Our “Wings” are Really Expanding!
I started Wings 19 years ago and I never could have imagined I would receive an email like the one below from a corrections department, or to be privileged to working with such correction leaders! Times are changing and it is an exciting time to be involved in prison work!
Jerry Roark, Director of New Mexico Adult Prisons emailed:

“I am interested in increasing NMCD’s commitment to family reunification. I have always been interested, but now is the right time. Here’s what I am thinking:
I would be interested in family days (Wings Parties) at all 11 of our facilities. I would also be interested in workshops at these events and as follow-up after the events in marriage enrichment (Wings Marriage Seminars), rearing children and financial management (Wings for L.I.F.E. – Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education.)
Would Wings be interested and maybe you have better ideas than I do. I am open to other ideas. I will guarantee access by Wings into all 11 of NMCD prison facilities.”

NM Secretary of Corrections, Gregg Marcantel, and his dedicated staff, are men and women of faith and want to see change. As Jerry told me, “I’ve been in corrections for 25 years and I’m tired of seeing children of prisoners I first knew 25 years ago now being incarcerated. Change needs to happen.” I can honestly say that I believe Jerry’s request, on behalf of the New Mexico Corrections Department, suddenly puts New Mexico’s Corrections Department #1 in the country!
I’m humbled and thrilled that NMCD sees Wings as part of this change!

Obviously, I cannot do everything alone that NMCD is requesting. It will now take MANY people to provide these opportunities in the prisons.

Ways You Can HELP:
1. We will need to hire professional staff to oversee all of these programs.
2. Part-time staff will be needed in all 11 prison communities to be:
   • Wings Party coordinators
   • Wings for L.I.F.E. program coordinators
   • Wings Marriage Seminar leaders
3. Volunteers will be needed to help all the leaders.
4. I will need to train staff and then train “trainers” to train more. How exciting is this?
5. We need the faith community in each of the 11 areas to get more involved. Can you help us reach leaders in each of the areas?
6. Can you help us financially through individual donations, mission budgets from congregations, or foundation funding?
7. And if you live outside of New Mexico, this also is important for you too.
   • First of all, I believe other state corrections departments will be looking to New Mexico as a leader in cutting recidivism and helping families.
   • Therefore, I need to train leaders in other states/countries in all these programs as well.
   • Because I will be so busy training leaders, I will not be available to lead as many parties in person as I have in the past, but the exciting news is that now our “wings” are spreading, and that training will lead to Wings being able to go anywhere we are requested to lead events!
8. EVERY Wings party I lead from this point on will also be a training party.
   • Let me know if you are interested in this training, and if you feel led to lead a party.
   • Perhaps you just want to know more and are not sure about leading a party yet. Contact me. God may be calling you.
   • We have upcoming Wings prison and community parties scheduled so far in NM, OH, TX, CO, and MO. I need to train leaders for all of these states and many more. Visit our website at www.WingsForLIFEInternational.org to check out specific dates and locations.
9. Lastly, pray for us!
   • Pray for me.
   • Pray that the right leaders feel the call to this ministry and work and they will touch lives.
   • Pray for the correctional leaders.
   • Pray for the inmates and their loved ones that their hearts and lives will be changed and they will be the people God intended them to be.

If you feel called to help in any way, please contact me. I am SO excited about what is happening!
Ann Edenfield Sweet, Wings Founder and Executive Director
13th Wings
Valentine’s Party
Grants Women’s Prison
Grants, NM
2-15-14

Tarps
Balloons
Mixer Games
Pizza
Puppet Show
FUN!

Books, devotionals, & magazines from all the Wings donors

Great Volunteers!
Homemade Cookies
Let us run with perseverance.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Fabulous Team Members!
Mark Your Calendar—Volunteers & Leaders Needed for 2014 Wings Prison & Community Parties

If you would like to schedule a party at your prison call 505-291-6412.

2014 is going to be another exciting year for Wings and we hope YOU will be a part of it! The prison parties scheduled so far are listed below and all volunteers need to sign up to get clearance. The deadline to register for a prison party is usually 30 days prior to the party.

