



The Eagle Eye

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Need A Mood BOOST?

Give back to your community.

Research has shown that people who give time, money or support to others are more likely to be happy and satisfied with their lives—
And less likely to be depressed.

What better reason to add volunteering to your list of New Year's resolutions?

Give back.

Plain and simple...there it is. I think we've all experienced it before. I don't mean just being busy, but the joy of sacrificing your/my valuable time for the benefit of someone else. When you invite a friend along with you or teach your children the benefits of giving their time sacrificially, the ripples of effect last for years. There are so many less fortunate, and many who don't have the capacity to pay you for your time. However, I offer you this thought...the people we serve DO have something to offer. Take a closer look at the cause for Eagle Wings, and you'll quickly discover the need, and their gifts.

Of course, there are plenty of ways to give year-round, some of which may be as close as your cubicle. There are many companies like Microsoft, Washington Mutual, Boeing, and United Way that recognize the value of building a corporate culture that encourages volunteerism. Your company may permit you to volunteer on company time or even match your charitable contribution, dramatically increasing your gift. There's probably about 5 hyperlinks on your screen at all times. Whatever you choose, *giving back* is a great way to connect with those in your church, community, friends, and co-workers. Giving to Eagle Wings develops awareness of the need for relationships for someone who has no friends.

How?

We need people to volunteer once a year in areas of crafts, walking, running, eating, playing games, e-mail, go bowling, flipping burgers, and even taking a ride on a train. We need volunteers to plan and organize a dessert and a concert. Sound like something you might be able to do?
Surely enough to boost any mood.

Take a minute.

Give us a call here at the office, and get to know what this organization is about. Volunteer time and contributions are the legs we stand on. We'll get you into something that you'll really ENJOY. Call us today, without delay! 360-658-6093

"For me, its more than just helping others. Its not only changed my life, but given me a true purpose and desire to love others." *Kinder Holdaway* ~ Executive Director

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13

Special Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, February 10 Art Benefit at University Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, February 10, 4-6pm Valentines Day Celebration at Monroe Community Chapel
- Sunday, March 16, 4-6pm St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Smokey Point Community Church
- Saturday, March 29, 2nd Annual 5K & 10K Walk & Roll, Run at Haller Park in Arlington

RSVP for these events by calling our office at 360-658-6093 or sarah.eaglewings@verizon.net

Please consider dropping in at any one of our Celebrations. We would love to have you get a glimpse of our heart and the fabulous people we serve.

For more information visit our NEW website: www.eaglewingsministries.org

Are you a YOUTUBER? Visit <http://www.youtube.com/eagleAbility>

We have posted videos on our channel for you to view and share with your friends! You may even spot someone you know! Make a few comments and give us a little feedback. We'd love to hear from you!

The Team with a Mission—

This year, upon the recommendation of a wise donor and volunteer, we have decided to form a team of passionate people who care deeply about the cause of Eagle Wings, and who are determined to make a difference in our finances. This team has already met for the first time in January, and will be calling upon church mission committees to take a closer look at Eagle Wings and present an opportunity to get involved. We are so grateful for their time and dedication!

What does this mean for you?

If you attend a church that actively supports local missions, lets work together! Your church may be looking for a local organized non-profit ministry that has a huge impact on our community. Please consider being the connecting link between Eagle Wings and your church. We would really appreciate the support and partnership. There's no commitment, but we need you to be the bridge between Eagle and your church. Together we can accomplish so much! Give us a call today, and please be in prayer for our team.

DONATE FUNDS WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY!

Enter www.goodsearch.com in your browser. Enter 'Eagle Wings disAbility Ministries' as your non-profit of choice. Then search away! For every inquiry, a percentage of their advertising and a portion of all online purchases go directly to Eagle Wings. Save it as your homepage and pass the word along!

GET THOSE E-MAILS READY!

You've seen it, you've done it...so have I. We've all hit those FWD: buttons and sent out something encouraging or interesting. On March 1st we'll be kicking off our 30 days of 'Click and Care' Challenge. We're asking all who receive this message to donate \$10 to Eagle Wings and forward it to EVERYONE in your email box. Let's see how much awareness and funds we can raise!



Volunteer Opportunities in 2008!

BBQ @ 'The Farm' in Snohomish, Sat, July 14th, 2008 from 2-5pm People are needed to cut watermelon and flip burgers!
Day Camp at Cedar Springs Campground in Lake Stevens, Saturday, August 25, 2008 from 9am-8pm

Volunteers work in shifts...times are very flexible. Come teach a craft or just sit and visit!

