

# WINGS FOR L.I.F.E.

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 Imparting Life-skills for Inmate Families & Education

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## Wings for L.I.F.E Meeting Aids a Family After Fire Destroys Home

After enjoying a family-style meal and hearing tips on how to find clothes for school and work, one family was especially thankful for the clothes and household goods given away at our July 28th WFL meeting. The Bernal family of 8 lost their home to a fire in their South Valley home and were starting again with nothing but each other. The family appreciated the gifts, family time, and support that WFL provided. Tragedy can strike at any time, but staying together and giving support to one another can get families through crisis. Family support is our # 1 developmental asset, and our primary focus at Wings for L.I.F.E! Here is a quote from a thank you letter we received. "Dear Ann Edenfield, We, the Bernal family, are very thankful for you have given us your support these hardest moments in our lives. We will always be grateful. Sincerely, Luis & family"

Ann Edenfield Sweet & Bernal Family— July 28



## Wings Ministry Thanks Back-To-School Party Donors & Sponsors

We want to thank KLFQ 91.5 FM and their listeners, First UMC VBS families, *Guideposts* Magazine, Zanos Foods, and all the other contributors for our Back-To-School Party August 9th. We were able to give out 149 backpacks and additional school supplies to children and families in need. The party was a great success and it couldn't have happened without the support of so many generous donors in the community!

**Thank you!**

### Wings for L.I.F.E. September Schedule

Date	Topic	Location	Dinner Sponsor
9/1/08	LABOR DAY—NO Wings for L.I.F.E.		
9/8/08	Internet Safety— Patricia Real, NM Attorney General's Office	Heights	Cross of Hope Lutheran Koinonia
9/15/08	Mother and Daughter Survive Crystal Meth - Linda & Darlene Pena, Parents Stop Meth	Old Town	Domino's Pizza (5109 Coors Rd.)
9/22/08	George White Addiction Services	Heights	Wings Staff
9/29/08	NO Wings for L.I.F.E.		



Helping Youth & Families

# WINGS FOR L.I.F.E. Newsbrief #5 Sept. 2008



**VISION:** Imparting Life-skills for Inmate Families & Education  
**WHO:** Inmate Family Members & Former Inmates  
**WHAT:** Empowerment, Support, Discussion, Mentoring

## Albuquerque, NM

**WHERE:** Boys & Girls Clubs

Old Town Branch—Rio Grande & Mountain Rd.  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 6:00—7:30PM

Heights Branch, 3333 Truman NE  
 (1 block W of San Mateo, between Candelaria & Comanche)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 6:00—7:30PM

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See more photos and meeting descriptions at:  
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Excitement!



Clothes for guests to take home

## Wings for L.I.F.E.—How you can help!

### We need:

- Dinner, salad, veggie, or dessert sponsors or providers for about 30 people each meeting.
- Volunteers to help set up or clean up.
- Door prize donations
- Speakers & Program Leaders
- Mentors

## Wings for L.I.F.E.

### CCF Healthy Marriage Initiative

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Happy Volunteers & Guests!

## WFL Program for Families

- Attend at least 5 WFL meetings in 4 months
- Entrance & Exit Interviews
- Attend Award Ceremony/Graduation Ceremony in December
- Why sign up?
  - Strengthen family relationships
  - Networking
  - FREE dinner
  - Family fun time
  - Developmental Asset™ building
  - Life-skill education
  - Extend your support system
  - Reference letters for employment
  - Resume building
  - Community service hours
  - And more!

All this year we will be emphasizing family relationships (with and without kids) in our WFL programs. Attend at least once a month to receive the best Wings for L.I.F.E. has to offer!

Please call Jen Broderick at 293-5233, or email [jenbroderick@wingsministry.org](mailto:jenbroderick@wingsministry.org).

## What have we been doing in August?

Topics discussed— Back-To-School—Starting the year off right; Fearless Parenting; Safety is NO Accident-PNM; No Cost-Low Cost Health Insurance; and Gangs in Albuquerque forum.

**If you would like to receive any of the handouts, tips or program materials, let us know. We can email or send you the information!**

### Families Coming together!



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All Ages Participate!

### Listening & Sharing



## Wings for L.I.F.E. Mission Statement:

Building relationships with families, probationers, and former inmates through discussion, mentoring, empowerment, and support by:

- ◆ Teaching life-skills and addressing unique needs of family members of incarcerated individuals,
- ◆ Strengthening families by building Search Institute's<sup>SM</sup> 40 Developmental Assets<sup>TM</sup> and,
- ◆ Mobilizing and networking community stakeholders to identify and reach families in need. Stakeholders include congregations, Corrections, school systems, the Justice System, and community programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boys & Girls Club.