



# Wings Ministry Annual Report 2009



## Wings Ministry Vision—

Christ's unconditional love shared with all families of prisoners.

## Wings Ministry Mission—

Wings Ministry brings families of prisoners and Christian volunteers together as children of God by:

- Building relationships that transform both the lives of the families, volunteers and Christian communities.
- Conducting joyous celebrations of Christ's unconditional love that breaks down barriers.
- Providing interdenominational mission opportunities for Christian communities worldwide.

## Letter From Board President – The Rev. Dr. Paul Collins

As we charge into a new decade, we reflect on 2009 and have witnessed the hand of God on the ever expanding outreach of Wings. We were thrilled to see the accomplishment of our affiliates in Tennessee and Roswell achieve their 501c3 non-profit status. Hats off to Shelly Currier, Director of Wings in Roswell, and Mary Ann Gay, Director in Warren County Tennessee, for their outstanding leadership.

Another milestone was met when we opened up our brand new Wings office in Albuquerque. This has been a long time dream that is finally a reality, through the voluntary pledges of friends of Wings around the country. We thank and praise God for our dedicated supporters.

Wings for L.I.F.E. continues to

expand and we deeply appreciate the congregation of the Trinity United Methodist Church that has opened up its doors to hold WFL meetings twice a month. They join Second Presbyterian Church in Martineztown in hosting the weekly meetings for the benefit of the families of those who are incarcerated.

The Wings Board of Directors and staff look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of us in 2010. Continuous growth of Wings in the State of Ohio and possible future new opportunities in Las Cruces, NM, Florida, Texas, and Alaska keep us moving forward under the dynamic leadership of our Executive Director. Our annual Wings Banquet in July will mark our 15th anniversary and as a famous missionary once said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God."



**2009: 3971 people attended a Wings event. 12,625 annual hours of volunteer time. Estimated value of \$196,483!**



## Letter from the Executive Director – Ann Edenfield Sweet

2009 has been an exciting year! Our Roswell and Tennessee programs have matured and are now their own 501c3 organizations. Our goal has always been to help our affiliates become independent, and I'm so blessed to be able to be friends with and to work with such competent, dedicated, and caring women as Shelly Currier in Roswell and MaryAnn Gay in Tennessee!

In 2009 our Wings for L.I.F.E. program won the prestigious APPA—America Probation and Parole Associations **National Award of Excellence for Crime Prevention!** What an honor this was! WFL continues to grow and in 2009 averaged 36 people at each meeting.

It's hard to believe that on December 12 we celebrated our 15th annual Wings Christmas Party in Albuquerque and the beginning of our 15th year. I hope you'll plan to join us on Friday, July 23, in Albuquerque for our 15th Anniversary Celebration Banquet. Prison Fellowship President Mark Earley has agreed to be our keynote speaker, and we plan to

recognize Jim and Patsy Zanios, of Zanios Foods, for their 15 years of faithful support for every Wings Party in the State of New Mexico. We also want to recognize Guideposts Magazine, as they also have supported us since the very first Wings Party in 1995 and have provided magazines, books, and sweaters for all our parties in 12 states and many prisons.

Of course Wings wouldn't exist without all our dedicated and caring volunteers! There were at least 837 volunteers who helped us last year, and that does not count all the volunteers in Roswell or Tennessee affiliates! We also have an amazing small part-time staff who work tirelessly and help so many people.

Another special joy for me this year has been the participation of my husband Doug in most parties and WFL meetings, and the involvement of my sons in Wings events.

THANKS to everyone for your love and support and for helping me follow my calling. I can't wait to see what this new year and decade will bring to Wings!



**APPA National Award of Excellence**

## 2009 Statistics from Wings Albuquerque & Wings International (Roswell & Tennessee statistics not included)

2009	Inmates	# Adults	# Child Guest	# Adult Vol	# Youth Vol	Prison Staff	Total Guests	Total Vol	Vol Hours	\$19.51/hr value	Churches
<b>ABQ Community Parties</b>	0	387	280	96	58	0	821	174	7002	\$86,781.62	80
<b>Prison Party Totals</b>	346	662	363	280	0	115	1816	278	3208	62,588.08	124
<b>ABQ Wings for L.I.F.E.</b>	0	725	204	363	42	0	1334	405	2415	47,116.65	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1774</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3971</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>12625</b>	<b>196,486.35</b>	<b>302</b>

### 2009 Statistics

- Donations of food, paper products, craft supplies, clothing, gifts, speakers, meeting space, radio & newspaper announcements for Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E are valued at \$420,319!
- 821 people attended 3 community Wings Parties Albuquerque.
- 1816 people attended 8 prison Wings Parties in NM, TN, and OH.
- 847 children and youth were ministered to at parties & WFL.
- Zanios Foods/Jim Zanios has provided all the food for our annual banquets and all the cookies, punch, and paper products for every NM Wings Party since 1995!
- Guideposts Magazine has provided magazines, books, sweaters, and other items for every Wings Party held anywhere for the past 15 years!



