



# The WINGS Flyer #15

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## Opportunities to Support Wings



- ◆ Pledge a regular amount
- ◆ Give in memory or thanksgiving of someone special
- ◆ Add Wings to your United Way donation
- ◆ Federal workers can give via the Combined Federal Campaign—#66605
- ◆ Use the Gifts of Hope catalog to surprise your friends and family with a gift that makes a difference
- ◆ Volunteer at a Wings Party
- ◆ Bake cookies for Wings events
- ◆ Invite Ann Edenfield Sweet to speak to your church or civic group, anywhere in the U.S.

## Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Feb. 9—Grants, NM  
Wings Valentine Party
- ◆ Mar. 15—Albuquerque  
NM Wings Easter Party
- ◆ April 26—Albuquerque,  
Spring for Wings, Banquet

## Invitations for Wings

- ◆ Operation Starting Line/  
Wings, TN
- ◆ Operation Starting Line/  
Wings, NM
- ◆ Wings Parties for CA, CO,  
FL, GA, HI, NJ, NH, NM,  
OH, OR, TX

## Thanks to our Ohio Donors!

The Mt. Vernon, Ohio Soroptimists presented Ann Edenfield Sweet with a generous donation of \$513.

Thanks to staff and inmates of the Southeastern Correctional Institute in Lancaster, OH who made a significant donation of \$499 at the 3rd Annual Christmas Party.

Through the vision of these donors, more families will be impacted by the work of Wings.



Mt. Vernon Soroptimists give Ann a donation. Deputy Warden Darryl Graves also presented Ann with a check.



Wings volunteers in Santa Rosa, OH, and across the U.S. are the soul of the Wings Ministry.



**Merry Christmas to You and Yours  
from Wings Ministry and the Wings Board**

## **Wings Prison Parties Held in NM in Las Cruces and in Santa Rosa and in Lancaster, OH**



Fourteen volunteers traveled to Las Cruces for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wings Party at the Southern NM Correctional Facility in Las Cruces, NM. Sixty-six inmates and over 100 family members joined Chaplain Jeff Mulac, Deputy Warden's Steve Nance and Lupe Marshall, and special guest Tracey Buckley, Director of Guideposts' **Sweaters for Kids** in the drama of Jesus calming the waves, crafts, pizza, and fellowship. The afternoon ended with three talented winners in the spoon hanging contest who were even able to jump up and down with the spoon on their nose!

"...chance to be with my wife and hear the Word of the Lord...pizza was a bonus."



Crafts unite families

In Santa Rosa, Sister Vincentia shared how Christ loves each of us. Instead of pizza, dinner was Karen Bramlitt's Tortilla Roll-ups with chips, salsa, and homemade cookies. The staff was very supportive and even joined in the mixer games with families before the Party.

Lancaster, OH hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Wings Christmas Party. Sweaters, hand-made by inmates, and decorating **over 100 dozen cookies made by local volunteers** were a hit as was the Nativity story where an inmate played Joseph and was able to hold his 2 week-old son as baby Jesus.



Ann Edenfield Sweet with Deputy Warden Irma Renteria and Sister Vincentia at Santa Rosa



Living Nativity story brings a family together



Spoon hanging fun in Las Cruces



"Halitosis Hockey" in Santa Rosa



A Cherrio necklace, a new sweater, and a smile



Music by Tim Meisenheimer, Eric from SNMCF, and many children during the Las Cruces Party



## Wings Ministry Receives CCF Grant!

Wings Ministry is the proud recipient of a Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Targeted Capacity Building Program Grant. CCF is a federal grant offered by the Administration for Children and Families. This one-year grant has provided Wings the ability to hire its first employees and will enable Wings for L.I.F.E. (WFL) to expand to a second site in Albuquerque. WFL, our support/ empowerment group for families of inmates and releasees, will also continue to meet at the Boys & Girls Club – Heights Branch.

The new location will be in the South Valley and focus on helping these families strengthen their marriages, families, and help build healthy relationships. Jen Broderick will be the Community Educator for the South Valley program. Joann Henry and Dolores Hughes will share the job of Data Management Coordinator.

Thanks to Dr. Holly Hickson who worked long hours to obtain this and other grant funding for Wings Ministry.

### Community Educator for Wings for L.I.F.E.

Jennifer Broderick, LMSW (Licensed Social Worker) joins Wings Ministry as the Community Educator for the new South Valley Wings for L.I.F.E. program. She will be developing contacts, referrals, and education based on the Wings for L.I.F.E. Healthy Marriage program to enable families to grow stronger, despite incarceration of one of the partners.

