



# The WINGS Flyer

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA WINGS CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday - December 9, 2006

Archbishop Michael Sheehan will be our special guest.

2:00-4:00 PM Setup/Training

4:00 - 6:30 PM Party

### Holy Family Catholic Church Gym

562 Atrisco, SW 842-5426

(I-40 to Rio Grande, S to Central, W on Central over river to Atrisco, S on Atrisco 1/2 mile)

#### Fun For the Whole Family!

(Infants - Preschool - Teenagers - Grandparents)

Come In Casual Clothes

Games - Crafts - Singing - Dinner - FUN!

PLEASE RSVP: Ann Edenfield Sweet—291-6412 WINGS Director

(We want to make sure we have enough pizza for everyone!)

Special Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors:

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#### Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Nov. 18—Thanksgiving Party, McMinnville, TN
- ◆ Dec. 2—SE Correctional Institution Christmas Party, Lancaster, OH
- ◆ Dec. 9—Wings Christmas Party, Holy Family Catholic Church, Albuquerque, NM
- ◆ Dec. 19—Wings for L.I.F.E. Christmas Party, Las Cruces, NM
- ◆ TBA— 2007 Tenafly, NJ
- ◆ June 2—Maui Community Party
- ◆ June 9—Maui Prison



Dalton Jantzen reviews the Wings Mission Statement at the Board Retreat (pg. 2)



*May the coming Holy Season  
Bring You Joy and Peace*



### PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO WINGS THIS YEAR!

The need for the Wings Ministry and our Wings for L.I.F.E. program is demonstrated by our upcoming parties and outreach scheduled for New Jersey, Tennessee, Ohio, Hawaii, and across New Mexico. I have also had contact with leaders in at least 28 other states. Wardens, chaplains, judges, parole officers and others in the prison leadership see the need and benefits of the Wings Ministry (see pg. 3 and 6). All this growth is fabulous news! However, we need your help to continue to expand and meet the needs in all the areas God is planting seeds.

I also pray that in 2007 Wings will be able to hire at least a part-time assistant as I am finding it hard to keep up with the administrative part of Wings when I need to concentrate on the growth of the ministry.

Please prayerfully consider giving to Wings at the end of the year. Wings is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax exempt. You can also donate to Wings through United Way. Thanks in advance for your support.

*Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director*

**WINGS BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY DESTINY CENTER – RIO RANCHO, NM  
August 26, 2006**

This was the first Wings Party held in Rio Rancho. Destiny Center's praise band was great, their head vocalist went into the audience encouraging participation, and lights, smoke machines, and graphics gave a sense of a Christian rock concert. Many of the guests were given percussion instruments and enjoyed singing and playing the various tambourines, shakers, bells, gongs, and sticks along with the band. Pastor Jerome Wade shared powerful videos about Christ and grace, and then brought all the little children up front on the stage to hear his message. Each person was given a small 'pearl' and a little globe of the world, reminding us how precious each person is and that God loves all the people of the world. While children worked on crafts, the parents and caregivers heard about the purpose of Wings (to help families of inmates find a church home), and many women were deeply touched by the love they experienced at the party. At the end, everyone joined hands in a huge circle for our closing prayer. Gifts from *Guideposts* Magazine and school supplies from Destiny Center and other Wings supporters delighted everyone. Special thanks to Central United Methodist Church for the use of their church van to transport guests to the party.



Everyone was surprised by their ability to hang spoons on their noses, even while moving and jumping

Teen Spoon Hanging Champ

**The Annual Wings Board Retreat** was held at The Rekindling Retreat Center in Edgewood on Saturday, October 21. Revised bylaws were adopted. The remainder of the day was spent visioning of the future direction of Wings under the able facilitation of Dalton Jantzen of OnFireOrBurnedOut.org and director of The Rekindling Retreat Center. Special thanks to Dalton and his wife Vicki for their hospitality and welcome. The center is available for Christian leaders as a place to get away and find renewed direction from the Lord.



Talking about summer fun and favorite school memories over pizza and cookies



Cheerio necklaces



Wings Board Retreat at The Rekindling Retreat Center

**RUTH STAFFORD PEALE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY GALA  
NYC SEPTEMBER 23, 2006**



Rhonda Jones, *Guideposts* Director of Outreach Ministries; Chaplain Anna Gentile; Ann Edenfield Sweet; Rev. Beth Whalley Mitchell, Wings Director NJ; and Brenda Smith, *Guideposts* Advisory Board Member

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL WINGS PARTY  
GCCF, SANTA ROSA, NM  
September 16, 2006**

Chaplain Sister Vincentia led a very meaningful, fun Bible study reflecting about God's love to a "full house" of inmates, family members, volunteers, and staff. Wearing various paper hearts, she talked about how to keep God in our hearts. The joy in her face and her contagious laughter were beautiful examples of Christ's love.

