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As the song goes, "Oh what a night!" Last month we held our Second Annual *Starry Starry Nights* event at **Lakecliff!** It was the best night ever - filled with old and new friends, music, great food and so much kindness! And we raised over **\$30,000!**



It is a party!

barn/schoolroom project - see below for info on our barn raising!

Thanks so much for our **Friends of WINGS** who could not attend, yet sent in a donation - so nice - so generous!!

So many people to thank - I want to start with our amazing staff who are the heart and soul of WINGS. We could not do this without **Walt, Shawn, Petrina, Rob, Terri, Don and Tiffany.**

Over the last 6 1/2 years, **WINGS** has changed the lives of over 85 young men, 9 women, 7 children, and none of this would be possible without the help of our wonderful supporters. This money will get us through the lean winter months and help us complete our



Thanks to Willie & Nelson for rocking us out!



Gary, Dave, Ruby & Patt!

Of course we have the most amazing Board and they really outdid themselves with their help with the event. We love **Lisa Brown, Elise Venusti, Charlene Fort, Debbie Dennis, Karon Peterson, Ruby Mason, Mady Blackburn, Paul Dezurick, Jan Brending** and honorary member, **Patt Blake.**

Big shout out to **Mark Whitehead** and the crew of *Ahi's Ohana Catering* for the wonderful food. The amazing **Lucy** provided the flowers and *Riverhood Rentals* provided rentals! Thank you **Rich Cushman** for the great wine provided by *Viento!* The **WINGS-women** in our

Gorge-Us GF Bakery made the desserts - YUM! Thanks to **Bob & Jayne** for bartending - so nice! Thanks as well to **Gary Blake, Paula and Jason Maden, Laurie Schmidt** - and as always to my amazing husband, **James.**



Karon and Max - you rock!



Thanks to The Columbiaires!!

The fabulous musicians were the highlight of the evening! We were entertained by **3 Speed Trio**, who played jazz during the cocktail hour, the a cappella trio, **The Columbiaires**, who entertained during dinner, then the wonderful **Willie & Nelson** had everyone up and dancing.

Of course the best part of the evening were the speeches. This year, **Jamison, Kaiel, Sergei, Melissa and Emily** spoke from the heart and shared their gratitude for all they have received from WINGS - not a dry eye in the place!



Jamison making us all cry!

Starry Starry Nights was the kickoff for our second **WINGS Dinner Series**. We had 15 wonderful events to chose from - and nine have sold out! Everything from picnics to gourmet dinners at favorite wineries. Four of our favorite chefs are cooking and so many wonderful friends are hosting events - for a complete list [click here!](#)



25 great Silent Auction donations and 3 Speed Trio playing in the back!

Thanks to to all of the kind folks who gave items for our silent auction. We want to thank our restaurant friends; **Brian's Pourhouse, Columbia Gorge Hotel, Romuls, and Raven's Nest. Syncline** spoiled us with wine and **Jan Byrkit** offered a beautiful tunic. Special thanks to the **Hood River Inn, Stoked** and **Springhouse Cellars** for wonderful donations! A much fought over item was a helicopter ride by **Bob Neihaus!** Thanks to all!!

It was such a fun and wonderful evening and we feel very blessed by all of this support!



All Ashore for Chicken Charlie Island!

Chicken Charlie Island

Speaking of fun - the first event we are offering this year is coming up this Saturday, Sept 12. We are looking for **friends with boats** who would be willing to ferry out folks

to the island in exchange for a rare treat to visit the island, a gourmet lunch and a geology talk by **Lee Fairchild!** Please call Allyson at 541-380-3820 if you are available from 11-3 on the 12th!

Prime Rib Regatta



Everyone had a great time! Thanks Steve & Laurie

BIG thanks to **Laurie and Steve Schmidt**. They served up the perfect combination of great food, great view and great evening! Laurie pulled out all of the stops with a wonderful meal and the guests so enjoyed hanging out on the deck watching the regatta! Thanks you two!!



Wow - what a view!

Best of WA



Speaking of wonderful evenings, **Will & Annette Swope** hosted Best of WA last month at their beautiful home in Underwood. Wow, what a view and what a setting! **Big Man Rotisserie** served great food, **Everybody's Brewing** spoiled us with six different growlers of beer, and **Analema Winery** donated delicious wines - it was so fun! Thanks so much to all!



Thanks so much Will & Annette!



Even Duke got into the act!

United Way



Thanks to Ali and United Way!

Isn't **Ali Church** the best? She is the Campaign Manager of **United Way of the Gorge**. **WINGS** was very pleased to have received the first half of a very generous \$5,000 donation last month at a delightful afternoon event. **WINGS** is using the money to launch our **Gorge-Us GF Bakery**. Our formerly homeless moms are baking at the **Innovation Kitchen** at **CGCC** and selling at the local Farmer's Markets - look for us Thursday in Hood River and Saturdays in The Dalles.

Yeah for Jamison!

Jamison has received his GED and has a great new job and a fresh paint job on his truck! Moved into Phase Two and is on his way! Way to go!! Proud of you!



Birthdays!



Happy BD Tiffany - won't say which one!

Just last month, **Tiffany**, who is running **Gorge-Us GF Bakery** for us, celebrated her day with her posse!

Happy Birthday to **Shawn** - who says he is not having birthdays any more - looks like a party to me!



Happy "not having any more" Birthday!

Barn Raising



Kim

Our very sad barn had to be torn down and we are having a community barn raising to build our new barn/classroom on **October 24** (weather dependent)! If you are at all handy please join us!! Lunch will be provided and we are hoping to get the walls up and roof on in one day! Materials have been provided by a grant from the **Employees Community Fund of Portland**. The wonderful **Kim Salvesen**, owner of **Windermere Glenn Taylor Real Estate**, helped us receive a grant from the **Windermere Foundation**, which we will use to pour the foundation!



Lavender Plants for Sale

WINGS has been donated LOTS of large (2' tall x 3' wide) mature Lavender plants. We are selling them for \$35 each. If you are interested, please email Allyson and we can arrange pick up or delivery!
allyson@getwings.net





AMAZON

Buy items though **Amazon**? Then you can donate to **WINGS**! [Click here to get started](#). Sign in and type "**Give Them Wings Inc, dba WINGS**" in the search box. On the next screen, click on "Select" next to the WINGS name! Now you will see "Supporting: Give Them Wings Inc, dba WINGS" below the search box. A tiny portion of every sale goes to WINGS - every little bit helps!

Petrina!

Our amazing Petrina is looking for a small one bedroom studio or cottage in Hood River! She is hoping to pay around \$500 per month plus utilities! Please call her at 307-247-0673!

Thank you again to all who make this program possible! We so appreciate the work, the donations and all of the support! Your kindness keeps us going - in so many ways! Bless you all!

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 and women 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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