



The WINGS Flyer

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Wings Ministry
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Wings for L.I.F.E. Wins Prestigious National Award!



Ann Edenfield Sweet, Wings Ministry Executive Director, receives the American Probation and Parole Associations' **2008 Award For Excellence in Community Crime Prevention** February 8, 2009 at the APPA National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC.

APPA Award For Excellence in Community Crime Prevention

APPA President Gary Hinzman presented the award.

We received many emails of congratulations. Here are two special ones:

The Ohio Dept. of Youth Services is proud to be partners with the Wings Ministry and we see first hand, through our Wings Parties and multiple Wings volunteers, the positive

impact your ministry has on our youth. Thomas Stickrath, Director Ohio Dept. of Youth Services

You must be bursting with pride and with gratitude for all your volunteers. I know every facility touched by Wings is better for it ~ as is every youth and every family. We are truly fortunate to have you and your organization helping our young men and young women and their loved ones. Thank you for all you do!

Martha Spohn, Bureau Chief—Facility Program Ohio Dept. of Youth Services

Spring for Wings Celebration Banquet

May 2 – Saturday Night

Central United Methodist Church

201 University Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

Silent Auction 4:00 – Dinner & Live Auction 5:30 pm

Gourmet Dinner Tickets only \$10.00

Keynote Speaker: Joe R. Williams, N.M. Secretary of Corrections

Purchase tickets for yourself or sponsor seating for inmate family members. You do not have to attend to be a banquet sponsor.

Banquet Sponsors:

Gold \$500

Silver \$250

Bronze \$100

Donations are appreciated for the Silent & Live Auction.

Ideas: Time-share vacations, river rafting, tickets to events (sports, theatre, entertainment), pottery, jewelry, arts and crafts, paintings, clothing, books, and gift certificates (hotels, restaurants, beauty salons, etc.).



Wings Gets HELP-NM Funding for 2nd Year!

On March 13 we were officially notified that Wings Ministry, and our award winning Wings for L.I.F.E. program, received grant funding from HELP-NM through the Compassion Capital Fund! Wings was only one of four organizations to receive the top Tier 2 funding award, and we received \$21,405! That funding has allowed us to hire some part-time staff which will enable us to again host four Wings for L.I.F.E. meetings a month in Albuquerque.

Look for exciting programming to result from this funding. [1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at YMCA, 4901 Indian School. 2nd & 4th Mondays at Second Presbyterian, 812 Edith Blvd. Walking 5:30—Dinner 6:00—6:30 Program and Reading Club 6:30—7:30. Please join us!]

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



Connecting lives



THANKS to Sponsors & Volunteers



Lisa Pilar—Great cookie baker!



Dolores & Jan Cherry.



High Noon—Delicious enchiladas!

8th Wings Party—Grants Women’s Prison 2-21-09



Games—Crafts Friends—Loved Ones



Wings Team Members





Special Thanks to our Donors

Zanios Foods—Food & supplies for Wings events
 Guideposts Magazine—Sweaters, magazines & books
 Family Life Radio—(KFLQ, 91.5 FM, Albuquerque)
 Romano’s Macaroni Grill—ABQ Wings for L.I.F.E. (WFL)
 High Noon Restaurant & Saloon—ABQ WFL meals
 Domino’s Pizza, 5109 Coors Rd.—ABQ WFL meals
 General Mills—Cheerios
 Cross of Hope Lutheran Koinonia Tapestry
 Hobby Lobby—Crafts & party supplies
 Library of Hope —Books
 BH Capitol LTD—Copying of Newsletter
 HELP-NM



Dr. Holly Hickson December 17, 2008

I am very sad to share that Dr. Holly Hickson, our **2007 Wings Volunteer of the Year**, passed away on December 17, 2008.

Holly was a key volunteer for us and is sorely missed. She wrote the CCF grant that allowed us to hire part-time staff in 2008. She gave tirelessly to Wings and felt a true calling to our vision and desire to help families of prisoners.

