2018 was a year of important growth because we expanded our programming into public schools.

In October of 2018 three elementary and three middle schools started Homework Diner Grows Wings. This is our Wings For L.I.F.E. (Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education) program that we do weekly in Albuquerque. I trained the school leaders and volunteers, and rewrote some of the curriculum to fit the appropriate ages in the schools. I've been able to go to some of the programs and it's exciting to see others using our materials. The comments from the school staff, students, and parents has been very positive, so I'm excited about our second semester that will start in February.

Wings signed another contract in 2018 with the New Mexico Corrections Dept. to host Prison Family Days. There are photo collages and comments from all the Family Days Wings hosted this year and they can be found at http://www.wingsforliféinternational.org/gallery/2018/2018.html

It’s wonderful to see the photos and read the comments and realize we are bringing hope and joy to so many.

- In 2018 Wings hosted 10 prison family days in NM, 4 prison family days in Ohio, 1 prison family day in Tennessee, & 3 community parties in Albuquerque.
- Wings ministered to and fed 3,957 people in prison and 834 people in NM community parties.
- There were 43 weekly Wings For L.I.F.E. meetings—Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education. There were 3,068 people who attended WFL and 505 were children/teens (24%) for an average of 71 people per meeting. A healthy, nutritious meal was served to all 3,068 WFL attendees.
- Wings had interns/service learning students from NMHU, CNM, UNM, and high school students from El Dorado, La Cueva, Hope Christian, St. Pius, and the United World College in Las Vegas, NM. After-dinner tutoring and Pre-K programming was offered to 505 children and youth.
Wings For LIFE International (Wings) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. The two main programs are Wings prison and community family days and Wings For L.I.F.E. (WFL) educational program. Combined gross income in 2018 was $170,685.36. Wings primary fundraiser is the Celebration of Champions gala which accounted for $50,004.00 of their income. Wings finished the year with $74,949.14 in cash, $9,284.52 in current assets which includes book inventory and prepaid assets, and $9,815.94 in fixed assets and publishing rights. Wings' only liabilities were $1,680.88 in expenses that were paid in early January, 2019. The equity balance is $92,368.72.

Roger Riley, Contract Accountant
2018 Statistics

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Genders Served 2018

![Gender Pie Chart]

43 WFL Meetings

Special Highlights
- Dr. Seuss—Read across America
- Back-To-School Fashion Show
- Make a Difference Day ABQ
- Keep Albuquerque Beautiful
- Christmas Go Shopping
- Manners, life skills, jobs, money, parenting, issues unique to prison
- Pre-K programs
- Tutoring
- Ukulele classes
- Karate classes
- Beading classes
- Read to dogs program

71 people average per meeting

Great FUN with new friends!

WFL Ethnicities for 2018

- Caucasian 26%
- Hispanic 48%
- Native American 11%
- African American 5%
- Asian 2%
- Other 9%

What people say about WFL:

“You learn so much here about people and about yourself. Wings teaches you more than what you go there for and it helps you in everything. You learn what work ethic is, manners, and even leadership.”

“It is a lot of fun and something to look forward to. It helps us reintegrate back into society.”

“Everyone is treated equal and everyone gets along with each other. It was welcoming and warm.”

2018 Wings Staff & Key Volunteers

Don Shapiro, Chairman of the Board of Directors

I want to share a short story about why Wings has such special meaning to me and which helps explain the unique mission and purpose of Wings For LIFE International.

I have been employed by NM’s Children, Youth & Family Dept. for the past 12 years. I help young people transition from a commitment in the Juvenile Justice System toward growth into adulthood and a new life in the community. Most folks don’t know that 72% of youth who have family members in prison are likely to find themselves following the same dreadful path.

When I first learned about Wings, I was searching for a place to bring the youth in my care, many with incarcerated family members. I wanted them to find respite from a near-hopeless life style, and I was uplifted by the Wings’ mission, “Transforming lives to break the generational cycle of incarceration.” I brought some of the youth and their families to Wings WFL dinner meeting on Mondays, hoping to engage those especially who had incarcerated family members.

