



The WINGS Flyer

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Wings Opportunities

*Exciting things are happening in Wings Ministry across the country.
There are many ways you can help.*

People ask **“Why are Wings programs so important?”** The answer is simple. A child of a prisoner is ten times more likely to end up in prison themselves and to engage in other risky behaviors. Wings provides activities and support networks that bolster families and helps create stronger children and youth. Please join us in these efforts! It has been said that it “takes a village to raise a child”. Wings Ministry is part of that caring community, especially for the children of inmates, through Wings Parties and Wings for L.I.F.E.

Wings New Mexico

Board members who are dedicated to the Wings vision will be elected in January. Volunteers are always needed for Wings Parties and Wings for L.I.F.E. Invitations to Ann by your church or civic organization will enable more people to learn about Wings Ministry. Directors for Wings and Wings for L.I.F.E. in Las Cruces and Albuquerque will allow Ann to focus on speaking and recruiting a strong base of volunteers and donors as Wings Ministry grows.

Wings Tennessee

Steering Committee members will begin planning for Wings for L.I.F.E. in Tennessee. The program will meet twice monthly and provide social support for family members of prisoners and opportunities for learning about life issues. Wings Parties have been held in several TN cities and more are planned.



Springer Correctional Center Party reunites a father & daughter while making photo frames.

Wings Ohio

Volunteers for the December Prison Party are needed in Lancaster, Ohio, including help with planning, cookie baking, and hands on help.

Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Oct. 27—Las Cruces Prison Party
- ◆ Nov. 10—Santa Rosa, NM Prison Party
- ◆ Nov. 12—Albuquerque, NM Wings for L.I.F.E. Thanksgiving Party
- ◆ Nov. 17—McMinnville, TN Thanksgiving Party
- ◆ Dec. 1—Lancaster, OH Wings Prison Party
- ◆ Dec. 2—Roswell, NM Wings Christmas Party
- ◆ Dec. 8—Albuquerque, NM Wings Christmas Party, Heights Cumberland Presbyterian



Thanks to *Guideposts Magazine*, *Library of Hope*, and all the volunteers at Springer!



School supplies are a hit at the Wings Party.



Attention

Federal Employees:

Combined Federal Campaign
WINGS Number is

66605

Please remember us!

Back-To-School Albuquerque & Roswell, NM—August 2007

Back-To-School Parties were held on August 5th at the Roswell Boys & Girls Club and on August 25th at St. Chad's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque. KFLQ, Family Life Radio, partnered with Wings Ministry with *Operation Backpack* for both parties.

In Roswell, more than 320 people enjoyed the fun, food, discussion, and benefited from the backpack distribution. As they have throughout the years, *Guideposts Magazine* supplied beautiful hand-knitted sweaters for children, plus beautiful hardbound books for adults and children, Christian music in Spanish and English, videos, magazines, and Frisbees.

In Albuquerque, 200 backpacks with school supplies were distributed to Back-To-School Party guests and Wings for L.I.F.E. participants.

Thanks to all the faithful volunteers in both cities who made this possible.



With so many backpacks donated through Family Life Radio, it was hard to decide which was the prettiest.



Spoon hanging champs—Back-To-School Party, Roswell, NM

Operation Starting Line Partners with Wings Springer, NM—September 15, 2007

The Wings Party at the Springer Correctional Center in Springer, NM was a special event for *NM 2007 Operation Starting Line (OSL)* because it involved not only inmates, but their family members as well. A dozen enthusiastic volunteers from Wings Ministry and Prison Fellowship/OSL, 30 inmates and 32 family members attended the party from as far as 500 miles away. Chaplain McLeroy said, "I had a great time and I know the men and families did also! We are so looking forward to doing this again!"



Making a joyful noise— inmates and children.



State Fair "Cowboys"



Kristi Hornick, *Angel Tree* Coordinator/Prison Fellowship from CO shares pizza with her new friends, including Chaplain Jake McLeroy.

Family fun





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



Roswell, NM

WHERE: Roswell Boys & Girls Club (201 South Garden)
 Twice a Month—Sundays 6:30—8:00PM

Women’s Group at Chaves County Detention Center
 1—4 PM every Friday (back-to-back classes)

CONTACT: Shelly Currier
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Albuquerque, NM

WHERE: Boys & Girls Club (3333 Truman NE)
 (one block W of San Mateo, between Candelaria & Comanche)

2nd & 4th Mondays 6:00—7:30PM

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Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. table activity

McMinnville, TN

CONTACT: MaryAnn Gay
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Call MaryAnn to help start Wings for L.I.F.E. in Tennessee!

11/17—McMinnville, TN Thanksgiving Party

♥ **Special Thanks to our Donors** ♥

- Zanios Foods—food and supplies for Wings events
- *Guideposts* Magazine—sweaters, magazines, and books
- Library of Hope—books, tapes, and Bibles
- Family Life Radio—partnering with Wings through *Operation Backpack* (KWFL 99.5, Roswell & KFLQ, 91.5, Albuquerque)
- Romano’s Macaroni Grill—Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meals
- Dion’s Pizza—Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meals
- El Pinto—Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meals

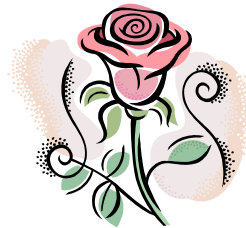
SHELLY CURRIER

“Caring Citizen of the Month”



Shelly Currier recently received the “Caring Citizen of the Month” award from Chaves County (NM) Board of Commissioners! She was recognized for her tireless work with Roswell Wings for L.I.F.E. and also at the local adult and juvenile detention centers.

Photo Courtesy Roswell Daily Record



**Memorial Gifts
 Honor Loved Ones**

One of the many ways that our ministry partners reflect the care that their loved ones displayed during their lives is by making a Memorial Gift to the Wings Ministry. We appreciate these gifts and wish to publicly acknowledge them and the loved ones on whose behalf they were given.

In memoriam:

Marjorie Stewart – Memphis, TN

By:

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| Richard & Jean Copeland | Mary & Ron Koehler |
| Evelyn Friestrom | Ted & Ruth Koehler |
| Arline Goodney | Ray & Betty Palmer |
| Dick & Laura Goodney | Doug & Ann Edenfield Sweet |
| Jim & Lisa Harmon | |

In memoriam:

Earl Carr—Albuquerque, NM

By: Ann Edenfield Sweet

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

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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 & /or mentoring opportunities in my area.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Wings accepts United Way contributions from anywhere in the United States.

Thank You!

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- Free office space
- Office administrator & assistants
- Mentors/tutors for children & youth
- Yarn, plastic knitting needles & plastic crochet hooks
- Digital projector
- 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
- Envelopes—all sizes & imprinting
- Colored and white paper, 8x11, 8x14, 11x17
- Kitchen teams—Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E.
- Wings for L.I.F.E. banners