We are also in need of volunteers to help out in the office with bulk mailings, making phone calls, sending out cards, and collating. Please call us at 360-658-6093, stop by and grab a volunteer application!

We're closer than you think!!

1522 Third Street, Suite F in Marysville (right behind Curves for Women)

Missing Jerry...

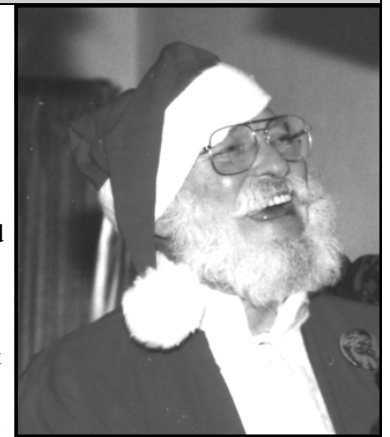


As many of you know, one of our compassionate volunteers recently went home to be with the Lord. Since Jerry spent most of his time with his family and the people we serve, you might not have had the chance to know him. He was amazing! The kind of man known to stop complete strangers just to tell them they have a beautiful smile, hair, or compliment their attire. More often than not, these people were neither beautiful or mainstream by worldly standards.

Sometimes they were a disabled person, elderly, considered an outcast, or someone who would go unnoticed by others. He wanted to make people smile and saw beauty where others did not. He'd been known to spot a homeless person sitting in a fast food restaurant and he would order a meal to be given to that person.

During his recent and longest hospital stay, he stopped a lady who was cleaning the rooms just to tell her what an important job she had and how much he appreciated her. How many people think it...and how many people actually do such a thing? Jerry demonstrated a life of volunteering, from AWANA groups, and SONShine Ministries, to spending lots of time in nursing homes visiting those who had few, if any, visitors. He loved to read to them, listen to their stories of past as well as groom them so they'd feel beautiful, inside and out. Jerry lived with his wife Ruth, and his sister-in-law Lori. He lovingly helped with Lori's care on a daily basis.

The world surely needs more Jerrys.



BOEING, MICROSOFT AND ALL EMPLOYEES

Anyone can designate charitable gifts to Eagle Wings through the United Way! Make your request today! Our United Way designation # is 11774.

Maybe your company matches funds? Tell your co-workers! This is a great way to make a significant difference!

FACT CORNER

Fact: Make your request for our Annual Report today by e-mailing sarah.eaglewings@verizon.net.

Fact: Would you like to give a gift in memory or remember a special date of your loved one? We'd love to publish your gift in our Spring newsletter.

BUDGET UPDATE

Way to go! As most of you know we are tickled that TOGETHER we reached our goals for 2007! WOW ~ God's goodness and your partnership have done it! Thank you for helping make up the deficit...God is good...ALL the time.

Please don't forget us during the difficult months February—March. Maybe consider a portion of that tax return. Meeting budget goals, we can turn our attention to ministry!! (and I can sleep at night!)

Please become a CHAMPION!

THINKING ABOUT PLANNED GIVING

Please make the effort and give the gift of a legacy. We'd love to meet with you and talk about your future plans to include Eagle Wings in your will or estate.

Call 360-658-6093 and ask for Kinder

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Chaplain's Corner – Loneliness As Big As The Ocean

Several years ago, my friend John Dunn and I heard a keynote speaker say "*the number one problem for persons with disabilities is loneliness – loneliness as big as an ocean*". It is that loneliness and marginalization that keeps people from moving on with their lives. Often the professional approach of dealing with persons with disabilities is the medical "fix-it" approach – something that I am sure many others have experienced as well. That model asks, 1) what is the problem? 2) How do we fix it? And 3) What do we do with you *if we can't fix it*? In this model people become *challenges* to be fixed.

The speaker went on to say that real and lasting change and growth come to a person when offered friendship and relationships where the questions become: 1) Who are you? 2) What do you dream about? and 3) How can we come alongside to help you get there?

After many years of listening to persons with disabilities, parents, case managers and social workers, I have concluded that *relationships and a sense of belonging are key* to any person's health and are prerequisites not only to dreaming but also realizing those dreams. The keynote speaker continued, "*if there are people around who care, we can get through anything!*" Again, "WOW!" for that is exactly expressed in my understanding of the Gospel where it says, "and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" – a relationship.

During the most challenging times of my life, it has been God and the human relationships around me that carried me through. How exciting it is to be a part of Eagle Wings that majors...not in minors...but in the relationship oriented efforts of Celebrations, Circles of Friends, One on One visits and the Project Hello phone ministry. Hallelujah and **thank you** for being a part of this life-changing outreach. God's grace and peace to you. Warmly, Henk