Wings Ministry Explores Social Enterprise

What do we really mean when we discuss social enterprise?
It has been stated: “Social enterprises are businesses owned by nonprofit organizations that are directly involved in the production and/or selling of goods and services for the blended purpose of generating income and achieving social, cultural, and/or environmental aims. Social enterprises are one more tool for non-profits to use to meet their mission to contribute to healthy communities.”

This is what Wings Ministry is interested in doing.
Having this type of business (inmate art gallery and boutique) will enable Wings not only to earn money for their ministry but also to give an opportunity to train and hire returning citizens and their family members. This in turn will add self-esteem and encourage these members to lead good and productive lives.

The Mission Statement for Wings for L.I.F.E. reads in part: Building relationships with families, probationers, and returning citizens through discussion, mentoring, empowerment and support through teaching life-skills and strengthening families.

With your help this can be accomplished.
One of the gorgeous pieces of paño art created by an inmate.

Wings is invited to Kenya!
By Ann Edenfield Sweet

For the past 4-5 years I have been receiving invitations from Pastors and Prison Chaplains to bring Wings to Kenya. I’m always so busy so I’ve kept saying, “Maybe next year.” And “next year” rolls around and I repeat the phrase again. I have now decided it is the time to say “yes.”

I have a friend, Amy Nelson, who grew up in Albuquerque, and was in my youth group when I was a church Youth Director years ago. Amy went on the first mission trip to Russia that I helped lead for LOGOS. Amy’s husband is now stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, with the U.S. Embassy. Amy has actually visited a few of the pastors and sites who have invited us to Kenya, and of course is aware of many mission opportunities since living there. She will be our local contact and will travel with us.

We will travel to Kenya in mid-January 2013. Currently we have four U.S. team members, three from New Mexico and one from Colorado.

In trips I’ve led to Russia and India, we try to stay busy. We are there to do mission work. I like to stay in places where local pastors and missionaries stay – simple places that have beds and private toilets. We do NOT stay at the local “Hiltons.” I love to sightsee, but often that is done on the way to a prison/mission field.

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What Is Your Definition for “Angel”?

Wings is planning to open a retail store to help with their mission. (See article below). One of the products we will be carrying is angels. It got us thinking about how do people define angel. We would like to hear what your definition of angel is. Send us what you, your children or grandchildren say when you ask “What is an Angel?” Who knows...you may win a Wings Angel!

Send your response to AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org or 2270 D Wyoming Blvd. NE #130, ABQ, NM 87112
We're not talking about trombones, gas stations, or even a person's age...

We're talking about how much good can come from $76 in helping Wings Ministry with their mission.

People Are Jumping on the WFL Bandwagon!

Wings has recently started a new program to find dinner sponsors for Wings For L.I.F.E. Monday night meetings. It costs around $75 for food to serve our attendees. To keep this dollar amount in the forefront of everyone's mind we are calling it $76 and of course, 76 Trombones come to mind. With your help we can really blow the horns!

Nancy Bryant, a Wings Board member, is spear-heading this program and is excited about the interest it is causing. To get your church, club or organization involved set up an appointment and have Nancy explain to your group what is involved and the goodness that will be accomplished by helping.

We hope you jump on the Wings Band Wagon!

To set up a Wings $76 Get-together in Albuquerque please call
Nancy Bryant at 505-400-9576 or email her at Nancyb1330@aol.com

THANKS—Wings For L.I.F.E.
$76 Dinner Sponsors

Nancy Bryant - Paul Collins
& Anonymous Donors
We hope to add your name soon!

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We usually travel very light with personal items, but bring a lot of supplies. (Medicine, seeds, pencils, craft supplies, hygiene items, and specific requests from the local hosts.) We do not give out cash. We “teach people to fish – not give them the fish.” In past Wings’ trips local pastors have told us that we taught them ways to minister in their local communities in ways that other Americans have not done. Wings teaches people how to build and strengthen relationships. We teach Biblical truths in fun, relational ways.

We will host “Parties” in Kenya. They may not look like an American Wings Party, for I’m sure we won’t be feeding the guests pizza. But we will be singing, dramatizing scripture, doing arts and crafts, and “eating” together. We probably won’t have full meals. Maybe we will serve cookies, bread, or a local treat. Remember what I always say – “The food is the least important part of the mealtime at Wings Parties. Instead it is the time to sit together and eat the food which BUILD RELATIONSHIPS that is most important.” We will do that for sure.

We have invitations to several prisons, orphanages, churches, and slum areas. We also will go wherever we are invited. We hope to go into hospitals and local congregations – no matter how rural – and host “Parties.” In India we went into Leper Colonies and former Hindu villages. We will go wherever we are invited and where we can share Christ’s love.

Requests for Kenya trip:
♦ Donations to cover travel & trip costs
♦ Medicines—Penicillin, Amoxicillin, Erythromycin, Aspirin, Quinine tablets, Band-aids, Gauze Rolls, Vitamins, bug repellent
♦ Art supplies—Colored pencils, pencils, pens, stickers, etc.
♦ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, cosmetics, etc.
♦ Seeds—Assorted vegetables, herbs, & flowers
♦ Small gifts—jewelry, crosses, souvenir pins, hair accessories, special gifts for leaders, etc.

