Spreading our Wings

Upcoming Prison Party Dates

- **Silver Screen Cowboy Show**
  - Benefit Concert
  - 11-12-10 in Albuquerque
  - Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers Band
  - From Palm Springs, CA

- **16th Wings Ministry Christmas Party**
  - Saturday — Dec. 11, 2010
  - Sandia Valley Nazarene Church
  - 2315 Markham Rd. SW 877-2040
  - I-25 S. to Isleta exit—N. on Isleta 2.5 miles to Markham Rd.—Left to church.

Donations of cookies, paper supplies, crafts and money for pizza are appreciated for all parties!

- Dec. 4—Southeastern Correctional Institution—Lancaster, OH
- Dec. 11—16th Albuquerque Christmas Party—Sandia Church of the Nazarene 2-4 Set-up; Party 4-7 PM
- Feb. 5—Grants Women’s Prison Party
- Jan. 22—Hutchins State Jail—Dallas, TX
- Feb. 26—Coffee Creek Women’s Prison Party—Portland, OR

Volunteers are needed for all prison parties. Security clearances are required usually 4-6 weeks before date of party. Call 1-505-291-6412 to get your name on the list or email AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org.

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Fall 2010

Executive Director’s Report—Ann Edenfield Sweet

Wings and Wings for L.I.F.E. (WFL) continues to expand and grow. We have been averaging 70+ people at each WFL meeting this fall. We currently have 10 men and 10 women from the NM Recovery Academies joining us each week, as well as residents from Dierson Charities—a federal halfway house here in Albuquerque.

I’m constantly amazed at all the incredible people I get to meet through Wings. We type up comments from each Wings Party as well as each WFL meeting.

Comments from Wings Parties:

- Without hearts like yours, there would be less love in the world.
- Wings Parties give inmates a reason to behave.
- Wings Parties brings family together. Lets other family members who don’t attend church hear the Word of God.
- Wings Parties encourages family involvement in Christianity and positive values.
- We need them. We are still people & need each other.

Comments from Wings For L.I.F.E. (WFL):

- WFL has taught me to find good in everyone.
- WFL helps me to stay positive & never give up.
- WFL helps keep families together & how to find resources.
- I’ve learned at WFL that my decisions effect the outcome of my life tomorrow.
- WFL has taught me to listen & be a good learner.
- I get to meet new people & learn things from the speakers.
- WFL has taught me how to deal with everyday life.
- I’m growing as I’m learning. I love WFL!

Operation Starting Line—Prison Ministry Collaborators

Dallas Meeting—Sam Pack Car Museum—Oct. 12, 2010

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Los Lunas—The Farm
Wings Party
9-18-10

Throwing “Frisbees” with dad.
Games—Mixers—Fun!

Eating with family & new friends.

Great Music

I see a “Rainbow”

Daily Guideposts, Devotionals & new Bibles
Turtles & “Survival Skills” booklet from Biblica

Noah & “the Ark”
Memorial Gifts
Honor Loved Ones

One of the many ways that our ministry partners can honor a loved one or reflect the care that a loved one displayed during his/her lifetime is to make a Memorial Gift to Wings Ministry. We appreciate these gifts and wish to acknowledge them and the loved ones on whose behalf they were given.

In honor of Ed & Jean Robertson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Ron & Glenda Nichols

Special Thanks to our Generous Sponsors

- Archie Archuleta Designs
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- Jim & Patsy Zanios

New friends
L'eggs “Frisbees”
Dancing & Family Fun

Wings Team & Chaplain John Compton
Retired Pastor Shares—Rev. Dave McConaughy

Angel Tree - Empathy - Wings Ministry

An "Angel Tree" in a church foyer provides names of children with a parent in prison. Pick a name - any name - and begin an adventure, an adventure that can take you as far as you "care" to go. Get a few presents for a little girl who likes butterflies. An end or a beginning? Follow up. Start writing to a mother who has been alone and isolated for about three years, now nearing the end of her sentence. "You have mail!" Friendship and love and hope grow. Oh joy! Room in an Albuquerque halfway house. Six months to find a job, become self-sustaining, and begin a new life. An ending, and a beginning: a journey to a new life, a roller coaster experience: rise up to hope, and descend to despair, to frustration, up and down and round and round.