Special thanks to the Central UMC in Albuquerque for the use of their church van to transport family members to the party. Jim Zanos, of Zanos Foods, donated the cookies, punch, and paper products. Special thanks also to NM Secretary of Corrections Joe Williams, the Warden, and all the staff who were so supportive and helpful at the party!



A reminder of  
Christ in her heart



Celebrating Christ with the  
inmate praise music team



Sister Vincentia and friends

**WINGS PARTY—OPERATION STARTING LINE  
MOHICAN JUVENILE FACILITY—OH  
August 12, 2006**

The first Wings Party was held at the Mohican Juvenile Facility as part of Operation Starting Line for the State of Ohio on August 12, 2006. In attendance were 31 youth, 25 volunteers, and 54 family members. The volunteers came from the States of Ohio, Massachusetts, Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, and New Mexico. Youth helped lead the music. The Bible study was from the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter in John where Jesus told the disciples to "Not be afraid" in the storm when he walked on the water to them. A spoon hanging contest was held after dinner with a child, youth, and adult winner. There were many spoon hangers who were able to hang a spoon on their nose for over 5 minutes! Great fun was had by all. Special thanks to the Staff at Mohican.



Wings volunteers from 7 states  
at the Mohican Juvenile Facility

**Chaplain Shirley Compton Supports Wings  
at NM Women's Correctional Facility**

"Wings Ministry provides a way for the inmate families to come together to share wholesome and productive fellowship which leaves a positive impression on all. Many families have never had a party, never laughed together, and never really enjoyed each other's company until Wings. It gives hope not only to the inmate but to the family that something could be salvaged from a "mess" that was created by someone. Unconditional love expressed through the Wings volunteers is felt among the prison staff and all who attend."



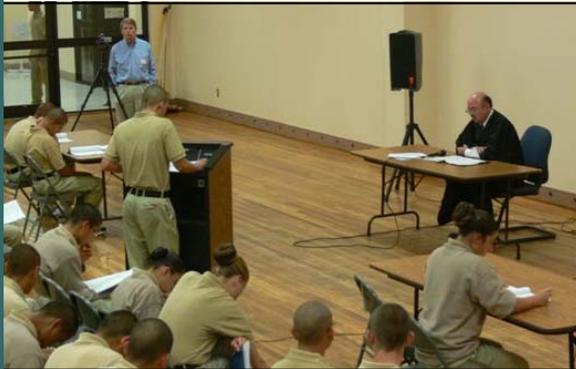
**Special Thanks to our Donors**



- ◆ The Soroptimist Club from Mount Vernon, Ohio who donated all the pizza, punch, pretzels, and cheerios for the Wings Party at the Mohican Juvenile Facility.
- ◆ George & Mary Friberg who made a donation to Wings in honour of Dr. Robert & Donna Benson's August 26th wedding.
- ◆ Gideon's for supplying Bibles to the cadets who requested them at the NM Youth Challenge Academy Wings Party.
- ◆ *Guideposts* Magazine for the sweaters, books, and magazines at all our parties.
- ◆ Destiny Center and other Wings supporters for school supplies for the Wings Back-To-School Party at Destiny Center.
- ◆ Jim & Patsy Zanos of Zanos Foods for their 12+ years of supplying cookies, punch, and paper products for all NM parties.

**Now is the time to talk to your church mission board or governing body about support for Wings in 2007!**

### MOCK TRIAL AT ROSWELL WINGS FOR L.I.F.E.



Judge Freddy Romero presiding

New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe cadets participated in a mock trial as part of the Wings for L.I.F.E. program. Fifth Judicial District Judge Freddy Romero presided over the trial, which dealt with the tragic consequences of making bad decisions. After the defense and prosecution presented their cases, a recess was held so the cadets could discuss what they thought would be the proper sentence for the crime and if parents of the accused should share responsibility.

“The Youth ChalleNGe cadets are playing roles in the trial,” said Romero. “The idea is to show them that bad judgment can lead to tragedy. This is a great group of kids out here. Any judge would love to have this kind of opportunity.”

“We want to get entire families involved in our discussions and activities,” said Shelley Currier, Roswell Wings for L.I.F.E. Director. “The idea is to break the intergenerational cycle of crime.”

Staff Sgt. Monica Montoya said the program is beneficial for the cadets on more than one level. “It will make them think twice about a potentially bad decision. It also gets them involved in community activities.”