**LOVE**



### Special Thanks to our Sponsors!

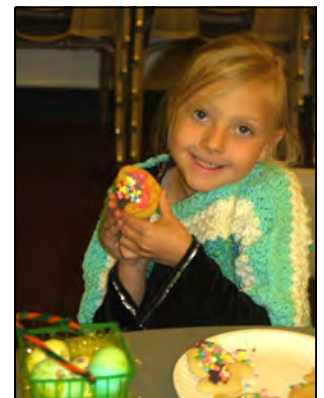
- Zanios Foods
- Guideposts Magazine
- Family Life Radio KFLQ, 91.5 FM
- High Noon Restaurant
- Domino's Pizza 5109 Coors Rd
- Cross of Hope Lutheran
- Koinonia Tapestry
- Trinity@TheMarketplace
- BH Capitol LTD
- Nicolas C. Nellos Memorial Fund for At-Risk Children of the ABQ Community Foundation
- Pepper's Ole Fashion BBQ
- YMCA of Central NM
- Second Presbyterian
- Trinity United Methodist

New banner — Gift from Joy Junction!



### Wings Parties & Wings for L.I.F.E.

Meals, hikes, new friends, games, crafts, family, crafts, discussion, games, community clean-up, relationships, FUN!



# Our dreams, prayers, & your support have provided us with a new office!

Our Dreams Give Us Wings

For 15 years Wings operated out of Ann Edenfield Sweet's home. On Dec. 8, 2009 at 10:00 am the keys to the new office were given to Ann. The Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center offered furniture to Wings at 11:00 am. By 1:00 Ann rented a 26' U-Haul truck, two men from the Dismas Halfway House arrived at the Rape CC & loaded furniture. By 6:00 pm Ann had returned the truck, the office was filled with furniture, and she made her speaking engagement at the Civitan Club.

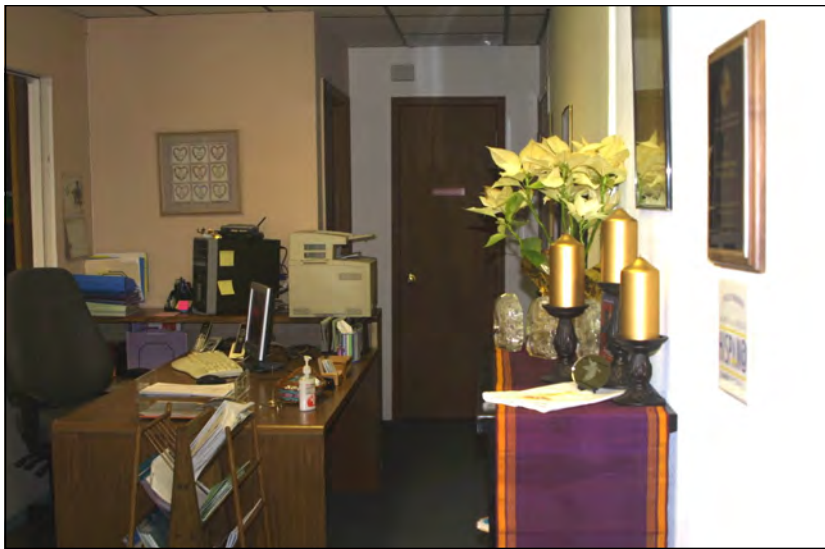
When it's in God's time, it all comes together. After 15 years it took less than 8 hours for Wings to have an office, furniture, and be moved in. What an awesome God we serve!

**THANKS to the Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center for the furniture!**



Front entry hall

Inmates & staff at Southeastern Correctional Institution in Lancaster, Ohio donated \$1,000 towards the office rent! **THANKS so much!**



Reception area connecting three rooms. ↑  
Executive Director's Office. ↓



Wall of shelves for tubs of party supplies.



Reception area looking into the conference room.



For our ministry to continue growing at this rate, we must expand our support base. PLEASE consider:

- Individual donations—no gift is too small
- Make a pledge today
- Church mission budgets
- Participate in **Change n' Lives** (Collect loose change for Wings)
- United Way
- Combined Federal Campaign #66605
- Gifts in-kind or stock, property, jewelry, etc.

Designated individual and church giving allows us to design our programs and staffing around ministry needs instead of one-time grant funding sources.

**Save the date!**

## 15th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

**Friday— July 23, 2010**

St. John's United Methodist Church  
 Tickets \$25 each  
 Tables: \$250—\$500—\$1,000

**Keynote Speaker—Prison Fellowship President & CEO Mark Earley**



A child of a prisoner is faced with a daunting prospect. 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  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in my area.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Wings Ministry is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit organization.  
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**Thank You!**  
 \*Bureau of Justice Statistics

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