Feb. 15, 2014 NM Women’s Correctional Facility—Grants, NM
March 29, 2014 Guadalupe County Correctional Facility—Santa Rosa, NM
April 5, 2014 Camp David of the Ozarks — Rolla, MO
April 12, 2014 19th Community Wings Easter Party—Albuquerque, NM
May 3, 2014 Tennessee Prison for Women—Nashville, TN
May 10, 2014 NM Women’s Correctional Facility—Grants, NM
June 14, 2014 Denver Women’s Prison—Denver, CO
June 28, 2013 Springer Correctional Facility—Springer, NM
July 12, 2014 NM Women’s Recovery Academy—Albuquerque, NM
August 9, 2014 19th Community Back-To-School Party—Albuquerque, NM
Oct. 4, 2014 Southeastern Correctional Facility—Hobbs, NM
Oct. 25, 2014 Belmont Correctional Institution—St. Clairsville, OH
Nov. 15, 2014 Stringfellow Prison — Rosharon, TX (Houston area)
Dec. 6, 2014 Southeastern Correctional Center—Lancaster, OH
Dec. 13, 2014 20th Community Wings Christmas Party—Albuquerque, NM

Please go to the following secure link and enter the data I need from you to get clearance from the prison. Be sure to list the prison party you’d like to volunteer for on the form. THANKS!

http://wingsministry.org/PDFfilesVolunteerApplication.pdf

If you don’t want to fill out the form on-line, please email me with the information listed below so we can get prison clearance for you.

1. Your full name (as it reads on your driver’s license)
2. Mailing address
   City—State—Zip
3. Phone—Cell & Home
4. EMAIL ADDRESS! (This is actually most important. It makes communication much easier.)
5. Birthday—Social Security #—Driver’s License # & state issued (This is needed for background checks.)
6. Birth city & state
7. T-shirt size (Cost is $10)
8. Optional – name & denomination of your church. (I like to share how ecumenical our volunteers are.)
9. Sex—Ethnicity—States live in

Wings volunteers do the following:

• Have fun!
• Treat everyone as a Child of God.
• Sing, play, help with crafts, eat pizza, and talk to people and help them experience God’s love.
See how easy it is! EVERYONE can be a Wings volunteer!

Full instructions will be emailed to you about the prison parties once we have your information. If you don’t want to fill out the form on-line, please email or call me with your name and prison party you’d like to volunteer and I will email you instructions and a form to fill out. Be sure to list the prison party you’d like to volunteer for on the form.

If you have any questions please call me at 505-291-6412.

Wings For LIFE International
19th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Friday — May 16, 2014

St. John’s United Methodist Church
2626 Arizona St. NE — Albuquerque, NM 87110

I block N of Menaul I block E of San Pedro
Silent Auction Starts at 5:00  Dinner 6:30 pm
Donations are appreciated for the Silent & Live Auction.

Dinner Tickets $25
Purchase tickets for yourself or sponsor seeing for inmate family members. You do not have to attend to be a banquet sponsor.

Guest Speaker: Gregg Marcantel, NM Sec’y Corrections
Purchase tickets online at www.WingsForLIFEInternational.org
Call to pay/reserve your tickets. 505-291-6412 or 505-717-7523

We are asking any returning citizen, or inmate from any juvenile, male or female prison or jail, to create and donate artwork of any kind for us to put in our Live and Silent Action at the banquet to fund future Wings prison parties.
Art Contest

Wings For LIFE International is hosting its 19th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, May 16, in Albuquerque, NM. The prison art that was donated last year was so outstanding that we are asking for donations again.

We are asking any returning citizen, or inmate from any juvenile, male or female prison or jail, to create and donate original artwork and crafts of any kind for us to put in our Live and Silent Auction to fund future Wings prison parties.

Some of the artwork may also be printed into greeting cards. (Angels, Birthday, Christmas, Native American, Southwestern, Thanks, and general greeting cards.)

All art must be submitted to Wings by May 7, 2014 and becomes the property of Wings.

Suggestions:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Panos
- Sculpture
- Jewelry
- Leather Items
- Quilts
- Embroidered Products
- Envelope Art
- Written poems, stories, books
- ANY creative pieces

**Child & Youth Contest**

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If an inmate wins, the prize goes to a family member or inmate commissary account per rules at prison/jail.

THANKS in advance for your help and support!

We will gladly accept all Live and Silent Auction items from volunteers, businesses, and supporters, but want to encourage and highlight the creative inmate art.

Please contact the Wings office at 505-291-6412 or email AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org to let us know if you have anything to donate to this fundraising dinner.
Wings has a New Office! We love it!

It took two 30 ft. truck loads to move us into the new office! Wings volunteers and Diersen Charities helped paint and move.
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:
☐ $500  ☐$250  ☐$100  ☐$50
☐ $25  ☐Other $ ________
☐ I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in my area.

NAME: ________________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: __________________________
PHONE: __________________ EMAIL: ________________

Wings is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization.
Wings accepts United Way & company matching fund contributions from anywhere in the U.S.

Thank You!