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To: Whom It May Concern,

Ref: Wings for Life

Wings for Life provide an invaluable service to NMCD and to the people of NM, by maintaining, establishing and building family relationships. This has a direct impact on recidivism. NMCD’s goal is shared by Wings for Life to empower those incarcerated with opportunities to be productive, and law-abiding citizens. Family is a prime motivator that encourages inmates to change their lives.

I urge you all to consider Wings for Life for a grant.

Sincerely,

Jerry Roark,
NMCD/Director of Adult Prisons
Wings For LIFE International is honored to have a steady supply of volunteers from the community, civic organizations, faith community, and students from CNM, UNM, and NMHU. We are also privileged to have professionals as speakers, who are experts in their fields, including judges, PPO, public defenders, bankers, job trainers, parenting instructors, suicide & bully prevention, tattoo removal, drug testing, business owners, financial planners, etc.

We regularly ask our clients, volunteers, and speakers to provide feedback, in order to provide the best possible service to our clients. Please see a few of the comments below taken from this feedback.

“This program is very impressive. I was grateful to be a part of this organization. I love what they stand for and I love the community involvement that makes this program so useful for the population in which they serve. I think it's wonderful that someone thought of serving a community of families that have been devastated by the absence of their family member due to incarceration. This is great community outreach.”

“Fantastic organization which helps all the family members with everyday life skills to help them to function well. Very effective and efficient organization. Each person does matter to them!”

“This organization provides invaluable service to many, many people. They REALLY make a long-term difference!”

“Wings is a great place for families to get support. Wings has become like family to me. LOVE the staff, volunteers and people who join us on Mondays.”

“In a failed criminal justice system where recidivism prevails, Wings For L.I.F.E. shares light with those who are or have been incarcerated and their families. The programs are always encouraging and educational for this population. People need a hand up and not a closed door and Wings is there for the lucky ones.”

“Wonderful organization that helps without judgment.”

“I have been with Wings for almost three years and I am constantly amazed about how lives are changed through each and every meeting. A simple hello or just someone stopping and listening with genuine care and love has meant more than most realize.”
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“Wing is a wonderful organization of support and education. Love spending time with the families and children.”

“Working diligently in a system that few seem to notice or care for Wings has a tremendously wonderful impact on the incarcerated and their families. Wings shares the priceless gift of love with the forgotten members of our society, by organizing socials in which the incarcerated may spend time with their families and loved ones. Without question they are having an incredibly positive impact on the social culture of our great nation.”

“Wings is one of the best non-profit organizations. Besides feeding and providing clothing for people every week, they are capable of helping people find jobs, have tutors to teach students, have guest speakers to talk about health issues, economy and give out gifts to family members and kids.”

“Wings understands that the vast majority of prisoners will re-enter society and it is their passion and work to help make those who are incarcerated experience healthy relationships, while behind bars and when they come home.”

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“I am a therapist who has brought clients to WINGS. They & their families receive meals, education, guidance, support, case management, and primarily-full, unconditional regard! Their lives are improved, transformed, and much progress & many gains are evident!”

“Wings For L.I.F.E. is working to strengthen the families and children of those incarcerated. Working to end generational incarceration. Working to give the family’s life skills through education to build a solid foundation.”

“Wings is a great place for families to get support. Wings has become like family to me. LOVE the staff, volunteers and people who join us on Mondays.”

“Wings is an inspiration to all who attend. Everyone who attends Wings For L.I.F.E. learns life skills through training in meeting people and talking to them about common subjects that they would be interested in. They learn to set banquet tables for 100 PEOPLE. This way they can wait tables as a job to make a living while they go to school.

The staff are caring and that is felt by all that they serve at the Monday night dinner or meeting their loved ones in prison for family days. Education for families is of the utmost importance for success. I am a member of the Wings’ team and I believe that this program is a preventative way to stop the children of prisoners from following in the family’s footsteps into the corrections. It costs $182,000 per year to house a juvenile inmate. Whereas it pays only $8,000 to send a child to school for a year.