Jen says, “Working with families has always been my passion. Since my recent return to Albuquerque, I've felt God putting people that are involved in prison affiliated ministries in my path. After talking with Ann Edenfield Sweet and reviewing the Community Educator job description, I knew this is where I wanted to be. All the Wings volunteers, board members, and community liaisons I've met are so enthusiastic and caring, it is definitely contagious. I know 2008 is going to be a fantastic year for the Wings Ministry. Working with amazing people like Ann, Joann, and Dolores is a wonderful opportunity for me. I'm truly blessed!”



Jennifer Broderick

### Two Share Data Management Coordinator Position



Joanne Henry & Dolores Hughes

Joann Henry and Dolores Hughes will be sharing the position of Data Management Coordinator, a position funded through the Capacity Building Grant Wings received. They will develop and train volunteers and staff in more efficient data management and communications systems.

Joann Henry says, “The *Wings Ministry* has a special place in my heart because I know how hard it can be when a loved one is in prison and how difficult it can be to forgive. *Wings* has been a lifeline for me since 2002 when I met Ann. My father was about to go to prison and like many families in that situation, I was confused and saddened. I look forward to utilizing my talents in data base management and training to be part of that lifeline, now. I am excited to be involved in helping *Wings* achieve its goals and working with everyone involved in this ministry.”

“I consider it a privilege to be one of Wings first employees serving in the capacity of Data Management Coordinator. I look forward to a wonderful journey working with the management, board, volunteers, and all members associated with the Wings Ministry! This ministry addresses the unique needs of family members of incarcerated individuals in a positive way by teaching them how to build a solid foundation within their families through interaction with volunteers and members of the community,” states Dolores Hughes.





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



**Albuquerque, NM**

**WHERE:** Boys & Girls Club (3333 Truman NE)  
 (one block W of San Mateo, between Candelaria & Comanche)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 6:00—7:30PM  
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Thanksgiving dinner was served to 160 people at Wings for L.I.F.E. in Albuquerque.



**Wings for L.I.F.E.  
 Healthy Marriage Initiative**

Jen Broderick is taking on the grant funded position of Community Educator in the South Valley of Albuquerque.

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One little turkey amid many turkeys at Wings for L.I.F.E., Albuquerque



Paper sculpture at Roswell Wings for L.I.F.E.



**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)

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**McMinnville, TN**

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



Craft time at McMinnville, TN

**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 and Boys & Girls Club.





## Wings Board Members Honored

Three members of the Wings Ministry Board have been honored recently.

**Judge John J. Romero, Jr.** received the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence *Annual Spirit of Advocacy Award* for his dedication to helping victims of domestic violence. Judge Romero's pro-active ideas, unselfish devotion to his position as a district court judge, and his active involvement in the community exhibit true advocacy for the children as well as all citizens of New Mexico.



**Shirley Compton** was recognized on December 1 at Hoffmantown Church in Albuquerque, NM as on of 2007's *Women of Distinction Community Activist Award* for Albuquerque and the surrounding area. She was honored for her work as a civic-activist.

**Cynthia Davis**, Wings Secretary and internationally acclaimed author of the *Footprints from the Bible* series received the *Best Other Fiction Award* at the NM Book Awards on November 9 for her fourth book, Rahab's Redemption. Cindy is a Crossings Book Club author and her Biblical fiction is inspiring and uplifting. She has Bible studies available online and also enjoys speaking to groups about her books and faith journey.



**Congratulations** to each of these board members for their awards and years of support of Wings Ministry!!



### ♥ Special Thanks to our Donors ♥

- Zanios Foods—food and supplies for Wings events
- *Guideposts* Magazine—sweaters, magazines, and books
- Family Life Radio—partnering with Wings (KFLQ, 91.5, Albuquerque)
- Romano's Macaroni Grill—Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meals

### 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:

Louis May—Santa Fe, NM, for his long time vision and support of Wings Ministry

Barry Rumbles—Wings for L.I.F.E. teacher and supporter

By: Ann Edenfield Sweet



Angel wings and sweaters are fun



A father holds his precious babies



Some of the 100 dozen cookies in OH

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Vision:  
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!**

### Wings Ministry

Reunites Families  
Restores Hope

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Wings accepts United Way contributions from anywhere in the United States and Combined Federal Campaign #66605

**Thank You!**

\*Bureau of Justice Statistics

## WISH LIST

- Free office space
- Donations for Spring for Wings Banquet Silent & Live Auctions
- 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 & 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.