



WIND & WINGS
Enriching Young Lives

Updrafts



Need help? More smiles to come!



A time for growth, for renewal of the spirit of our children.

Reporting to the Supporters of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming youth initiative program, *Wind and Wings*

Friends

I am pleased to introduce you to this our first newsletter alerting you to all the good activities being generated with your support for the Wind and Wings mission supported so dramatically by all of you through your commitment to community involvement; community involvement that will build leadership skills for our youth and thereby strengthen our churches and the communities within which we all live. Communications in our very diverse state is not easy. No, we are not 'connected' by horse and buggy anymore but even in this electronic age with websites and ipods and email addresses, staying in touch is not easy. So, I chose this newsletter--a good old fashion newsletter--as the best way to reach all of you that have supported our Youth Mission to let you know all the good things that are happening.

Wind and Wings is who we are and. while about 'kids,' is really about ourselves and living into our Baptismal Covenant. Our Baptismal Covenant is common to all Episcopalians in Wyoming or it defines how we live our life in Christ. We are about doing for others and that is what Wind and Wings, an initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, is all about. As we help youth, we build church, we stimulate leadership and we create a better community within which to live. That is how I happen to define our Baptismal Covenant through action and how I wish to live my life; I hope you do to.

Wind and Wings programs began about one year ago and I have already reported to you about some activities. But this newsletter is the first of a series which will be issued regularly as a vehicle to keep you up to date uniformly about progress. We may convert this presentation to an electronic report as time passes; for now, please read on and enjoy learning how each of you is helping others grow.

Yours in Christ

Bruce Caldwell
Bishop of the Diocese of Wyoming

Financial summary: Your gifts at work

Pledges received to date	\$289,990	
Pledges due in 2007	\$183,123	
Pledges due in 2008	\$175,520	
Pledges due in 2009	\$91,310	
Pledges due in 2010	\$91,170	
Total Pledges		\$831,113
Matching gifts received to date	\$293,500	
Total Wind and Wings Fund		\$1,124,613
Budgeted amounts for 2007:		
Servant Leadership / Youth Ambassador	\$100,000	
Building Congregations, Grants & Mission Developer	\$150,000	
Community Development	\$80,000	
Maximizing value of HR Camp	\$110,000	
Total budgeted in 2007		\$440,000

Editor's Note: Totals above do not include special, anonymous **\$100,000 gift** in April 2007! Praise the Lord!

Youth in Service Ministry

The Wind & Wings Youth initiative has taken off to a good start, yet, we're not *soaring* to the new heights that are possible, but our rate of climb is improving. Interest in the summer mission trip to Siguatepeque (*see-gwha-tuh-pec-ke*), Honduras is increasing, moving. So far we have five youth who say they will go with us and two applications received. I plan to interview four youth at Lusk next week. For specific information on this trip scroll to the bottom of the diocesan web site page and look at "An Invitation" and "The Application Form." A *Wind & Wings Youth Mission* brochure describing different mission trip for 2007 was mailed to all congregations, clergy and ministry developers and supporters and interested individuals. It also is available for download on the diocesan website. Please pray for this important ministry. Put the Wind & Wings mission trip information in monthly news letters and in the Sunday bulletin.

Wind and Wings Youth initiative, in part, is aimed at giving support for the transformation of congregations into becoming welcoming places for our youth, places where youth are actively engaged in the life of the congregation; plus planning and encouraging participation in out-reach mission to the people of the surrounding community doing servant ministry in Christ name.

The Wind & Wings initiative constitutes four strategies: Strategy #1. Engaging Young People in Service.

*"Creating, with younger people, opportunities for them to lead, serve, contribute and learn from their experiences. The research evidence is quite clear that participation by younger people in well-structured opportunities to plan, lead, participate in and reflect on volunteer service to the community can have profound positive impacts."*¹

The purpose of the mission trip is two-fold. First, by doing mission we will carry out what The Rev Ian Douglas said to the House of Bishops on 3/21/2007... ***"The mission of the church is to participate in the mission of God for his people..."*** Second, participation in a mission trip to a developing country will give our youth the opportunity to plan, lead, and work, reflect on the work done in another culture with and for the poor and sick.

For information, please contact me at the diocesan office toll free, 866-912-0912 or send me an e-mail, gus@wydiocese.org. Thanks to each of you for your continued prayer and support for this holy and mighty effort on behalf of the youth of Wyoming. Please do continue telling the story of Wind & Wings at every opportunity.

Blessings,

The Rev. Gus W. Salvador, Wind & Wings Mission coordinator.

Wind and Wings at HR Camp

HR Camp is pleased to report that the following programs and efforts are in place, with an emphasis to connect to youth outside of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming.

2007 Leadership and Mission Camp for HS Youth. This camp will focus on Leadership Development for high school youth, and exposing them to Mission opportunities on the Wind River Reservation. This summer, this camp will be filled with youth from the Cheyenne area through efforts of the Wyoming National Guard, Wyoming 4-H, and FE Warren AFB.

HR Camp will also be hosting camps for the following groups – Wyoming Boy's and Girls Clubs (Casper and Cheyenne), Cathedral Home for Children, and Platte County Public Schools. About 450 youth from these programs.

Big Horn Blast II is a continuing effort to reach out to youth in the Big Horn Basin area through local church's, youth serving organizations, and public schools and offer an exciting opportunity to youth. This camp will be set at Thomas Apostle Center for August 12-17. We expect to have 30 youth attending this camp.

A second outreach camp is designed for western Wyoming for 2007 in the Pinedale, Rock Springs, and Jackson area. We are involving Latino Resouce Center of Jackson, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and Holy Communion Episcopal Church in planning and design of this weekend event for youth of Western Wyoming.

Pat Walsh, Camp Director, HR Camp Foundation

Wind & Wings
Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming
104 South 4th Street
Laramie, WY 82070

Updrafts
A Report of Wind & Wings Ministries

The Mission

Build strong youth who will make good decisions and mature into well rounded adults and grow into fullness of life with Christ.

Wind and Wings is the Youth Initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

Its objectives are:

Engage young people in Service within their church family and local community.

Build the capacity of congregations to receive the gifts of youth.

Maximize the value of HR Camp by expanding its programs throughout the State.

Develop Communities permitting them to constructively interact with local youth.

Promote leadership development for persons of all ages.

The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming is located at:

104 South 4th Street

Laramie WY 82070

307.742.6606

wydiocese.org