

2016 Theme—Wings is “Branching Out”

LAS CRUCES, NM

by Ann Edenfield Sweet

2016, Wings 21st year, has started out living up to our theme—Wings is “Branching Out”. On January 8 and 9 I led a two-day training for 38 individuals in Las Cruces, NM. The training was held at Las Cruces First Assembly of God. They have a dedicated leader, Nufie Hernandez, and plan to start Wings For L.I.F.E. in Las Cruces early spring 2016.



Eating
Learning
Sharing
Having
FUN



Building an “Asset tower”



Nufie

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

by Ann Edenfield Sweet

On February 26 Wings Board Member Gary Pennington and I led a Wings For L.I.F.E. training for 20 leaders from the Oklahoma City area. Uganda Richardson is the leader in OKC and Britton Baptist Church was kind enough to donate their church for the training. They too hope to start WFL in early spring in OKC. I was surprised to learn that OK incarcerates more women per capita than any of the other 50 states.

Gary and I also met with Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain & Volunteer Coordinator for the OK Dept. of Corrections, and Wings will host a Family Day in one of their men’s prisons later in 2016, making OK the 20th state Wings will have done work .



Uganda

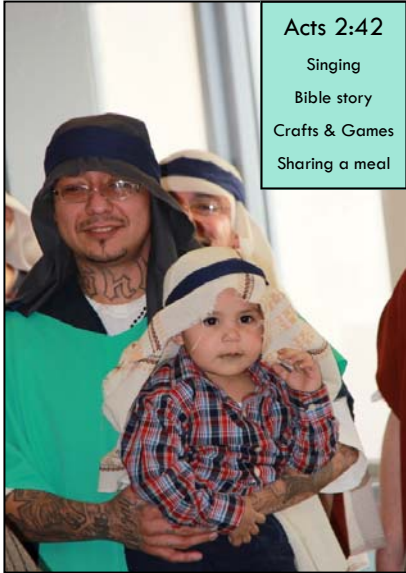


Lt to rt: Gary Bastin, former Speaker of the House, Leo Brown, Oklahoma Department of Corrections Agency Chaplain & Volunteer Coordinator, Sophia Jones, Ann Edenfield Sweet, Anna Shaw, Senator Wayne Shaw, Uganda Richardson, and Gary Pennington.



**Wings
Valentine's Day
Guadalupe County
Correction Institution
Santa Rosa, NM**

♥ 2-13-16 ♥



Acts 2:42
Singing
Bible story
Crafts & Games
Sharing a meal



**Wings St. Patrick's Day
NM Women's Prison
Grants, NM**

♣ 3-5-16 ♣



Noah & the ark full of animals—Singing—Games—Pizza—Family Fun



Families strengthened



21st Anniversary Banquet – Friday, April 8

Donors/Sponsors Needed



Wings For L.I.F.E International (WFLI) is celebrating its 21st Anniversary Banquet on Friday, April 8, and is requesting your support through donations for our banquet, or items for our live and/or silent auction. The banquet will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Albuquerque. Their licensed chef helps our volunteers prepare a gourmet meal and we teach the children and youth in our program how to be servers. Our banquets are very special and fun. We even have our annual traditional *Spoon Hanging Contest!*

WFLI, and our signature program **Wings For L.I.F.E.**, conducts family days, life-skills meetings, support and group mentoring for family members, caregivers, and former inmates in communities and prisons. Wings has done programming in 20 states. Our goal is to strengthen family relationships in hopes of keeping children out of prison and helping prisoners once they return home. **Wings For LIFE International** is a national **Best Practices Model** and **Wings For L.I.F.E.** won the American Probation and Parole Associations' prestigious national **Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention.**



- Children of inmates have a **72% chance** of ending up in prison themselves!
- 7% of the children in the United States have parents who have been incarcerated. In New Mexico this could equal over 30,000 children!
- The annual cost to incarcerate one juvenile in New Mexico is approximately \$178,073 – one adult \$47,000.
- It is hard to imagine the stigma and shame these children and their families must bear.
- **But this does not have to be!** Wings offers support services to these families in a variety of ways to help them overcome the problems they are facing.
- **Your support can make a difference in the life of a child!**

All donors will be listed in our banquet program, thanked through our 16,000+ email list, listed on our website, Facebook, newsletters, and we will do everything we can to thank you and publicize your support.

Heavens, my halo is rusty and I am unable to attend, but I would like to donate \$ _____

Halleluiah! I want to be a Wings Banquet Sponsor for:

___\$2,121 Angel ___\$1,221 Halo ___\$521 Crown ___\$321 Cherub Table

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

Common Family Day Themes:

**Strengthening Families • Good Times • Good Food
Cheerio Necklaces • Prayers • Bible Story
Laughter • Crafts • Singing • Games • FAMILY!
GREAT MEMORIES!**

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- ◆ A child of a prisoner is faced with a daunting future.
- ◆ Children of prisoners have a **72% 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!**



Wings For LIFE Int'l
 Reunites Families & Restores Hope

- Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:
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