



WINGS

Work, housing, education and support for homeless
18-23 year old young men and women from the Gorge.

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Starry Night

Ohhh, what a night! It was magical! 150 friends and family of WINGS joined us at **Lakecliff** for a toasty evening of fun, generosity and caring! So many, many people to thank!



Board member Karon & tennis pals!

these amazing women and their wonderful spouses. At the event we took a moment to remember two dear board members who have passed - **Elise Venusti** and **Paul Dezurick**.

Hardworking staff included **Shawn Bergman, Brandi Shuman, Linda Williams,** and **Walt Davenport**.

Thanks too, to **Representatives Mark Johnson** and **Chuck Thomsen** for joining us and for their continued support.



Paula & Jason - we would have been lost without you!

months. [Click here](#) to see which dinners are still available.

Table Donors included **Representatives Mark Johnson & Chuck Thomsen, Susan Gabay, Karon & Max Peterson, Lisa & Mal Brown, Bernadette & Corey Williams, Ruby Mason & the Glenn Taylor Windermere Office**. They really turned the tide to sell out our event!

A big shout out to my amazing board - **Lisa Brown, Karon Peterson, Charlene Fort, Erika Doring, Mady Blackburn, Ruby Mason** and **Patt Blake**. All of the amazing decorations, auction items and dinners are all due to the hardworking support of



Board member Charlene - watching over the auction items!

We love the volunteers who made our event possible - especially **Paula** and **Jason Maden**. Thanks as well to our **Dinner Series** hosts - without all of them this evening would not be possible. This year's **Dinner Series** has 12 fantastic events scheduled for the next 12



Everyone checking out the Dinner Series selection!

Want to thank **Mark Whitehead** and his Crew -



Thanks Kit - you played beautifully!

amazing!

During the dinner, we shared that for nine years WINGS has been providing clean & sober housing, work, job training, life skills, continuing education and all types of support for homeless, unemployed young people from the Gorge. We had photos on the tables of so many of the young people we have helped.



Thanks to Willie & Nelson - you guys really rock!



Brandi (left) and I are so looking forward to moving these beautiful moms into their new home in October!

We have two homes for homeless young men in Hood River, and will be consolidating our women's apartments into a great new house in The Dalles later this Fall. With Wasco County's support we hope to open men's transitional housing in The Dalles by the end of the year!

We started **Gorge-Us Gluten Free Bakery** with our moms and everyone loved the desserts we made together!

We started **Gorge-Us Gluten**

We also shared that WINGS is in transition. Sadly, due to budget issues, we had to close our work program. We will be joining forces with **MCCOG** to be able to offer our training skills to even more young people later this year. During the dinner we celebrated **Walt Davenport**. His giant heart and wonderful calm have guided our work program for over four years.



Walt - you are the greatest!



So many great auction items!

We are proud to be joining forces with special guest **Fritz Osborne**, and Wasco County. This will enable us to expand our scope of services - more housing for men and women and more youth-based services, including recovery meetings, more peer

mentoring and more work training.

We asked our young people to speak and they were amazing. First was **Daren**. Daren was our first WING-man - he came to share how

far he has come in nine years! **Kevin** spoke about how grateful he is and how much WINGS has helped him. **David** wowed us with his gratitude and speech **Rachel** spoke beautifully and made us laugh. **Lupita** overcame her shyness



Daren - our first WING-man - returned for our event!



Great, work Kevin!



David - what a great speech!



Rachel - we are so proud of your progress!

and did a great job! Our newest



Newest Mom Heather showing off Terrance!



Ashley - you made us all cry! Thank you!

mom, **Heather**, spoke and brought along her darling son **Terrance**. **Ashley** slayed guests with her honesty - not a dry eye in the house. Sooo moving.

My only regret was that after Ashley's speech I forgot to thank **James**. WINGS would not be here

without my darling husband's kindness, hard work and support!

Four other thank yous I wanted to share. **Will and Annette Swope** have been crazy, wonderful supporters of WINGS for a number of years and even though they are shy about their support, their donation made this event especially successful!



Will & Annette! We love you guys!



Big hugs to Ruby & Kim! Thanks so much!

When our darling **Elise** passed away, **Ruby**, her good friend and agent at **Glenn Taylor Windermere Real Estate**, got the listing to sell Elise's house. We were so excited to learn that good friends **Sharon & Rob Guidera** bought the house! Ruby and **Kim Salvesen-Pauly**, owner of **Glenn Taylor**

Windermere, decided to share a portion of their commission

with WINGS and we could not be more grateful!

Throughout the evening, a number of folks came up to volunteer services for both the men's and women's programs - so nice! But the highlight was a friend of a friend, who came up to me after Ashley's speech and said, "My name is **Dave Jubitz** and I build play structures. When you get your moms' house open, I will come and build you a play structure." I burst into tears.



Special thanks to Dave Jubitz and Kid's Backyard Store for the promise of a play structure!



Will, Linda and Goose! We are so grateful!

A final wonderful blessing. **Will and Linda Chamberlain** invited me over and presented us with a amazingly wonderful donation after the event. I was overwhelmed!!

We made new friends, received wonderful offers of support and raised **\$44,000**.

How crazy great was that? Thank you again to all who attended, and those who donated and were unable to attend. It was a such a special night and without all of this kindness and support we would not be able to continue to give these young people . . . WINGS.



Cindy and Carlene sold out the wine wall!

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.

*Sincerely,
Allyson Pate
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