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About 72 per cent of children who are in juvenile detention centers will go to prison.

I was nominated and received the Volunteer of the Year award for the city of Albuquerque. This is a true passion for myself and the other dedicated people who work for Wings For L.I.F.E.”

“I was so impressed seeing the work and dedication first hand when invited to one of the meetings in NM. One young man was passionate about gaining a job and the help and advice offered was extraordinary. He lived with his family in a tiny community with no form of transportation. Bus routes and time tables were sought and within a fairly wide rang. Jobs were looked for, that this former offender could apply for knowing he could travel, albeit adding a considerable time each end of a working day. He was positively excited at the prospect. Work with the families left behind when a person is incarnated is so heartwarming. Such tools are so very needed not only helping in guidance to help these people to learn to help themselves but the parties lift spirits, form friendships and motivate the children to connect and give. Well done Wings For LIFE International.”

“A dedicated founder. A sizeable and seemingly always growing group of volunteers. And a mission that is desperately needed for children and families of the incarcerated. Wings For LIFE International is a model non-profit and an inspiration to many.”

“This is the most caring, loving, compassionate and meaningful group with a great record of dependability. I give them my utmost respect and support for the amazing work they have done and continue to do.”

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What did you like about Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. The meet and greets.
2. That others have struggled like me.
3. Everything and everyone.
4. All the people and new topics to learn from.
5. The knowledge that I learned from W.I.N.G.S.
6. I learning new things and hearing guest speakers.
7. I liked the mixers, food, speakers, donations, job opportunities and experience.
8. I learned a lot about different people and how to be prepared for society as well as manners.
9. Everything, the people here, meeting new people, the dogs, and the speakers.
10. The interaction with other sober people and all the speakers that come talk to us.
11. All the different types of information I have received.
12. I liked the support, acceptance and resources.
13. The meals and meeting people.
14. Table discussions.
15. Talking and listening to people.
16. I have learned so much – I cannot write it all down here.
17. I was treated with respect and listened to. Thank you.
18. How to set a table.
19. How to shake a hand right.
20. How to do a resume and good things to do at an interview.
21. Thank you for welcoming us. I felt comfortable here and I felt valued, even though I have made some poor choices in my life.
22. Learning different skills & tools, new information to help me in the real world! Meeting new sober people.
23. The socializing and speakers. The one that really inspired me was the football coach for UNM. I will take the power of 168 with me.
24. It gave me inspiration, game me some manners, taught me how to set a table and much more.
25. Learning how to communicate better with others and learning many new things in life.
26. The knowledge that I learned from W.I.N.G.S.
27. I liked learning new things and hearing guest speakers.
28. I liked the mixers, food, speakers, donations, job opportunities and experience.

What did you learn at Wings For L.I.F.E. that you have used in your life, or will use in the future?

1. Learned how to speak to people.
2. To treat others with respect and not to judge them.
3. That I could live a better life sober.
4. That it’s never too late to try something new. You only fail if you don’t get back up.
5. Etiquette; selling myself as a wonderful person. I am also more of a people person.
6. How to properly introduce myself.
7. I learned a lot about different people and how to be prepared for society as well as manners.
8. How to speak to people, and get a job how to set a table.
9. Passing/Paying it forward of volunteering to help other people. How to set a table right.
10. How to socialize in a very positive and healthy way. Did not really know this side of being sober.
11. I will use everything that Wings has taught me.
12. The power of 168. How to set the table.
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13. I learned to never give up on my dreams and to always encourage kids in their dreams whatever they may be.
14. How to interact with people.
15. Parenting skills.
16. Social skills.
17. Talking and listening to people.
18. Etiquette.
19. How to get a job.
20. How to interact with people.
21. How to do a resume and good things to do at an interview.
22. How to set a banquet table for 100 people.
23. How a proper handshake is done, public speaking, jobs, interviews and how to have fun being clean and sober.
24. Correct format for doing resumes.

