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Help us help homeless young men
in the Gorge.

2009 WINGS HOE-DOWN!

Saturday, **New Date!**
November 14 • 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Mt. Hood Town Hall

6575 Hwy 35, Mt. Hood/Parkdale, OR



Please join us for the Second Annual Hoe-Down on November 14th at Mt Hood Town Hall. It will be a great party with amazing BBQ, dancing with Larkspur, poker and loads of great wine and golf auction items - even a week in Ireland! Tickets are available online, or at Waucoma or Small Planet. We hope to raise enough money to get through the winter. If you can't make it, please consider logging on to our web site, www.getwings.net, and making a contribution.

Even with all of the blessings listed below, we really need your support!

Meyer Memorial Trust

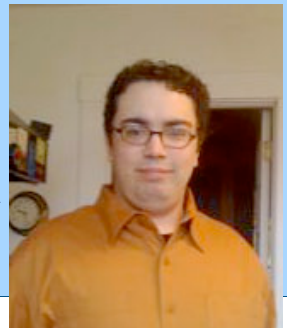


Meyer Memorial Trust

We are very honored to have been awarded an \$8,000 grant from the **Meyer Memorial Trust**. This is one of the most prestigious funders and we are thrilled to have been selected. The money will be used to pay for the education, volunteer coordination and vocational training components of the program. Special thanks to **Paula and Melanie** for their hard work and patience with me!

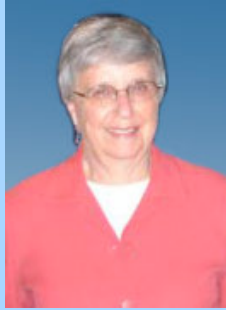
He Graduated!

You remember **Daren**. He and I have been friends for a few years and Daren became the model around which we built our program. He became our first WING-man when he moved in last December. He helped develop the structure and course of our program and hung in through the ups and downs of a start-up. We are proud to say that, at a



recent board pot luck, Daren completed his steps toward graduation of Phase I by speaking eloquently and poignantly about what he learned from being a part of WINGS. He has his own place, is working part time as my assistant and volunteering three nights a week at Soul Café. Congrats Daren!!!

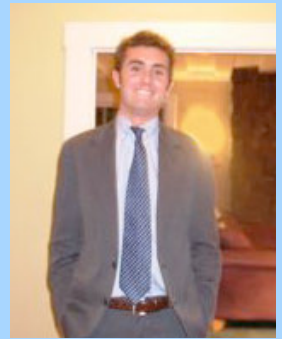
Thanks Anne!



Our darling **Anne Cathey** has retired from our board after three years of service to spend more time with her family. Her warmth and support were invaluable to me as we worked to get the program up and running. She will be missed!!

What a Guy!

Adam, our Americorp Member, has completed his year of service and we are so grateful for his unending support, hard work and kindness. We could not have done all of this without him! He has a new job in Portland and is on his way. Thank you, Adam, so much!



New Board Member - Terri Johanson



What a find! **Terri**, and her husband **Gary**, had the guys out for a work day and then expressed interest in serving on the board. Terri has a dazzling background in college and state agency administration among a myriad of other wonderful work experiences. Currently she is "retired" but continues to consult for the Dept. of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. In her spare time she is an amazing glass artist - you should see her sinks -

wow! Terri - so proud to have you on board!

New Snow Blower

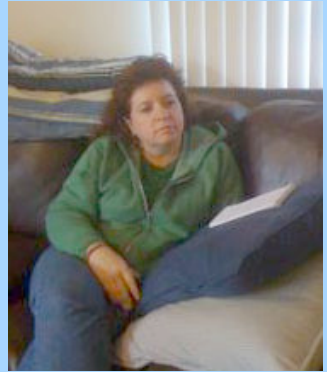
We are sending such a BIG HUG to **Pat McAllister**, CEO of **Hood River Supply**. He heard that WINGS was actively looking for a snow blower so



we could do snow removal work and make money through the winter! He came to our rescue and donated a new snow blower . . . Pat, we can't thank you enough!

RaeLynn - you ROCK!

Big hug to **RaeLynn Ricarte**, intrepid reporter for the Hood River News. She did a followup story on WINGS that will run on Saturday. She interviewed the guys at the house and did a great job of dragging info out of them. Don't miss her *Hero's Spaghetti Feed* and packing party at the Armory on the 21st for our soldiers overseas.



More Work Contracts

We are very proud to start a short-term contract with the **Hood River County Forest Department**. We will be working in the woods, doing trail maintenance and we so appreciate the support and work! Our thanks to **Henry Buckalew** and **Jim Thorton** for putting this together.



Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation



As always, we want to thank **Rena Whittaker** and the Foundation for their support of the WINGS program. Their fund raiser is Saturday, Nov. 7, and support of the Foundation does so many good things in the community - including providing WING-men with medical and mental health support - thanks so much!!

We are on TV!

Not sure if you saw the video last month but we were so blessed that **Elaine Busby Thompson** selected WINGS to



be on her show, *Making a Difference*. To check it out go to cgn7.columbiagorge.com/. Once there click on the "On-Demand" box under the live streaming screen - then click on Making a Difference and then click on Episode 4.

Small Planet Trading - Thursday, Nov. 12

What a blessing! **Small Planet** is the amazingly wonderful Free Trade store in Hood River, located at 202 Cascade Ave. They have a program called *Common Good Thursday* at which they donate 25% of their sales to a local non-profit. Next Thursday, from 10 - 6, their sales will be benefiting WINGS. Please stop in and get a wonderful Holiday gift, green supplies or buy your Hoe-Down tickets. Thanks so much **DeLona** and **Karen!!**

How You Can Help:

Of course, we could use help financially to get through the winter and we so hope you will join us for the Hoe-Down by logging onto getwings.net, but we also need your time and energy. If you can give an evening a week or an afternoon a month, drive the guys to school or teach them something you do well - anything from refinishing furniture to changing oil or making spaghetti - we need your help!! Please call Allyson at 541-380-3810 with info or questions.

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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