This is an excerpt from Holly’s obituary:

“Holly received her Master’s and Doctorate degrees in Education and Counseling from American University. Holly spent several years in Memphis, TN in private practice and working for a number of organizations as a clinical psychologist and crisis counselor. While in Memphis, she completed a number of conferences and interviews in her role as an expert in crisis intervention and hostage negotiation. She was active in the Memphis School of Servant Leadership, helped organize and conduct the Memphis Conference for Racial Reconciliation in 2002, and served on the Shelby County (TN) Interfaith Council. Holly served on the Memphis Commission for Jubilee 2000 for several years. In 2003, Holly moved to Albuquerque, NM. While there she served as the program manager for Help New Mexico, a nonprofit organization that assists service and other nonprofit organizations to obtain grant support for their work. She was an active supporter of social causes and worked on behalf of the Wings for L.I.F.E. organization. In 2008, she received the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for 2007 award from the Wings Ministry. Holly was a talented writer and educator, an accomplished grant-writer, and she was a fine cook and gifted musician. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church. Holly was predeceased by her parents, Dr. David James Hickson and Gloria Smith Hickson, formerly of Mount Gilead, OH. She is survived by her son, PFC James Habib Laknahour and his wife, PFC Jennifer Laknahour; sisters, Dr. Amy B. Hickson and Sarah Hickson de Salazar; a brother, David James Hickson, Jr. and several nieces and nephews.”

Holly will be truly missed and for those of us whose lives she touched. We will always have appreciation, love, respect and admiration for her and all she did for Wings Ministry.



Memorial Gifts Honor Loved Ones

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

Doug Sweet in memory of:

John Ward & Arline Goodney
Edward Sweet
Dan Sweet

Ann Edenfield Sweet in memory of:

Susan Black
Doris Saylor

Mr. & Mrs. Eckert in memory of:

Arline Goodney

Peggy Lou Gair in memory of:

Arline Goodney

Anthony & Deborah Rivera in memory of:

Fred Fassler

Anthony & Deborah Rivera in honor of:

Pastor Dale Bauer, Cross of Hope
Lutheran Church, Albuquerque

GREAT News!

Danielle Czajka, a Southern Methodist University (SMU) Senior in Dallas, TX, was recently notified that she received a **Maguire and Irby Family Public Service Internship** for the summer of 2009. This internship allows Danielle to work with Wings Ministry for 200 hours. Danielle just finished up an internship with Ernst & Young in Dallas, and is very excited about working with Wings. She will return to SMU this fall to complete her Masters in Accounting. Danielle said, “I’m really excited that SMU gave me an opportunity to work with Wings. I think Wings is a great organization and it will be fun to see the ministry through an accounting perspective.”



Danielle Czajka



Prayer Request from Tennessee

MaryAnn Gay, Director 931-224-2264
Wings Ministry of Warren County, TN

Thank you for your prayers. Things went well for our Wings friend in court on Tuesday. She still has a huge hurdle to cross in the next few weeks and a second court date to go. She would sure appreciate your prayers during this time.

Keep her children in your prayers as well—ages 9,10,11,15. They are struggling with all the things the family has been through and are showing it through poor choices. The 15-year old is especially vulnerable right now.

The mom is a good woman, working hard to provide for her family on her own and has dreams for a better future for her children. She is earnestly trying to make that happen for her loved ones.

I am learning that life is not easy for single parents who, because of life's circumstances, are living on the edge. Those few precious dollars earned are quickly eaten up by expenses and for every step forward there are countless steps back. I'm learning that for people living on a low income, everything costs more and thoughts of getting ahead are just a pipe dream. But most of all, I'm learning that the women Wings Ministry has brought my way are beautiful

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people who acknowledge the poor choices that have charted the course of their lives and who earnestly want to make a better life for their family. They just need supportive folks to love them unconditionally as God loves us -- cheer them on and give them hope. (If you feel the call to be one of those supportive folks for a mom or dad who could use a mentor or friend, please give me a call.)

This mom and her family are truly grateful for your prayers.

Blessings to you and yours during these challenging times!

**2nd Party 3-21-09
Easter Wings Party
Tennessee Prison for Women
Nashville, TN**



Moms—Children—Grandmothers—
Loved Ones—New Friends—LOVE!