Why would you recommend that leaders in the Corrections Dept. continue to allow residents to attend Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. It shows structure.
2. It teaches us to re-integrate into society again.
3. Because it’s very inspiring, educational, and loving positive environment. There is an open door for an open heart.
4. Because I believe, it may help them more than they know and help them stay on the right path.
5. Yes because it has helped me stay on the right path.
6. Wings gives us the knowledge that we can be more than felons.
7. Because it is great interaction. I love it.
8. It teaches us a lot of great social skills and how to be open to new things and not be afraid to look for work.
9. It helps to re-enter into society.
10. Wings For L.I.F.E. helps you grow and it brings the inner self out.
11. Because it teaches us life skills.
12. Because it builds character.
13. It educates and gives hope.
14. To set tables and shake hand properly.
15. And teaches you how to communicate with others.
16. Cause it would help others.
17. To get us high in spirits to not lose hope and to gain hope.
18. Wings gives us the knowledge that we can be more than felons.
19. Because it teaches life skills and gives them a chance to reintegrate.
20. Valuable life skills are taught here.
21. It helps to us re-enter into society. Because it teaches life skills.
22. The open discussions help to open my perspective on multiple things and how to better my understanding on life and opportunities.
23. WFL has helped me plan things to do with my family and kids.
24. WFL taught me manners and how to get along with others.
25. WFL has taught me about how to present myself at job interviews. Good effective organization and a lot of positive people.
26. At WFL, I have met many people and learned things about them.

What additional topics or issues would you have liked addressed at Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. None. I learned very much.
2. About addiction.
3. All the things people can do with their hands. Farming, etc.
5. Legal issues and resources.
6. Felons and voting.
7. I liked everything it was perfect.
8. More about crimes and the prison system.
9. Schooling, jobs, and how to deal with life on life’s terms.
10. I think they did a good job.
11. Housing.
15. I thought they covered many things and did a good selection of topics.
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Additional comments:

1. I will be back!
2. I love Ann. She’s the best.
3. Thank you for having me.
4. Thank you so much for everything. It was a wonderful experience. I will come back to volunteer. Thank You.
5. Thank you for allowing me to volunteer with WFL! I sure enjoyed it!
6. I came to Wings For Li.F.E. to help overcome shyness, service learning, and help others with my skills and knowledge.
7. I would like to get my daughter back from her family on the reservation in Gallup.
8. I did four years in Grants and got out in 2011. This is a blessing to be here clean and sober now.
9. I am excited about this program.
10. I chose to volunteer for WFL to make productive use of my time at Diersen (Federal Halfway House) while I wait for my home confinement paperwork to be completed.
11. To help build my strength and confidence. To be more open and explore getting use to society again.
12. I am fighting for custody of my daughter and need all the help I can get. Thank you!
13. Thank you for all you did to help us!
14. Thank you for allowing me to volunteer with WFL! I sure enjoyed it!
15. Just want to say thank you and God Bless you all!
16. You did an excellent job. I want to bring my family.
17. What a good help and inspiration it has been.
Adult Entry Survey

Wings For L.I.F.E. (WFL) thanks you in advance for completing this form.

Data will be kept confidential.

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Additional comments:

1. I (soon) will have a BS in Elem. Ed. I intend to go into Social work. I’ve been a Foster Parent (CYFS). Very interested in the traumas children in the traumas children experience.
2. Thank you very much.
3. No matter what you have been through, you can always overcome it and I’m worth it.
4. I greatly appreciate the things you have taught me and look forward to seeing you guys in the future.
2016 CNM/UNM Service Learning Exit Survey

Wings For L.I.F.E. (WFL) appreciates your completion of this form. This information will be used to assist Wings for L.I.F.E. Identify ways to better help participants, plan supportive programming, provide data for grant applications, and help educational leaders, correctional officials, and others evaluate the outcomes and effectiveness of a person attending WFL.

