



## Spring / Summer 2007 Newsletter

Greetings,

As the Wings of Kindness moves forward, another sobering milestone has come and gone. The members of the Colyer and Pannebaker families celebrated the graduation exercises of the Class of 2007. This would have been the year Elena would have graduated from high school. It's hard to believe it's been 5 ½ years since our family was taken from us.

Her classmates did not forget her and paid a fitting tribute in their baccalaureate service, as well as in the yearbook. In addition, the Colyer and Pannebaker families donated funds to the Wings of Kindness Foundation to present a \$1000 scholarship in her memory. It may be noted that in 2009 there will be a \$1000 scholarship in Amanda's memory. This is our way of having our grandchildren participate in their graduation service.

The two families formed the criteria for earning the Scholarship and the school established a committee to review worthwhile candidates and make a final selection. The school then contacted our foundation with the name of the winner.

Sometimes things take a twist we do not expect. After the Class Night program the parents and their daughter came to us to thank us for the scholarship. It was then the emotions started to swell, when her father told us that he and Mark were best friends in school. It may have been emotional, but we sure felt good about what had just happened.

In addition to that, the Wings of Kindness also made available a \$250 scholarship to each of the four high schools in our service area and a \$25 art scholarship in Elena's school. The \$25 scholarship is from money donated to Wings by the McAlisterville Ladies Club which disbanded and asked us to carry on this tradition. We appreciate their trust in us.

With that milestone behind us, we now look forward to the future. There are many people that need our help. Last year more than \$25,000 was used to help people in our area. There is a committed group of people that help us raise the funds to do this, but there are also those who donate to the Wings of Kindness Foundation. Without these people we would not be able to touch lives and be in God's service.

If you can assist the Wings of Kindness in any capacity, whether it is service or donations, we will be extremely grateful and promise to be good stewards of the resources we receive. All gifts are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your tax preparation.

Thank you for honoring our family with your gifts. We request that you lift up our organization in prayer that we may continue to provide service to God's children.

In His Service,  
Ted Pannebaker, President  
Wings of Kindness Foundation

# Things and Thoughts

Wings of Kindness is an all volunteer organization with almost all funds donated given back to the Juniata Valley area to assist children in need (a small amount is spent on postage & supplies). Wings is unique in that it provides aid to many families who "fall through the cracks" or who have special needs other agencies are not able/willing to help. We have given as little as a few dollars in some situations and up to a few hundred dollars in other situations.

A board of directors gathers information on all requests and then determines if needs are justified and if it meets the criteria for whom Wings of Kindness was established to help.

**Slogan:** Caring for the kids of the Juniata River Valley.

**Mission Statement:** To provide spiritual, economic and educational opportunities for deserving youth in the Juniata River Valley for generations to come.

**Goal:** To provide financial assistance to children and organizations that assist in meeting the needs of young people in the Juniata River Valley.

It is with utmost gratitude to the community members who have supported Wings of Kindness and who have made the ministry and work of Wings of Kindness so successful. Your continued support is the only way we can continue to help our local children.

For additional information or if you would like to be a volunteer, visit [www.wingsofkindness.org](http://www.wingsofkindness.org) or contact one of the following members:

Ted Pannebaker at 463-3615

JoAnn Gantt at 589-9938

Laurie Rudy at 567-3333

Grant Money disbursed in 2006 was \$21,638.06 which assisted **96** families

Another \$10,800.00 was given to **Bread of Life Outreach** to assist families in need.

Please share with us the names of children who are in need.

## Wings of Kindness

### 2007 Fundraising Events

**August 12, 2007 @ 12:30pm**

**Bikers for Wings Motorcycle Ride**

Join us for a 150 mile scenic ride through Juniata County.

**August 4, 2007**

**11th Annual Wildcat 5K Run**

The Millerstown Area Jaycees continue to hold their annual run starting at the Millerstown Pavilion.

**Millerstown Jaycee Craft Show**

Winter 2007

**Lions Den Food Stand**

Indoor Soccer Season (Fall/Winter 2007/2008)

**Make-A-Friend Stuffed animals**

Kit includes everything you need to stuff, dress and name your very own Calico Cat, Husky Dog or Penguin. Special messages can be made on a recordable at additional cost.

Check out our website ([www.wingsofkindness.org](http://www.wingsofkindness.org)) for more information on these and other fundraising options.