

Spring 2021 Newsletter

A Note From Our Executive Director

Can you believe it's been one year since the first shutdown? We had all hoped it would be only a temporary interruption and never expected to be where we are an entire year later. One thing is certain: the people with the least have been hurt the most in the past year. Women who worked in service industries. Women who are mothers of school-aged children that are now at home. Women who couldn't afford any cuts in their hours or their pay because they already lived paycheck to paycheck. Women who got sick and didn't have sick leave. As our community responds to this crisis, we do not forget those who have been the hardest hit.

Solutions exist at Wings to help bring the women in our community back to a place of stability: resumé writing, interview prep, financial advice, and clothing for interviews, to name a few. This is our collective effort for the community—to help women rebuild stronger futures for themselves and their families. With your support, we are able to bring these women a sense of hope on their journey toward stability. Thank you for being a part of their journey and believing in our mission. Our work would not be possible without you!

Jill Laufenberg, Wings Executive Director





Becoming a Proud Citizen: Carmen's Story

Wings is proud to share with you the next installment in our client success story series:

In addition to providing women with essential apparel for job interviews and employment, Wings also assists women beyond the workplace as they pursue their personal and professional goals. Carmen came to Wings seeking an outfit for her U.S. citizenship exam and later reached out to share the exciting news that she had passed! Here she is at her dressing appointment at Wings and also at her citizenship ceremony, proudly displaying her certificate. Wings for Success is thrilled to celebrate this major milestone with her!

Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 PM JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST

VIRTUAL COMEDY NIGHT







TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPROV, JOIN US ON ZOOM
TO WATCH ONLY, JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Laugh Along With Wings From the Comfort of Home

If you could use an evening of fun and laughter (and who among us couldn't?), join Wings for a virtual comedy night on Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 PM. The award-winning interactive improvisational comedy troupe Better Than Bacon (named "Best Comedy Troupe—Critics' Choice" by Main Line Today) will act out completely unscripted improvisational games driven by YOUR suggestions and participation.

There are 2 ways to participate:

1. On Zoom

Click here to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID: 648 987 7326

Passcode: 093648

2. On Facebook Live

<u>Click here to join us on Facebook Live</u>. (You do not need a Facebook account in order to watch.)

While there is no cost to attend this event, your support ensures we can continue to provide services to vulnerable women seeking stability and economic security through employment. Please consider making either a one-time donation or a recurring monthly donation.

ONE-TIME DONATION

RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION



Join Us for Wine With Wings

Grab that corkscrew! The 5th annual Wine with Wings is right around the corner. This year, we will be hosting two events—one virtual and one in person, both of which will feature a silent auction and raffle.

This is a great opportunity to support local women in need, sample food paired with wine from Harvest Ridge Winery, and support local businesses through our silent auction and raffle. All proceeds directly benefit our Kennett Square location, providing access to our services for vulnerable women in southern Chester County and the surrounding area.

For more details including sponsorship opportunities, click the button below.

GET EVENT DETAILS



Spring Fashion Tip: The Joys of Feeling Blue

Want to know this season's hottest color? According to Mainline Fashionista and Celebrity Stylist, Ashley Meyers, it's blue...and Ashley has great ideas for how you can rock it. As we enter spring, you can get ahead of the fashion trends by adding pops of blue to your favorite outfits and accessories. Incorporate blue into your handbag, nail polish color, shoes, earrings, or scarves. Doing so is fun, easy, and chic! For more fashion advice, follow @mainlinefashionista on Instagram.

Partnership with YoungMoms Community



The Wings for Success Workshop Committee continues to provide virtual workshops on job readiness and financial topics for community partners. For our March workshop program, we are partnering with YoungMoms Community, a nonprofit organization that inspires and equips young moms to build thriving futures for themselves and their families. Through English and Spanish virtual workshops, our Workshop Committee will provide resumé-building advice and interactive activities to empower attendees as they pursue both academic and career goals.

Wings values partnerships with local organizations as we work together to equip women in our community while ultimately strengthening their families. Do you have a virtual presentation you would like to provide for the women of Wings? To be considered for a public virtual workshop, complete our Presenter Application.

EXPLORE OUR WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Top 3 Ways to Support Wings

Wings for Success is able to assist women in need thanks to people like you who care about our mission and want to make a difference. Looking to better the lives of women and their families? Below are the top 3 ways you can support Wings:



Follow us on social media

Wings is active on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Be sure to like/follow us to raise awareness of our organization and our mission!

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Support current clothing needs

We depend on the generosity of the community to help keep our closets full and welcome donations that meet our current clothing needs.

CURRENT NEEDS



Donate funds

Make your tax-deductible donation to Wings today. Wings uses all monetary donations very cost-effectively. A modest donation can go a long way toward outfitting a woman with confidence!

DONATE

"What a wonderful service! Thank you so much! A great boost to my confidence and taught me I can wear things I wouldn't have considered before."

— SMC, Wings for Success client



To empower women in need to pursue employment and economic security through apparel, advice, and advocacy.











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