What did you like about Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. The activities are so interesting for the community, helping others, and parenting kids.
2. I loved the sense of community I felt every time I attended. Strangers were treat me like a friend and not once did I feel excluded.
3. The dedication/commitment/love everyone has about this program and what they offer. The environment is great and unbelievable.
4. I liked the positive attitude and how much the people here are willing to do for others.
5. I like the Monday night meetings. I learned a lot from the speakers.
6. I loved the people and what everyone at Wings is working towards.
7. The goal of Wings.
8. I liked that it’s open and friendly. Very welcoming to everyone. I enjoyed meeting new people and the Monday night dinners.
9. I enjoyed working with Ann Edenfield Sweet and Yolanda Mattison. I liked the weekly meetings that I attended. It was good to see how people interacted with each other. These weekly meetings were interesting to me. It is nice to meet other people and talk with them at these meetings. I enjoyed working with Ann and Yolanda.

What did you learn at Wings For L.I.F.E. that you have used in your life, or will use in the future?

1. Wings give me another vision of how to help people, to cheer them up while they are facing the difficulty of life.
2. I learned job interview tips as well as financial ones.
3. All of the words/advise that every speaker had to say was eye opening!
4. At Wings For L.I.F.E., I learned that a little help goes a long way. Not everyone is as blessed as I am but I can make a difference.
5. My experience working with people, I will use that experience in my social work practice.
6. I learned how to deal with different types of people. I learned that not everyone in prison is bad. I learned a lot of people need love.
7. Skills to excel at a job.
8. I learned the correct area to place a name tag.
9. I learned that Wings For L.I.F.E is helping many people in our community. I will use what I learned from Wings in my life by volunteering. It is great to be able to help other people and we can all work together.
Why would you recommend that leaders in the CNM/UNM continue to encourage students to attend Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. I would because Wings For L.I.F.E. is so helpful for the families who are facing troubles, Wings is a support for them.
2. You learn basis things like community skills as well as essential life skills including jobs and problem solving.
3. Because they offer more than what you expect and have a way of showing you different experiences not everyone gets to experience. You learn something new every meeting through speakers and everyone.
4. I would recommend this because it’s a really good place to learn about helping families that need help. They will have a connection if they ever want to give back.
5. It helps them adjust to life, be in a good environment and learn life skills.
6. I recommend it as it educates people and allows them to grow in compassion.
7. Wings helps establish a sense of community and accountability.
8. I feel it’s a great incentive both before and after the events.
9. New Mexico corrections department need to allow Wings For L.I.F.E. to keep letting Wings and family members of inmates to go into the prisons because inmates need interaction from people that are in the outside world. Inmates suffer so much in prison.

What additional topics or issues would you have liked addressed at Wings For L.I.F.E.?

1. I wish Wings For L.I.F.E. would get a school for the children whose parents are in the prison.
2. I didn’t attend enough meetings to know whether or not these issues were addressed, but I would’ve liked to hear them talking about mental illness and how to handle them.
4. The coordinators here are extremely hardworking. It seems like Ann Edenfield doesn’t take a break, she is very dedicated.
5. I wish there were more contact with people.
6. Nothing I can think of, you all are doing a great job.
7. More stuff about empowering the children because that will help stop the generational cycle of incarceration.
8. I’m not sure at this time.
2015 Adult Final Night Exit Survey
Women's Recovery Academy, Diersen Charities & Others in Halfway Houses

What did you like about Wings For L.I.F.E.?
1. I liked the mixers, food, speakers, donations, job opportunities and experience.
2. I learned a lot about different people and how to be prepared for society as well as manners.
3. Everything, the people here, meeting new people, the dogs, and the speakers.
4. The interaction with other sober people and all the speakers that come talk to us.
5. All the different types of information I’ve received.
6. I liked the support, acceptance and resources.
7. The meals and meeting people.
8. Table discussions.
9. Talking and listening to people.
10. I’ve learned so much – I can’t write it all down here.
11. I was treated with respect and listened to. Thank you.
12. How to set a table.
13. How to shake a hand right.
14. How to do a resume and good things to do at an interview.
15. Thank you for welcoming us. I felt comfortable here and I felt valued, even though I have made some poor choices in my life.