One of the youth, William P., whose father is serving a life sentence at GCDF in Santa Rosa, NM, had made steady progress in our program. He began living independently, studying photography and video at UNM/CE, and attended Monday Wings WFL meetings. I found out about his father’s incarceration and helped facilitate his participation in his first Wings Prison Family Day in 2016, where he spent a meaningful afternoon reconnecting with his dad whom he had not seen for six years.

In 2017 William again joined Wings and brought his younger brother as a family member and volunteer, and they helped prepare sandwiches for a day at Santa Rosa. In 2018 William joined us again, and this time (as a young father himself) brought his daughter, brother, and Grandmother to the reunion. As a budding videographer, William captured these meaningful visits in a video which was aired at the recent Wings’ Celebration of Champions fundraiser.

William is now 23, and preparing for his fourth Wings Family Day. This year he is planning to have family members who reside in Puerto Rico, travel to New Mexico to spend the day with their father. We have heard from the Santa Rosa Chaplain that his Dad has been transformed as a result of the visits by William and his family and he has become a kinder, and more positive inmate.

William has also been transformed. He has courageously chosen to put more distance between himself and some former “homies” who have remained involved in a criminal lifestyle. Instead, he has embarked on a new career and lifestyle outside of New Mexico. As a young person who has participated in the growth-oriented and caring community of Wings for almost 4 years, he is planning to share his journey and life skills learned with other youth who are currently incarcerated and/or returning to the community. His story epitomizes what Wings is trying to do, and William’s success is part of the “Wings Family” story.

And I, as Board Chair, have also been transformed, and feel grateful for the constancy of caring by Ann, Wings founder and Executive Director, the compassion and servant-leadership of our dedicated and talented Board members, staff, and volunteers who have made it possible to truly help William, their families, and so many others, to grow, learn best practices, and find meaning in their lives.

Wings has given me at the age of 75, and with 52 years of service, new connections, a new sense of meaning, and a genuine caring community.
Wings Prison & Community Family Days

Crafts with Kids

Games

Bible Story

Singing with Praise Band

Eating together Family-Style

...but most important of all...FAMILY!

Human Turkeys
What is Wings For L.I.F.E. (WFL)? Why is it so important?

Wings For L.I.F.E. – Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education is an empowerment program that provides life-skills, education, training, and support for children and family members of prisoners. Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets® are an important part of the training. There are no costs associated with Wings for L.I.F.E. and everyone is welcome! Wings For L.I.F.E. is a program that can work anywhere; inner-city, suburban areas, large and small communities.

Programs offered:
- Pre-K and Tutoring Program
- Single parent education
- Finances and feeding a family
- Discipline
- Acceptance
- Prison Visits
- Substance abuse and signs
- Reintegration and reunification issues
- Legal issues
- Public defenders
- Work/job issues
- Holidays
- Other interests based on group

WFL is UNIQUE & there is no program in America like it

U.S. Facts:
- The United States is the world’s leader in incarceration with 2.2 million people currently incarcerated, a 500% increase over the last 30 years. (The Sentencing Project, 2015)
- Currently 1 in 3 adults have a criminal conviction that impacts their employability and future. (New Mexico Prison Population Forecast, 2015)
- 95% of offenders will be released back into the community and of those, 75% will return to incarceration within 5 years. (U.S. Justice Dept.)
- Nationally the female population has been the fastest growing correctional population, increasing by an average of 3.4% annually. (NM Prison Population Forecast, July, 2015)
- United States annual correctional costs $6.7 billion. (The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2018)
- Children of prisoners are up to 72% more likely to become incarcerated themselves.