As a friend who wants to help, it is an eye-opening experience. With understanding of the "system" comes empathy. What’s it like to be in her place, with all the emotions and challenges? As a novice, how can I help to make an impossible dream come true? How can one navigate the maze? Resources take time to explore. Communication is slow and there are dead ends. "Detour, find alternate route." Endless barriers and regulations: Doors are locked to "felons". Phone access is very limited and costs precious money. Parole regulations are there for a reason: "You can’t be with previous associates or known felons". So how does one meet new people to begin a new life? How can one do everything at once? Time is running out.

A trusted friend suggests Wings Ministry, Bingo! Here’s a key that opens doors: Ann and staff members to help with practical suggestions. Here are people who care, new friends to support and share the journey. Speakers provide an understanding of the way forward and motivation to keep on keeping on. There’s education in job skills, manners, attitudes, contact with resource people, life stories from folks who have "been there," and a chance for learning conversation skills for returning citizens who have been out of the loop. It’s wings to fly over barriers, to provide hope and uplift. It’s like being able to leap over tall buildings in a single bound, almost. It’s a place where I can go with my new friend, where we can talk and explore the possible solutions to problems that arise, and to share encouragement, spirit to spirit.

The journey is not over. There are still delays. "Halt! Who goes there?" Ah, who indeed? It’s not just me, or thee, but we, finding the way together with our friends at Wings. It’s love personified. Thanks! Dave

Make a Difference Day 10-25-10

Empty trash bags

Full bags—ready to finish filling the dumpster!
Wings Participates in Community Outreach

PNM Community Assistance Fair 10-27-10

Santa Rosa Prison Party 11-13-10

Homeless Fair 10-16-10

Crafts with Dad

Chaplain Kevin Opatz

Singing—Bible story—Wings Team—Human Turkeys!

Turkeys!
The WINGS Flyer #24

Wings participates in
1st NM MOM
Mission of Mercy
Dental Clinic for 2100+

YES—the Tooth Fairy was there too!

FREE Bike Helmet

Fashion show—Looks at those models!

Original Song by Springer Inmate
Sung at Springer Wings Party

Jesus how you’re there for me.
Jesus how you care for me.
You are all of my love in my life,
And I’ll love you for the rest of my life.

Jesus how I need you so badly.
Jesus how I love you to hold me.
Jesus I need you.
You are the love in my life.
Oh ya—my Lord, oh ya, my Lord,
Oh ya, my Jesus

Jesus how you’re there for me.
Jesus how you care for me.
And Jesus I love you.
You’re my Jesus.
You’re my Jesus.
4th Wings Party
Springer Correctional Center
Springer, NM 11-2-10

LOVE—Friends—Family—Bible Stories—Singing—Crafts—LOVE

GREAT volunteers & Warden Martinez & his wife Sue & Chaplain McLeroy & his wife Ingrid.
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www.WingsForLifeABQ.blogspot.com
For information about Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meetings.

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WISH LIST

Donations towards:

♦ Office supplies, toner, paper, shredder, conference chairs
♦ Salaries for TN, CO, OH, FL & NM staff (ABQ, Las Cruces, Roswell, Santa Fe, & other parts of the state)
♦ Storage area—empty garage?

Volunteers:

♦ HS/college student—Help/website
♦ Office administrators & assistants
♦ Kitchen teams & food for Wings for L.I.F.E. Albuquerque

Fun!

A child of a prisoner is faced with a daunting future.
Children of inmates have a 70% chance of ending up in prison themselves!*
But this does not have to be!
Your gift can make a difference in the life of a child!

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500
☐ Other $__________
☐ I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in my area.

Wings Ministry
Reunites Families & Restores Hope

Vision: Christ’s unconditional love shared with all families of prisoners.

Thank You!

*Bureau of Justice Statistics