What did you learn at Wings For L.I.F.E. that you have used in your life, or will use in the future?
1. How to properly introduce myself.
2. I learned a lot about different people and how to be prepared for society as well as manners.
3. How to speak to people, and get a job, also how to set a table.
4. I learned to never give up on my dreams and to always encourage kids in their dreams whatever they may be.
5. How to interact with people.
6. To set tables and shake hand properly.
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2. I liked everything it was perfect
3. More about crimes and the prison system
4. Schooling, Jobs, and how to deal with life on life’s terms.
5. I think they did a good job.
6. Housing.
8. Make-overs.
9. Dress to impress.
10. I thought they covered many things and did a good selection of topics.
11. Outside resources.

Additional comments:

1. Thank you so much for everything. It was a wonderful experience. I will come back to volunteer. Thank You.
2. Thank you for the opportunity.
3. Thank you for taking your time to help us grow.
4. Thanks so much for allowing me to attend Wings For L.I.F.E.
5. The open discussions help to open my perspective on multiple things and how to better my understanding on life and opportunities.
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March 10, 2003

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Dear Isabel and Gus,

The Wings Valentine’s Party at the Women’s Correctional Facility in Grants, New Mexico, was witnessing the best blend of church, state, and the faithful that I have ever seen. On Saturday, February 8, around 400 people including 92 registered female inmates, their family members, and at least 58 youth and adult volunteer from Albuquerque and Santa Fe area churches attended the party. In addition, at least three New Mexico prison chaplains, approximately 20 correctional officers, the prison’s Warden and Assistant Warden, and New Mexico Corrections officials including Tia Bland, the Press Secretary for the Secretary of Corrections, and Homer Gonzales, the Director for Faith-based Programs in New Mexico Prisons, were in attendance.

The Wings Valentine’s Party was held in the prison’s gym. We thank you so much for the 400 gorgeous handmade sweaters made by your readers from all over the world. The Wings guests were invited to pick out sweaters for their children, so most of the colorful sweaters seen in the party photos are the beautiful gift sweaters. Since it was very cold that day and by the end of the party there was about 2 inches of fresh snow on the ground, the sweaters kept our guests warm. I’m sure the sweaters warmed their bodies, and their hearts were warmed by the love that was knit into each stitch.

Albuquerque’s Central United Methodist’s No Boundaries Praise Band led us in joyful singing. Clapping, motions, and the powerful words echoed throughout the huge gym. Members of the Grants inmate’s choir also led us in singing a few of their favorite praise songs. There was not a person present that was not singing or moving to the uplifting music.

The Bible lesson, the story of Mary Magdalene, and her acceptance by Christ, was powerfully portrayed in drama by several inmates and Chaplain Shirley Payne. As Shirley said later, “As the Assistant Warden said, those who came to hear, heard.... several people were overcome with emotion, as they did not expect to see their daughters in a skit like that...” (I don’t think many of our volunteers expected to witness such a moving experience either. Truly, the least of these were ministering and witnessing to all of us!)

