The Rev. Dr. Paul Collins, Wings Ministry Board President, won the 2010 Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award which honors an individual who, over the course of his or her lifetime, has made significant contributions to New Mexico through volunteer efforts.

Paul Collins is an amazing man. He is a retired prison chaplain from the Santa Fe Penitentiary and the Los Lunas prison. After retiring, he “refired” by becoming founder and Executive Director of Eagles Unlimited, a non-profit organization that helps returning citizens find work and housing.

Paul has been a very active member of the Sandia Civilian Club for many years. His involvement there has involved him in many community projects, including mentoring homeless youth at Del Norte High School.

Paul is involved with A Peaceful Habitation, a home for female returning citizens. He and his wife lead a weekly Bible study, prepare and eat meals with the women, and help with their fundraising events and community projects.

Paul is also on the Board for the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. He spends a lot of time helping the residents at the mission, as well as fundraising and building community awareness about the need and impact of the mission.

Paul is an active member of his church, Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is on the leadership board, teaches classes, and founded and directs The Wild Bunch, an active group of senior citizens who find ways each month to give back to organizations in the greater Albuquerque area in a variety of ways. Paul is always seeking ways to involve people in the community.

Paul is also the President of the Wings Ministry Board of Directors. His leadership, vision, support, and guidance is invaluable. His vision as prison chaplain at Los Lunas enabled the first Wings Party to be held in a prison. Wings Parties have been held in almost all New Mexico Adult and Juvenile Facilities, and often on a yearly basis. Wings Prison Parties have been held in six other states. Wings Community Parties have been hosted in 12 states and many areas in India. Paul has the vision to expand Wings into an active international ministry and national ministry to all 50 states.

Paul also has been instrumental in bringing recognition to Wings for L.I.F.E., which won the prestigious American Probation & Parole’s National Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention for 2009, recognizing Wings for L.I.F.E. as a best-practice model in the United States.

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

Upcoming Dates

- July 16—Albuquerque—Wings 15th Anniversary Celebration Banquet—St. John’s UMC—Albuquerque, NM
- Aug. 7—Back-To-School Party—Albuquerque
- Aug. 28—Back-To-School Party—McMinnville, TN
- Sept. 18—The Farm—Central NM Correctional—Los Lunas
- Oct. 2—Springer Correctional Institution—Springer, NM
- Nov. 13—Guadalupe County Correctional—Santa Rosa, NM
- Dec. 4—Southeastern Correctional Institution—Lancaster, OH
- Dec. 11—16th Albuquerque Christmas Party—TBA

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

Banquet Sponsors

Gold $1,000 – Silver $500 – Bronze $300

Dinner Tickets $25

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Pablo Diaz, VP of Ministries—Guideposts

Purchase tickets for yourself or sponsor seating for inmate family members. You don’t have to attend to be a banquet sponsor.

Please call Ann to reserve your tickets. 505-291-6412
Wings for L.I.F.E.—ABQ

Wings for L.I.F.E. (WFL) continues to grow! Our average attendance in 2009 was 36 people. Our largest meeting in 2010 had 113! Our average attendance in 2010 has increased to 56!

Workforce Links is a collaboration of State, Federal, City, County, CYFD, and non-profit organizations whose goal is to help returning citizens find and keep employment.

WFL is a part of this collaboration, and every 2nd Monday of each month, representatives from Workforce Links are the speakers at WFL. We are not aware of any other collaboration like this in the country. Another unique aspect of this collaboration is that the family members of the returning citizens and those on probation and parole are invited and encouraged to attend Wings for L.I.F.E. with their loved ones!

Dolores Hughes Retires—THANKS
Dolores for all your hard work!

What did you learn at WFL that you can use in daily life?

♦ To find good in everyone
♦ There are people out there who want to help.
♦ Learn how to say NO and it’s OK.
♦ Getting to meet new people and learn things from the topics.
♦ Spend time with your children; do activities with your children; hug your children daily; love them always!

Great Speakers!
2010 Valiant Woman Award
Church Women United
Ann Edenfield Sweet  6-4-10

On June 4, 2010, I was very honored and humbled to receive the Valiant Woman Award from Church Women United. The award is given to women who demonstrate courage, vision, outreach and perseverance. This award helps build an awareness of the need to bring the families of prisoners and returning citizens into neighborhood congregations where they will be welcomed, loved, and nurtured into faith. Thanks to all the women in churches everywhere who reach out to “the least of these”.

— Ann Edenfield Sweet

Wings Volunteers at Ceremony
L—R: Patricia Raquet Deborah Diaz, Karen Bramlitt, Ann, & Alexis Green

Special THANKS to our Sponsors

- Jim Zanios—Food & supplies for Wings events
- Guideposts Magazine—Sweaters, magazines & books
- Family Life Radio—KFLQ, 91.5 FM, Albuquerque
- High Noon Restaurant & Saloon—Albuquerque WFL meals
- Domino’s Pizza, 5109 Coors Rd.—Albuquerque WFL meals
- General Mills—Cheerios
- Cross of Hope Lutheran Koinonia Tapestry
- Hobby Lobby—Crafts & party supplies
- Alicyn Mayes—Albuquerque WFL meals
- BH Capitol LTD—Copying of Newsletter
- Nicolas C. Nellos Memorial Fund for At-Risk Children of the Albuquerque Community Foundation
- Pepper’s Ole Fashion BBQ—Albuquerque WFL meals
- The McCune Foundation
- Starline Printing—Wings Ministry brochure
- Archie Archuleta Design—Logo, artwork, design
- St. John’s United Methodist Church—Wings Banquet
- Trinity United Methodist Church—WFL Meetings
- Second Presbyterian Church—WFL Meetings

WINGS MINISTRY
15TH BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY

Saturday — August 7, 2010

St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral
318 Silver Ave. SW 247-1581
Directions: Corner of 4th St. & Silver Ave.
Downtown Albuquerque

Games - Crafts - Singing - Dinner - FUN!

2-4 set-up  Party 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Please RSVP: Ann at 291-6412

We want to make sure we have enough pizza! Also—school supplies for kids!
Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility
Mother's Day Party  Las Cruces, NM  5-8-10

Wings Team Members

FUN
LOVE
BONDING

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Tennessee Prison for Women
3rd Wings Party Nashville, TN  4-10-10

Jesus on the cross

Easter—
Angels at
the tomb

Easter Dramatization
Soldiers Easter crafts

Easter Team Relay & Easter Bonnets

Fabulous Wings Team
Wish List
Donations towards:
- Office equipment—Fax & scanner
- 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

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

Wings Ministry
Reunites Families & Restores Hope

Spring 2010
www.WingsForLifeABQ.blogspot.com
For information about Albuquerque Wings for L.I.F.E. meetings.

Wish List

- A child of a prisoner is faced with a daunting future.
- 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:
- $25
- $50
- $100
- $250
- $500
- Other $ __________

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 not-for-profit organization.
Wings accepts United Way contributions from anywhere in the United States.

Thank You!
*Bureau of Justice Statistics

Save the date!
July 16, 2010!
Wings Ministry will celebrate its 15th Anniversary on Friday, July 16, at St. John’s UMC in Albuquerque.
The Rev. Dr. Pablo Diaz, VP of Outreach Ministry, Guideposts Magazine, will be our keynote speaker. Reserve your tickets—only $25.