New Mexico Facts:
- In fiscal year 2015, the number of female inmates in New Mexico increased by 11% and male inmates increased by 3.4% (New Mexico Prison Population Forecast, 2015)
- New Mexico expenditures on corrections $663.41 million, 2.77% of total state expenditures. (Associated Press, 2017)
- NM is 3rd in U.S. for kids with imprisoned parents. 52,000+ children in NM about 10% of NM’s child population have had a parent in jail/prison. (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2015)
- Of the 10% of New Mexico children with an incarcerated parent, 19% are Native American and 11% are Hispanic. (datacenter.kidscount.org, 2015)
- The annual cost to incarcerate one juvenile in New Mexico is approximately $182,000. (Albuquerque Journal, 2015)
- Nationally the US spends $11,014 annually on education and New Mexico spends $7,933 (National Center for Education Statistic, 2015)

We believe that committed, caring people in our communities need to take an interest in our children to change the statistics. Education and life-skills are necessary to help prevent another generation of inmates and to cut recidivism.

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Wings For LIFE Int’l Facts
- 2018 annual budget of $177,840
- Wings served 8,771 people
- 2,516 teens & children at a cost of $20.28 per person
- $51,024.48 the cost Wings spent on teens & children
- Which is less than 1/3 the cost of just one incarcerated juvenile in the State of NM.

Just imagine what your donation will allow us to do to expand our programming and teach even more people!

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Every Second: The Impact of the Incarceration Crisis on America’s Families

Overall Facts:
- The U.S. continues to incarcerate more than any other country in the world. Our jail and prison populations are 4X larger than they were in 1980.
- 1 in 2 adults in America has had a family member in jail or prison at some point.
- 1 in 7 adults has had an immediate family member incarcerated for at least one year.
- 1 in 34 adults has had an immediate family member incarcerated for ten years or longer.
- 1 in 38 adults have an immediate family member currently incarcerated.
- Approx. 1 in 4 people (27.5%) have had a sibling incarcerated.
- Approx. 1 in 5 people (18.4%) has had a parent incarcerated.
- Approx. 1 in 7 people (13.5%) has had a spouse or co-parent incarcerated.
- Approx. 1 in 8 people (12.2%) has had a child incarcerated.
- Incarceration doesn’t care about political beliefs—Republicans (43%) and Democrats (45%).

Race and Ethnicity:
- People of color make up 37% of the population, but 67% of the prison population.
- Estimated rates of family incarceration by Race and Ethnicity: 4 out of 10 White, 4 out of 10 Latino, 6 out 10 Black, and 6 out of 10 Native American.
- Black and Latino families are far more likely to experience longer prison sentences.
- Black adults are 50% more likely than white adults to have had an immediate family member incarcerated.
- Black adults are 3 times more likely than white adults to have had an immediate family member incarcerated for longer than a year.
- 1 in 3 Black men will be incarcerated during their lifetime.
- Latino adults are 70% more likely than white adults to have had an immediate family member incarcerated for longer than one year.
- 17% of Latino families will have an immediate family member incarcerated for longer than one year.

Financial:
- As of 2011 the total amount of criminal justice debt in the U.S. owed by individuals amounted to around $50 billion.
- Lower income groups will face higher rates of immediate family member incarceration.
- Percentage of immediate family members incarcerated for at least one day per income bracket: 53% less than 25k, 50% between 25K and 50K, 44% between 50k and 75k, 39% between 75K and 100K, 33% more than 100k
- Percentage of family members incarcerated per region: 45% Midwest, 49% West, 31% Northeast, 49% South (percentages based on adults living in the region)
- Nearly 2 in 3 families (65%) were found to be unable to meet basic needs such as food, housing, and medical care while their family member was incarcerated
- 54% of parents incarcerated were the primary breadwinners in their families.

Families:
- More than one third of women (32%) will experience homelessness or other housing insecurity because of family incarceration.
- Children with an incarcerated father are more likely to repeat a grade in elementary school.
- Visits—Only 23.9% of people with an incarcerated family member serving between 1 day and 1 month and 48.7% of people with an incarcerated family member serving for a year or more were able to visit.
- Even if families are able to visit, the experience was most often described as cold, degrading, disgusting, and restrictive.

To read more: www.tinyurl.com/everysecondpdf
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MIXERS: GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

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BEADING CLASS

Pre-K

Karate

The Cat in the Hat comes to WFL—Dr. Seuss Read Across America

Families Reunited

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