Upcoming Prison Party Dates

Donations of cookies, paper supplies, crafts and money for pizza are appreciated for all parties! (Hard boiled eggs & dye needed for Easter Parties.)

April 2    Tennessee Prison for Women—Nashville, TN
April 16   Albuquerque Wings Community Easter Party
           Montgomery Church of Christ 2-4 Set-up 4-7 Party
           7201 Montgomery Blvd NE—Bet. Louisiana & PA.
May 21     Women's Recovery Academy —Albuquerque, NM
June 11    Warren Correctional Institution—Cincinnati, OH
June 18    Lorain Correctional Institution—Cleveland, OH
June 25    Grafton Correctional Institution —Cleveland, OH
July 16    Hutchins State Jail—Dallas, TX
Aug. 13    Albuquerque Back-To-School Community Party
Dec. 3     Southeastern Correctional —Lancaster, OH
Dec. 10    Albuquerque Christmas Community Party

Volunteers are needed for all prison parties. Security clearances are required usually 4-6 weeks before the date of the party. Call 1-505-291-6412 to get your name on the list or email AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org.

Executive Director’s Report—Ann Edenfield Sweet

The Wings 16th Anniversary Celebration Banquet was held on March 18 at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Albuquerque. An estimated 275 guests & volunteers enjoyed the delicious food prepared by Chef Tim Nuzum & donated by Jim & Patsy Zanios.

Lupe Martinez, NM Secretary of Corrections, gave a great keynote address, where she highlighted the importance of working with families of prisoners & returning citizens to reduce incarceration.

Claire Reardon, and the award-winning High Desert Pipes and Drums entertained us, along with comedian Davyd Roseman & MC Dan Rosecrans from Family Life Radio, 91.5 FM.

Debbie Diaz was named the 2011 Volunteer of the Year, surrounded by some of the former recipients—Pat Mallory, Karen Bramlitt & Paul Collins.

The church was beautifully decorated with live shamrock centerpieces, along with festive St. Patrick’s Day streamers, shamrocks & even a Blarney Stone. Thanks to Sharie Rowland & Tom Woods, Rick Hobson of Jericho Nursery & Pat Mallory.

Wings participants spoke about how Wings Ministry has impacted their lives. Children and youth from Wings for L.I.F.E. and area churches were the servers, and the official 2011 Wings Spoon Hanging Championship was enjoyed by all.

Debbie Diaz
2011 Wings Volunteer of the Year
Memorial Gifts
Honor Loved Ones

One of the many ways that our ministry partners can honor a loved one or reflect the care that a loved one displayed during his/her lifetime is to make a Memorial Gift to Wings Ministry. We appreciate these gifts and wish to acknowledge them and the loved ones on whose behalf they were given.

In memory of Richard Saylor
By Jim & Judy Ostlie

In honor of: Ed & Jean Robertson’s 50th Anniversary
By Steve and Ruth Mithuen

In honor of: Rev. Dr. Craig & Deb Bensen
Jan & Wendy Kurz
By Ed & Jean Robertson

In memory of Esther Rose Robertson
By Ed & Jean Robertson

In memory of Howard Somers
By Ann Edenfield Sweet & Doug Sweet

In memory of Almarie Mathews
By Ann Edenfield Sweet & Doug Sweet

In memory of Rosina Garcia
By Ann Edenfield Sweet & Doug Sweet

In honor of The Rev. Dr. David & Ann Poling
By Brad & Kathy Day

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Rev. Doug & Ann Edenfield Sweet
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Second Presbyterian Church
St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral
St. Mary’s Press
Trinity United Methodist Church
Tom Woods—Woods Communications
Jim & Patsy Zanios

The American Boychoir
Benefit Concert for Wings

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8th Valentine’s Wings Party
Grants Women’s Prison
2-5-11

Great Music—Trinity@Marketplace
Storm Puppet Team—
Christ the King Anglican Church
2/3’s of Grants staff volunteered their
time so the Wings Party could happen!

Warden Arlene Hickson and some of her amazing staff!
Reflection from SCI Wings Party
Lancaster, OH 12-4-10

“I want to thank you for making the Wings Party happen at Southeastern Correctional Institution in Lancaster, Ohio. I have recently moved to Ohio to care for a four year old grandson. It was an unexpected event that changed our lives dramatically. We anticipated a few months stay, but it has dragged to many months.

I want you, and all the Wings folks, to know how very important what you’re doing is to the healing of kids and families. I didn’t know what to expect when I took my grandson to the Ohio Wings Party. But it was the most normal of any times he has ever had with his dad. And it was a much needed, if brief, balm for my weary heart. As I looked around that crowded gymnasium filled with men and the families trying to stay connected, my heart filled with gratitude to our Lord, who has used you, through tragic circumstances, to demonstrate His love and mercy to so many who may not know it any other way. I was reminded that often sorrow and joy go together in our spiritual growth.

I appreciated you sharing your personal story—especially the night before with the incarcerated men. It gives me hope of a redemptive life "after" prison and the broken pieces. Thank you for not forgetting those "in prison" and "widows and orphans" — just as Jesus told us.

I hope someday to help someway, anyway with what you’re doing. I’ve seen firsthand how very important it is in bringing the kingdom of God to earth wherever we are! Especially in the dark places.

I’ll pray regularly for Wings, and you and your family. May He cover you with grace and favor this coming year.”


3rd Prisoner’s Family Conference
Portland, OR
Feb. 23-25, 2011

Ann, Rev. Gary Sims, Oregon’s Religious Services Administrator & Carolyn Esparza, Community Solutions Mentoring Program—El Paso, TX & Coordinator of the Conference
Ann, Gary & Carolyn were Keynote Speakers

Anderson School of Business Students—University of New Mexico: Scott Olson, Carson Townsend, & Darrell Banward—Helping Wings this semester.
Wish List

Donations towards:

- Office supplies, toner, paper, shredder, conference chairs
- Salaries for TN, CO, OH, FL & NM staff (ABQ, Las Cruces, Roswell, Santa Fe, & other parts of the state)
- Storage area—empty garage?

Volunteers:

- HS/college student—Help/website
- Office administrators & assistants
- Kitchen teams & food for Wings for L.I.F.E. Albuquerque

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:

- $25
- $50
- $100
- $250
- $500
- Other $______

I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in my area.

NAME: ____________________________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: ________________________________ EMAIL: __________________________
PHONE: __________________________

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