Even if it’s a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man’s help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For, remember, you don’t live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too.

... Albert Schweitzer
Wings for L.I.F.E. partnered with the NM Healthy Families Collaboration to help organize a dinner for 16 families nominated from across New Mexico. The Thanksgiving dinner potluck celebration was held at the Boy & Girls Club in conjunction with WFL’s annual partnership dinner with BGC. About 240 people enjoyed the delicious food, great music from the Red Rot Rhythm Rustler Band, recognition of the families, and of course gave thanks by writing on paper turkey feathers and decorating loved ones as “turkeys.”
The Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers Once Again Helps Wings!

On November 9 The Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers put on a fundraising benefit concert for Wings Ministry at Central United Methodist Church. This is the third time this multi-talented band has shared their talents in helping to raise funds for Wings.

They were in Albuquerque for the 2012 Western Music Association and were nominated for 5 categories which included: Western Swing Album of the Year; Instrumentalist of the Year; Song of the Year; Group of the Year; DJ/Radio Show of the Year. Their versatility provides many options to venues for filling the stages through the duration of the event. For more info: www.RedHotRhythmRustlers.com

Wings for L.I.F.E. Makes a Difference

Make a Difference Day came early for WFL. On October 22, an hour before the regular Monday night meeting, WFL members donned T-shirts, gloves, and took their black plastic bags, filling them with trash found in and around Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Albuquerque. Besides sprucing up Martineztown everyone felt pride in helping in making a difference. Prizes were awarded to those who filled their bags with the most trash.

Board Member Barbara Ellena teaches us how to decorate on a budget.
Wings Ministry Hosts 3 Community Parties a Year

Hoping to reach families at important times throughout the year, Wings Ministry hosts three parties: an Easter Party, a Back-to-School Party, and a Christmas Party are always on the yearly calendar for Wings Ministry.

The parties are held in sponsoring churches in different parts of the city and in different denominations. All participants in Wings, whether they are inmate’s family members or church volunteers, enjoy the interaction of Christians working together from many different denominations.

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More info to come later!

Upcoming Prison & Wings Parties

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

Dec. 1    Southeastern Correctional, Lancaster, OH
Dec. 8    Albuquerque Christmas Community Party
Feb. 9    Women’s Correctional, Grants, NM
Feb. 23   Stringfellow Unit, Houston, TX

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Saturday — December 8, 2012

Sandia Valley Nazarene Church
2315 Markham Rd. SW  877-2040

1-25 S. to Isleta exit—N. on Isleta 2.5 miles to Markham Rd.—Left to church.

Set up 2:00-4:00 pm      Party 4:00 – 7:00 pm

RSVP: Ann at 291-6412
We want to make sure we have enough pizza!
Also: Christmas gifts for the kids!

Wish List

- Homemade cookies for the kids to decorate—Frosting & sprinkles too.
- $$$$ for pizza & supplies.
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Sample of inmate art.

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Youth motivational speaker Jeff Yalden said it’s best to help teens before they join gangs, not after they’re in one.

Tamera Marcantel is the Program Manager of the New Mexico Gang Task Force, which is part of the NM Dept. of Public Safety. Their main goal is to provide federal, state, local and tribal agencies with training, information, and funding to enhance interdiction and enforcement efforts with the goal of reducing criminal gang activity, including narcotics trafficking, throughout the State of New Mexico.

Suggestions have been made for increasing the number of gang prevention programs aimed at youth and programs to help inmates readjust back into society. Mrs. Marcantel learned about how popular and successful the Wings Ministry Prison Parties were and approached Wings Director Ann Edenfield Sweet about teaming up with the 1st NM Gang Task Force “Youth Day.” This was an honor and a great opportunity for Wings to help.

On October 23, 2012 Ann sent this message out:

Dear Team Members,

We are blessed to be part of this first NM Gang Prevention Task Force “Youth Day” event in a prison. It should be a fabulous event and I THANK YOU for volunteering and wanting to help.

This message was sent to the volunteers who signed up to help on October 27 at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility, Los Lunas, located approximately 30 minutes SW of Albuquerque.

Ann said, “It should be a fabulous event…”

AND IT WAS!

Youth motivational speaker Jeff Yalden

Secretary of Corrections Gregg Marcantel, his wife Tamera, and some of the Wings volunteers.
Bringing Bible stories to life

6th Wings Party
Springer Correctional Institute
Springer, NM

November 3, 2012

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

**WISH LIST**

- Food for Wings for L.I.F.E.
- Storage area—empty garage?
- Cookie bakers for parties and Wings for L.I.F.E.
- Grant writers
- Office help
- HS/college student—Help/website
- Donations for trip to Kenya

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

In memory of: **Erma Sweet**

By Jim & Karen Goodney, Dick and Laura Goodney, Maribel Mullins, Jim Tucker, Jim & Betty Mossholder, Partnership Class of Central United Methodist Church, and Larry & Debbie Daniels.

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- 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!

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- $100
- $50
- $25
- Other $__________

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

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