Answer to Prayer—Office Space Offer

— Ann Edenfield Sweet

I hope you have a thanks-filled Thanksgiving shared with loved ones. I am SO thankful for all the volunteers who help us not only in Albuquerque and New Mexico, but from cities all over the country! We truly have so much to be thankful for!

Wings Ministry has been blessed with a donor who has offered us a beautiful 4-room office space (3 separate rooms and a storage area) with 717 square feet only four blocks from my house. Our cost is only $300/month and this is to cover the utilities and taxes on the property. He will sign a contract with us for 3 years at this price which will allow us to stay in one place for awhile. Wings has always been housed in my home office, and with this space we will be able to utilize a volunteer who has come to us through the NM Dept. of Aging to establish regular office hours. We have many volunteers and people needing community service who would like to help us, and this office space would allow many more people to help us.

Wings does not have budget money for rent. Therefore, I'm asking for donations. If only 36 people sent us $100, that would cover the rent for a year. If only 18 churches put us in their mission budgets for $200/year, we'd have our $3600 annual rent. If 360 people sent us $10 we'd have our annual rent.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help us. I truly believe having an office will allow Wings to expand exponentially.

To view photos of this space and to become a fan of Wings Ministry on Facebook go to www.facebook.com and search for Wings Ministry. Once you find the page go to the photo tab and you will see what the space looks like. It's perfect!

Wings can accept United Way contributions and CFC (Combined Federal Campaign #66605) from anywhere in the country. All donations are tax deductible and can be made out to:

Wings Ministry
2270 D Wyoming Blvd NE #130
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Thanks SO very much and have a joyous and blessed Christmas season!

In His love, Ann

Upcoming Dates

Donations of cookies, paper supplies, crafts and money for pizza are appreciated for all parties!

- Dec. 5—Southeastern Correctional Institute—Lancaster, OH Christmas Party
- Dec. 12—Albuquerque Christmas Party—New Beginnings Church 3601 Montgomery Blvd, Carlisle & Montgomery 2-4 set-up, 4—6:30 Party
- Dec. 12—McMinnville, TN—Christmas Party
- Jan. 16—Santa Fe, NM—Penitentiary of NM
- Feb. 6—Women's Prison—Grants, NM
- Feb. 27—Florida—Prisoner’s Family Conference—DeMilly Correctional Institution—Polk City, FL
- Mar. 13—Hutchins State Jail—Dallas, TX
- Mar. 27—Albuquerque Easter Party
- July 23—Albuquerque—Wings 15th Anniversary Celebration Banquet—Mark Earley, Keynote Speaker— Prison Fellowship President & CEO

Volunteers are needed for all prison parties. Security clearances are required. Call 1-505-291-6412 to get your name on the list or email AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org.
Wings for L.I.F.E. — busy this fall!
Make a Difference Day Albuquerque — Trash pick-up
Albuquerque Thanksgiving Potluck — Boys & Girls Club
Funny Dummy Stuff — Ken Karter
UNM Students — How to Stay Healthy for the Holidays
**Wings Party**

Women’s Recover Academy—Albuquerque, NM 11-14-09

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**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.

In memory of **Sacha Blair**
- Maribel Mullins
- Ann Edenfield Sweet

In memory of **Annie Entrekin**
- Maribel Mullins

In memory of **Steve Jones**
- Ann Edenfield Sweet

In memory of **Arlene Goodney**
- Elaine Ahonen

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**Wings Party**

Cheerio necklaces

Loved ones

Singin’ in the rain...
**Dear You** By Tom Lagana from *Serving Productive Time*

One cold November morning I stopped by the emergency room of our local hospital to see if they could use my volunteer services. My official volunteer day was Thursday, but since I was already downtown that Saturday, I thought I’d offer to help out.

As I entered the triage area, one of the nurses waved and called out to me. “Tom, I need to see you after I check on my patient. I’ll be right back.”

“Sure, Nicole.” I answered. “I’ll be here.” I couldn’t help but wonder, *What did I do now?*

Minutes later she reappeared and explained, “I’m glad you’re here today. My nine-year-old daughter decided to do a project on her own. It has to do with the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy.”