The following comments, written by guests, volunteers, and correctional staff, help to capture the love, acceptance, and the presence of the Holy Spirit that we all experienced that day. Other people’s words always seem so powerful. Here are some of the comments that were particularly meaningful to me and captured the essence of the whole party.
• Wings is God’s family helping other families. What a pleasure. (That is what the Wings Ministry is all about.)
• I was able to invite my family and learn a little bit more about Jesus. My family and I were able to spend time together sharing the Word of God. (Many inmates commented that they never had a chance to worship with their family members before. They wanted their children to see them praying and worshipping.)
• I wanted to feel the Presence of God.
• It’s the best way to be Jesus to others.
• I miss my babe and brought the kids to see their mom. (Dads raising children without their mom is tough on everyone.)
• Being able to hold my family and see other’s hold theirs too. The kindness my family was shown and being able to hold and talk with my family. (Often prison visits don’t allow much touching.)
• Being united. Good way for families to see the inmate without it seeming like a prison. To see our daughter and family’s happiness – just about everything they saw.
• Watching the love in the mother’s eyes as they hugged and cradled their little babies in their arms. (Imagine being a mom and never being able to hold your own child!)
• Seeing the beautiful faces and smiles on the digital photographs. Yeah!
• The joy of the children as they created their special picture frames for their family portraits that they left with the inmate. (For the first time at a Wings Party, our webmaster, Jim Harmon, set up a computer and took digital family photos for each inmate family. Photos are a BIG DEAL in a prison, as rarely can they be taken, and often all the family members aren’t present for the photo session. At this party the children decorated picture frames for the photos. Each inmate was given the photo, and then Jim printed out another photo once he got home and mailed that family photo out to the family members. Since this was the first visit to the prison for some of our guests, these pictures took on tremendous importance. They prove to others that the inmate still exists, and that the family is still connected and together.)
• It’s good to see people doing good things for other people.
• The highlights of the party for me were to see how much brighter people’s lives are when families come back together.
• Interaction with my husband and his feelings. (We now also plan time to talk about serious issues with the inmate and their family members. We ask questions like: Where do people turn for help? And more probing questions like: How does it feel to have a loved one in prison? Often, this discussion time is the only time family members have ever talked to each other about such difficult issues.)
• Tears, smiles, worship, meeting inmates and their families.
• That we don’t have to be ashamed of a loved one being incarcerated and we are loved and prayed for by many.
• To see my mother, hoping and praying she changed. I liked visiting with families and meeting people. The games and the play. (Bible study.)
• Music, Biblical drama, fellowship with Christians from different churches. (I would guess we had volunteers from at least 40 different congregations and at least a dozen different denominations. We truly were an ecumenical Body of Christ.)
• Jesus and seeing people like our family. Seeing people who are going through the same thing.

• The children will enjoy the sweaters and always think of today when they wear their sweaters! Thank you!

• I pray that this program can continue to flourish. I would come again and bring friends and relatives. (This is our goal – to have everyone experience so much “Christian Fun” that they want to replicate it every week in their own congregation.)

• God bless you! These gifts I sent home with my family are wonderful and greatly appreciated! (What I have found especially meaningful was the gift copy of Daily Guideposts. I was also given a copy to take home. Each day, as I read the message, I am reminded that all the women in the Grant’s prison and their family members are also reading the same words. I feel connect to them through these words, and I find it easy to pray for all of them and to remember each of them on a daily basis. This was such a meaningful and useful gift from Guideposts. And then when I think of all the readers of their Daily Guideposts, I feel connected in a very spiritual and loving way to many.)

• I look forward to volunteering in the future once I’m released to a cause like this. It’s really uplifting for the ladies. (One of our Wings volunteers had been a former inmate. Recidivism will be cut drastically if more of the inmates begin to experience God’s love in their own lives, and then they want to share that love with others. This is how our “wings” spread.)

• I just want to tell you how much I appreciated you and your staff coming in to party with our residents and their families. It was really an exciting time for everyone. You all have so much patience and enthusiasm, yet so much love of the Lord shining through. I believe our staff was very impressed. Chaplain Shirley Payne

Everyone present at the Grants Valentine’s Wings Party had their lives touched by God’s love. The Wings Ministry has already been invited back to the Grants women’s prison to host another Valentine’s Day Party, February 14, 2004! We are thrilled about this.

Our next Easter Wings Party in Albuquerque is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at Central United Methodist Church. A Mother’s Day Wings Party is scheduled in Santa Fe, NM, at St. John’s United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 10. We hope that our “Wings” will soon be spreading to the prison in Santa Fe, NM; Las Cruces, NM; Detroit, Michigan; and Atlanta, Georgia. We also had a PBS cameraman taking video at the Grants Party. Soon he will have a documentary prepared that will air on PBS. As soon as I have the date and time, I will certainly let you know.

I thank you again for your generous support of the Wings Ministry. You can also visit our website at www.WingsMinistry.org.

In Christ’s Service,

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