermere Real Estate**, **Kim Salvesen**, for all of her support!



County Inspector Mark gives us Final Approval!

The last few weeks were very crazy - but the end result was awesome - and yes we are already looking for our next project! We were so excited to get our final approval - thanks to all who went the extra mile!

To celebrate the sale we had a "Thanks to our Subs" Party in the backyard with ribs and all the fixings! Thanks again to **Dan Homer Construction, Land Electric, Bryan Mears and Honke Heating** - these guys are amazing!



Rachel Suits, of the Master Gardener Program, teaches guys about plants!



Lots of ribs consumed at the Thank You Party!



The amazing Max

We would still be working without the wonderful help of **Max** and **Karon Peterson**. Max was an amazing help with all of the small details and Karon would always show up with food to keep us going - thanks you two!

I want to take a minute and bless **Walt**. In five months he managed to tear down and build a wonderful house with a crew of enthusiastic and yet uneducated young men. He never lost his cool, always had a smile and didn't kill me. Walt - you rock!



Big thanks to Bev & Darrell for all of the donated soil and a yummy lunch!



Walt



4000 sq ft of sod - and Walt working on the last minute details!

WINGS Dinner Parties

We had a very successful kickoff to our **Dinner Parties** at *Starry Starry Nights*. We sold out all but one of our 2014 dinners. We do have reservations left for some really wonderful parties in 2015, so I hope you will log on to our web site and see what is available: www.getwings.net. All proceeds go directly to **WINGS**. Some very kind folks are opening their homes, will be preparing some wonderful dishes, and will serve some great wines to make it more special. Hope you will check them out!



I do have to say I completely screwed up when setting up our Dinner Series. I want to publicly apologize to the Heart of Hospice Foundation for any inference or implication that our events were a continuation of, or authorized by, Heart of Hospice Foundation. So sorry to all!

Boathouse Bash



This month we had a wonderful first dinner. **Cathy Carter** held a great event at her boathouse and served a bounty of crab and all of the fixings! The perfect evening was capped off with lots of laughter and wonderful wine from **Kris and Steven** of *Analemma Wine*. Thanks as well to **Karin Duncker** of *Cooking in My Heels* who provided the dessert and appetizers, and to all of the nice folks who volunteered and made the evening so special!

NAILBA Grant

Big shout out to **Jess Wardwell** of *CPS-Impact Insurance* in White Salmon. He is a member of **NAILBA** - the *National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies*. Their charitable foundation donated \$265,000 this year - and WINGS was granted \$5,000 for tools and a work trailer! So grateful to Jess for his recommendation and this amazing organization. We can't wait to start shopping!



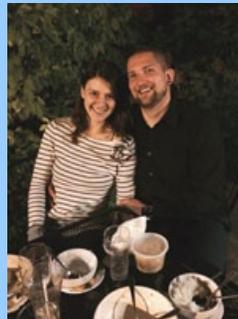
Thank you Jess!

Birthdays Abound!

Both **Dillon** and **Shawn** and our new Houseparent **Gina** had birthday dinners in August - fun, yummy, and a great way for the guys to practice their table manners! Happy birthday you three!!



Dillon and Shawn share a birthday!



Welcome and Happy Birthday Gina (and Alan)!

Phase 2 Expands

We have added even more women into our Phase 2 program in The Dalles. When **Tia** and **Shyanne**, with six month old **Darrell**, move in this weekend, we will have five women and three kids under five off the street and receiving services! This is **Petrina's** project and she is doing a great job!

WISH LIST

Please check out our list and call **Petrina** at 307-247-0673 if you can help with any of these items:

- Twin or full beds
- Dressers
- Crib and stroller
- Computers - PC laptops preferred
- Household items
- Dirt or street bikes

Work and Wood

I want to apologize to everyone we were not able to help this summer, and to all of you who have patiently waited for firewood. The house took much longer than we thought. With the cooler weather, we are able to start bringing in fir before the rain and getting our firewood biz back up and running. Hopefully by mid-October, we will have filled our existing orders and be able to start taking new orders! We are selling dry fir for \$195 with a \$35 delivery charge. Stacking is available for an extra \$50 per cord! You can call me at **541-380-3820** to get on the list!

Thank you all for your support! It means so much to look into a homeless person eyes and be able to say, "we can help". There is no funding for these people, and I feel so blessed that we have been the safety net for over 80 young people. Thank you for keeping us going!

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 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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