Out of the blue, I had a flashback of my Catholic school days. “Sure, I remember them well. The nuns made us memorize them in grade school.” I rattled them off in my head: *Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.*

“Then you know that one of the corporal works is to visit the imprisoned. A few months ago, I recall your mentioning that you also volunteer at the prison. I want to ask you for a favor. My daughter wants to make Christmas cards for prisoners, but she doesn’t know how to go about getting them to the inmates. Can you help us?”

“Of course. I plan to visit the prison before Christmas anyway, and I’m sending letters to inmates in other states. Her cards will be a welcome gift for everyone who has to spend Christmas behind bars.”

“Thanks, Tom. She’ll be thrilled. I can’t wait to tell her.” Then Nicole disappeared into another room to tend to her next patient.

The following Thursday, when I reported for my usual ER shift, thirty-one handmade Christmas cards were waiting for me, just as Nicole had promised. Early the next morning, I sipped my coffee and read the cards with my wife, Laura. Each one-of-a-kind, handcrafted card was created on construction paper of various colors of the rainbow. They moved us to tears.

Dear You, God watches over you all the time. If you turn your back on Him, He’ll still be there and still protect you. J.M.

Dear You, You know how when you meet somebody, but you can’t trust them? Well, you don’t have to know God to trust Him. He’ll never turn you down. J.M.

Dear You, You don’t have to impress God. I’m saying that because usually people think they have to. Life is about making mistakes and learning from them. J.M.

Dear You, God has a plan for everyone. Maybe this wasn’t His plan for you, but this is just the beginning. Everything will be okay. J.M.

Dear You, I have faith in everyone. Maybe you did some stuff wrong, but everyone deserves a second chance. Even though I don’t know you, I believe in you. For Christmas, will you do something for me? Pray to God. Merry Christmas. J.M.

Dear You, Never call yourself a failure. Yes, maybe you messed up in the past, but we all mess up. Hey, God is always there. Merry Christmas. J.M.

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**Dear You: Thank you for believing in me and for believing in giving second chances. I really value the card you made for me. Thank you, M.M.** (On the back of the drawing.)

Dear You, You probably think badness is all around you. Well, look beyond the badness and see God standing there saying, “I love you.” If you try hard, maybe you can see the same thing. Don’t worry. God never takes a break. J.M.

One week after sending out some of the cards, the responses began rolling in from inmates. Have a look at a few examples:

The first thing I want to do is tell you that I thought the Christmas card from the little girl was absolutely priceless! It warmed my heart when I got this, and I’d have to say that it was the best Christmas card I’ve ever received. Please be sure to tell her that I said, “Thank you.” I showed it to several of the guys around here, and then sent it home to my parents.

Dave LeFave (Colorado)

That card from the little girl made me feel good. What a wonderful heart she must have to be so kind. In these places you learn to put your emotions in a box, but her card got through that wall I’ve built. It felt great to get behind that wall for a bit and feel the warmth she put there. I couldn’t have asked for a better Christmas gift.

Charles Carkhuff (California)

A nine-year-old made thirty-one cards like the one you gave me and wanted them all sent to prisoners? Wow! Must be quite a little girl to be so altruistic so early in life. When I was nine years old, I was busy dreaming about Luke Skywalker, not asking prisoners to pray. Makes me wonder what she’ll become.

Matt Matteo (Pennsylvania)

Matt Matteo also enclosed an original drawing depicting an inmate on his knees, praying fervently in his cell. When I saw it, I was filled with emotion.

(See copy of Matt’s drawing above.)
Search Institute's Conference—Cincinnati, OH 11-5-09
L to R: Stuart Edenfield, Melissa Somers, Lyndon Azcuna (Awana), Tom Beagan & Sarah Ose (LOGOS Ministry), Ann Edenfield Sweet, MaryAnn Gay (Warren County, TN)

Building an “asset” tower during Wings for L.I.F.E. workshop

Wings Party
Warren Correctional Institution—Lebanon, OH 11-7-09
Wish List

Donations towards:

- Office space
- 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
  - Grant writers

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:
- $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