Adapted from article by A.J. Dickman  
Roswell Record Staff Writer, October 16, 2006

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WINGS MINISTRY PARTY ROSWELL CORRECTIONAL CENTER October 7, 2006

About 285 inmates and family members along with 50 Wings volunteers gathered in Roswell. Volunteers from Roswell, Carlsbad, Dexter, Las Cruces, Clovis, San Rafael, Waterflow, Deming, Cloudcroft, Clovis, Shiprock, Kirtland AFG, and Albuquerque represented many denominations. A dozen cadets from the New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy also volunteered, under the leadership of Deputy Director Rick Wolfert. The cadets led two “action songs” to start the party, followed by uplifting music from the talented RCC Inmate Praise Band. Holy hilarity was shared when inmates, cadets, and guests volunteered as disciples, a pillow, sail, sides of the boat and Jesus, and the audience became the “wind” and “waves”. The powerful message of Christ’s calming presence in our lives from Mark 4:35-41 came through strong and clear. Dinner included pizza and homemade cookies from several area churches. After dinner, the **Official Roswell Spoon Hanging Contest** was held. A child, teenage, and an adult *Spoon Hanging Champ* were recognized with special Spoon Hanging plaques for their walls.



Ann, Mary Dale Bolson & Shelly Currier talk about challenges families face.



Youth ChalleNGe volunteers helped make treats & ‘Frisbees’.



Florence Spohn, 98, (seated) of Roswell, the oldest Wings volunteer!



Spoon hanging fun at RCC



Members of the band come in all sizes.

# Wings for L.I.F.E.

Life-skills for Inmate Families & Education



**VISION:** Imparting Life-skills for Inmate Families & Education  
**WHO:** Inmate Family Members & Former Inmates  
**WHAT:** Discussion, Mentoring, Empowerment, Support



## In Las Cruces, NM

**WHEN:** Twice a Month-Tuesdays 6-8 PM

**WHERE:** Holy Cross Catholic Church  
1327 N. Miranda

**CONTACT:** Olga Granado  
(505) 524-1746, OlgaGranado@WingsMinistry.org

**Transportation provided for those needing it.**

**DATES** Nov. 14 Dec. 12  
Nov. 28 Dec. 19



## In Albuquerque, NM

**WHEN:** Twice a Month-Sundays 6:30—8PM

**WHERE:** Catholic Center—Sandia Room  
4000 St. Josephs Place, NW

(I-40 W to N Coors, right on St. Josephs Place to Catholic Center—by St. Pius High School)

**Call if you need a ride.**

**CONTACT:** Ann Edenfield Sweet  
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**DATES** Nov. 12, Dec. 3

**Wings Christmas Party, December 9, Holy Family Catholic Church**  
Archbishop Michael Sheehan will be in attendance



## In Roswell, NM

**WHEN:** Twice a month—Sundays 6:30-8PM

**WHERE:** NM Youth Challenge Academy,  
Chow Hall Building 524

(South on Main to Roswell Industrial Center-continue south on Walker. Left onto Martin St., right on Gail Harris. Turn left at sign for Gail Harris and Gillis Sts. to parking lot of Bldg. 524—red brick bldg.)

**CONTACT:** Shelly Currier  
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**DATES** Nov. 5 Dec. 3  
Nov. 19 Dec. 17



Discussion at Wings for L.I.F.E.



## McMinnville, TN

**CONTACT:** MaryAnn Gay

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**Nov. 18—Wings Party**

First Presbyterian Church, 205 W Main St.



### Wings for L.I.F.E. Mission Statement:

Building relationships with families, probationers, and former inmates through discussion, mentoring, empowerment, and support by:

- ◆ Teaching life-skills and addressing unique needs of family members of incarcerated individuals,
- ◆ Strengthening families by building Search Institute's<sup>SM</sup> 40 Developmental Assets<sup>TM</sup> and,
- ◆ Mobilizing and networking community stakeholders to identify and reach families in need. Stakeholders include congregations, Corrections, school systems, the Justice System, and community programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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

Vision:

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE NM Youth Challenge WINGS Party

August 13, 2006

Approximately 110 cadets enjoyed Wings cookies and activities. Thanks to the wonderful staff at the New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy. Thanks to Fr. Bob Tally of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for guitar backup. Thanks to all of our wonderful Wings volunteers whose dedication makes such events possible.



Paper Airplane Toss Winners



High-fives and singing

## WISH LIST

- Office space for Wings
- Volunteer office assistance
- Mentors/tutors for children & youth
- Yarn, plastic knitting needles & plastic crochet hooks
- Digital & Overhead projector
- Arts and crafts, toys, games, books and magazines, & musical instruments for prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities
- Toddler toys, 2 plastic tables & 8 plastic chairs for toddler visits to MDC in Albuquerque
- Colored and white paper, 8x11, 8x14, 11x17
- Portable sound system for Roswell & for Las Cruces
- Donations to fund our growing Wings Ministry

### A Vision for Congregations to Help Paroled Youth Return to Their Community

"When youth are paroled from the facilities, their Case Managers have a list of contacts and dates of appointments at Counseling Agencies, 12 step-programs, vocational schools, DVR, JPPO, etc. If there was a committed group who could work with them on securing and keeping a job, helping them with job interview skills and techniques, a basic computer class on keyboarding and how to fill out a job application on the computer, etc., those are the skills these kids are really lacking."