Wings Ministry

Annual Report

2010

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Vision—
Christ’s unconditional love shared with all families of prisoners.

Wings Ministry Mission—
Wings Ministry brings families of prisoners & Christian volunteers together as children of God by:

• Building relationships that transform both the lives of the families, volunteers & Christian communities.

• Conducting joyous celebrations of Christ’s unconditional love that breaks down barriers.

• Providing interdenominational mission opportunities for Christian communities worldwide.

Report From Wings Board President – The Rev. Dr. Paul Collins

As we close out 2010 and being a new year, we have much to give thanks to God. We marvel at the wonderful way God has blessed Wings. It has again been my privilege to serve another year as the President of the Board of Directors of Wings Ministry. The Board represents a cross section of leadership in our community, but a common dedication to God and the continual development of the ever-expanding outreach of this great ministry. Our mission is to provide support to the incarcerated and their families in a time of separation and anxiety.

We go into 2011 with great confidence and optimism, despite many clouds of uncertainty. We gain much hope as we look again to the promises of God in Joshua Chap. 1. Joshua was on the threshold of a great opportunity of leading the Nation of Israel into the Promised Land but first God gave him some reassurance and encouragement. “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead the people to possess the land. Be strong and very courageous. Do not deviate from the instructions I have given you. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord our God is with you wherever you go.”

As we are on the threshold of 2011, we must appropriate these same promises and look forward to new horizons that lie before us. We ask you to join with us in the high and holy calling that God has entrusted us.

Letter from the Executive Director – Ann Edenfield Sweet

2010 has been a wonderful year! We celebrated our 15th Anniversary and officially moved into our new office 1-1-10. Because of the office, Debbie Diaz was able to work for us through the NM Dept. of Aging. She did such a fabulous job that we were able to hire her after her contract with NMDA ended. Dozens of volunteers have helped us at the office for a total of 1970 hours., helping with countless tasks. We also have volunteers who need community service credit and come to us from halfway houses and other agencies. The office has been an incredible gift.

Wings for L.I.F.E. attendance more than doubled in 2010 to an average of 64 people per meeting! Grant funding allowed us to meet 4 times a month and Second Presbyterian Church and Trinity United Methodist Church have graciously given us meeting space.

Wings celebrated our 15th Anniversary on July 16. Over 350 people helped us celebrate, including 15 year supporters/mentors Dr. David Poling, Homer Gonzales, Jim & Patsy Zanios, owners of Zanios Foods, Guideposts Magazine & VP Dr. Pablo Dias who gave the keynote address, and many family members, friends, and long-time volunteers. Nashville songwriter Wanda Lewis performed her song for Wings—“He Gave Me Wings”.

Wings Ministry has had first-time volunteers help with the Dallas, TX Hutchins State Jail Wings Party. I was told they were interested in prison ministry, but didn’t know where to start and were afraid to sign up for a weekly Bible study for fear they wouldn’t like working in the prison. Instead they joined our Wings volunteer team, felt a true calling to prison ministry, and now 6 new volunteers help with the Alpha Prison Ministry in Dallas area prisons!

We also have had students from CNM and UNM help us this year with service-learning classes. Not only have they enriched out Wings’ meetings, but hopefully they have learned a lot and will continue to give back to others in the future.

Wings has been able to volunteer for many community events in 2010—homeless fairs, dental clinics, and several community resource fairs.

Wings Ministry has touched over 8329 people in 2010 and I thank all of our donors and volunteers for their support!
2010 Statistics from Wings Albuquerque & Wings International
(Roswell & Tennessee statistics not included)

2010 Statistics
- Donations of food, paper products, craft supplies, clothing, gifts, speakers, meeting space, radio & newspaper announcements for Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. are valued at $516,684!
- 789 people attended 3 community Wings Parties Albuquerque.
- 2555 people attended 9 prison Wings Parties in NM, TN, TX, & OH.
- 1939 children and youth were ministered to at parties & WFL.
- Zanios Foods/Jim Zanios has provided all the food for our annual banquets and all the cookies, punch, and paper products for every NM Wings Party since 1995!
- Guideposts Magazine has provided magazines, books, sweaters, and other items for every Wings Party held anywhere for the past 15 years!

Look at our growth!

Wings for L.I.F.E.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors!
- Zanios Foods
- Guideposts Magazine
- Family Life Radio KFLQ, 91.5 FM
- High Noon Restaurant & Saloon
- Domino’s Pizza - 5109 Coors Rd.
- Cross of Hope Lutheran Koionia Tapestry
- Trinity@TheMarketplace
- BH Capitol LTD
- McCune Foundation
- Nicolas C. Nellos Memorial Fund for At-Risk Children of the Albuquerque Community Foundation
- Pay Day, Inc.
- Pepper’s BBQ
- Second Presbyterian Church
- Starline Printing
- Trinity United Methodist Church

2010: 8329 people attended a Wings event.
18,054 annual hours of volunteer time — Est. volunteer value of $375,435!
Wings Parties in 12 States to date
Common themes—Fun, strengthening families, faith, & Christ’s unconditional love.

5485 people attended Wings Prison & Wings Community Parties in 2010!
For our ministry to continue growing at this rate, we must expand our support base. PLEASE consider:

- Individual donations—no gift is too small
- Make a pledge today
- Church mission budgets
- Participate in Change n’ Lives (Collect loose change for Wings)
- United Way & our Wings Ministry United Way Campaign
- Combined Federal Campaign #66605
- Gifts in-kind or stock, property, jewelry, etc.

Designated individual and church giving allows us to design our programs and staffing around ministry needs instead of one-time grant funding sources.

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:

Wings Ministry
Reunites Families

☐$25 ☐$50 ☐$100 ☐$250
☐Other $__________

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

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP: ____________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________ EMAIL: ____________________

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Thank You!

*Bureau of Justice Statistics