Silly Fun—New Outfits
for Easter



Bonding—Loving





Reflections from the Executive Director—

One of the best parts of having my book **Family Arrested** on the web and spending full time with Wings Ministry is answering the phone and talking to family members who are often distraught, confused and hurting. They are generally surprised to find a real person on the other end of the phone, and also surprised to know that I have actually experienced similar emotions concerning an incarcerated loved one. Two recent callers shared their thoughts for loved ones with me through their poems.

Ann Edenfield Sweet

MY WIFE, MY LIFE

28 days you have been away
 My heart is empty, I miss you all day
 I have many questions running through my head
 My love for you will never be dead

Our daughter is fine, she is so strong
 I know we will be together again
 with love it will never be too long

Sometimes throughout the day I start to cry
 I ask myself why
 The Lord does things we cannot understand
 I feel blessed we have taken his hand

He will see us through this if we give him our trust
 Our love for each other, our family, and him is a must
 This time will try us all
 We will overcome obstacles
 that would cause others to fall

Because love is such a powerful gift
 If we get weak we shall look to him for lift
 We will have good times and bad
 And even though we don't want them
 Times of sad

Sonya I love you, always have, always will
 Because of this crossroad my love remains strong
 still

Sonya I love you!!! Forever and always,
 Shane

Poem by Mayra AldaZ 1/22/09

Every time I think of you
 I see everything we had to do
 Is paused and held from moving on
 I feel like half of me is gone.

Some stepping stones have disappeared
 I'm now confused which way to steer.
 I pray this chapter soon will end
 My strength no more I can pretend
 My eyes now filled with many tears
 The thought of many lonely years.

The days feel long
 Your sentence wrong,
 By my side's where you belong.

I cannot seem to understand
 Why I can't freely hold your hand.
 My heart hurts with such piercing pain,
 It almost makes me go insane.

I hope and pray He brings you home.
 I pray believe and cry and moan.
 The stress gets harder to ignore,
 This weight I cannot bear no more.

My strength is gone, I'm getting weak
 But suddenly, I hear Him speak
 "Be still my child,
 Your knees have dialed,
 Give Me all this weight that's piled."

He whispers "Peace Restore! Restore!
 Get on my wings child we will soar!"
 God is God, He's never late,
 Let Jesus guide you to His gate.

God is watching from above
 He wants to give you all His love.
 When you have nowhere else to run.
 Come to the arms, of the Holy one.

Admit you know that you have sinned,
 Now listen to the Holy wind.
 From your heart you must repent,
 Let what you speak be really meant.

God is watching from above
 He wants to give you all His love.
 When you have nowhere else to run.
 Come to the arms, of the Holy one.

For God so loved the world,
 His only son He gave.
 Imagine that were you,
 could you be truly brave?

Believe that Christ for our sins died.
 So He could have us by His side.
 See Jesus rose up from the grave,
 Because your soul He wants to save.

So confess that Jesus is
 Your Savior and your Lord.
 And in Heaven you will see
 a seat is your reward!

**WRONG Addresses
 New PENALTIES**

The U.S. Post Office began penalizing organizations that have not updated their mailing lists. This means that we could lose track of people who do not notify us of an address change, and if we continue to send out incorrectly addressed mail, we could be subject to a 7¢ per piece penalty not only for the undeliverable letter(s), but for every piece in that mass mailing.

Please keep us informed of any address change and notify
 AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org
 or call 505-291-6412.

THANKS so much!

2008 Annual Donors THANK YOU!!!!

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**Wings Ministry
 Reunites Families &
 Restores Hope**

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Wings Ministry is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.
 Wings accepts United Way contributions from anywhere in the United States and Combined Federal Campaign **#66605**.

Thank You!

*Bureau of Justice Statistics

WISH LIST

Donations towards:

- Salaries for NM, TN & CO staff
- Office space
- Storage area—empty garage?

Volunteers:

- Office administrators & assistants
- Grant writers
- HS or college student—learn web
- Kitchen teams & food for Wings for L.I.F.E. Albuquerque

WINGS MINISTRY EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY — APRIL 4

**Central United Methodist Church
 201 University Albuquerque, NM**

1 block N. of Central Ave—Across from UNM

SINGING—GAMES—EASTER EGGS—CRAFTS—
 PIZZA—FUN!

2-4 Set-up/Training 4:00—6:30 Party

Please RSVP to Ann at 291-6412.

We want to have enough pizza!