

GIVING BOOK 2025



GUIDE TO GIVING

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with the causes that matter
now and far into the future

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**the Great Falls Area
Community Foundation**

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INTRODUCTION

YOU CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST, TOO

The Giving Book is a publication of the Great Falls Area Community Foundation. The goal of the Foundation is that the Giving Book will educate our residents and businesses regarding options for making a charitable gift to area nonprofits, while providing attorneys, accountants, and financial planners with the information they need to guide their clients who wish to make a donation to support our communities.

You and your family have probably been touched in some way by a worthwhile cause that makes our community a better place to live, work, and play. Nonprofit organizations bring so much to our community in arts and culture, education, affordable housing, medical care, basic human needs, economic development, and natural resources and conservation.

In this challenging economic time, local charities need your support. Their expenses have increased while their donations have gone down as regular donors face their own financial impacts.

YOUR DONATIONS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

We encourage you to say “thank you” for the many gifts you have received while working and living here by giving back to our community. Giving is very important to our community because contributions help us keep our resources local and improve our quality of life. As you make your estate plans, consider making a gift to your favorite charities through your will, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable trust, or a life insurance policy. Not only will your gift give you the satisfaction of knowing that you will be remembered far, far into the future, a donation can also provide financial benefit to the donor.

The required minimum distribution requirements from retirement plans or IRA’s can be transferred directly from your retirement plan or IRA to charities as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This is a nice option as there is no tax consequence for doing a QCD. This is a good estate planning tool as well as a great way to do charitable giving without using current cash.

WAYS TO BE A PHILANTHROPIST

DIRECT GIFTS: Many charitable gifts are made to organizations to fund operations or perhaps a capital fund drive. These gifts are always most welcome and needed to provide for current programs and for building construction or improvements.



ENDOWMENTS: Endowments provide the opportunity for contributors to make a most lasting gift, one that builds the ability of an organization to help families and individuals far into the future. There are many ways to make an endowment gift, as shown later in the Giving Book.

BEQUESTS: A bequest is a charitable gift made in your will or in some other document. Language adding a bequest can easily be added to your will. You can also make a charity or an endowment the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, stock certificate, or a bank account as a bequest. You can designate that the bequest be used for on-going operations or to build an endowment.

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving allows donors to maintain access to income during their lifetimes, provides estate and tax planning tools, and builds permanent wealth for our state's charities, nonprofit organizations and local community foundations. Each individual, family, or organization has unique charitable interests and unique financial circumstances. Planned giving helps make the most of both, so donors receive the greatest return on their community investment.

Planned gifts may produce significant tax savings. They often help a donor avoid or stretch out payment of capital gains taxes, earn federal and state income tax deductions, reduce the size of the donor's estate, and if given to a Montana charity to benefit a qualified endowment, may be eligible for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

ABOUT THE MONTANA ENDOWMENT TAX CREDIT

Originally enacted in 1997, The Montana Endowment Tax Credit allows donors to pay less in Montana state income taxes when they give make a qualifying planned gift to benefit a qualified Montana charitable endowment. Examples of qualifying planned gifts include charitable gift annuities, deferred gift annuities, charitable trusts and gifts of paid up life insurance. The incentive is 40% of the gift's federal charitable deduction, up to a maximum \$10,000 tax credit, per year, per individual, or \$20,000 per year for couples filing jointly when both have MT tax liability. Additionally, businesses can receive a 20% credit on direct gifts of cash to qualified endowments, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

GIFT INSTRUMENTS - GIFT ANNUITIES

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY: Donors can make a gift of cash or property to a qualified, local charity now, get immediate tax benefits, and ensure that they or a loved one receive fixed quarterly, monthly, biannual, or annual income payments for life. The minimum gift amount to establish a gift in annuity varies by charity.

DEFERRED GIFT ANNUITY: The same instrument as a Charitable Gift Annuity, except that the annuity payments are deferred to sometime in the future. For example, payments may be deferred to provide additional income during retirement years. Deferring payments also has the added advantage of increasing the donor's tax benefits at the time of the gift.



CHARITABLE TRUSTS: Donors can place cash or property in a trust that pays annual income to them (or another named beneficiary or beneficiaries) for life. After their death, the remainder of the trust transfers to their favorite local charities. The donor receives income tax benefits the year they establish the trust.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST: The unitrust pays a fixed percentage of its value, determined each year, to the donor or others they name for life or a term of years. The remaining assets then go to charity.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST: The trust pays a fixed dollar amount each year to the donor or others they name for life or a term of years. The remaining assets then go to charity.

CHARITABLE LEAD UNITRUST: The unitrust pays a fixed percentage of its value, determined each year, to charity for a term of years or one or more lifetimes. The accumulated assets then go back to the donor or others they name.

CHARITABLE LEAD ANNUITY TRUST: The trust pays a fixed dollar amount each year to charity for a term of years or one or more lifetimes. The accumulated assets then go back to the donor or others they name.

PAID-UP LIFE INSURANCE: The donor transfers ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to their favorite local charity. Upon the donor's death, the benefit is transferred to the endowment they designate. Donors receive an immediate tax deduction for the cash surrender value of the policy.



GREAT FALLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation (GFACF) co-hosts Give Great Falls with the United Way of Cascade County and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Give Great Falls has raised over \$200,000 in donations for local nonprofits since starting in 2019.

The GFACF has supported the projects of Leadership Great Falls (LGF) for the past several years so each class could succeed in their chosen efforts, participants could learn about community foundations, and provide new board members for the Foundation. GFACF supported Leadership Great Falls work with projects for Alliance for Youth, St. Vincent de Paul, My Student in Need, Grace Veterans Home, the Dandelion Foundation, and Royal Family Kids, Alliance for Youth and Toby's House Crisis Nursery.

GFACF awards annual grants on a competitive basis. This year's awardees are:

CASA-CAN
Cascade County Law Clinic
Cascade Farmers Market
Belt Theatre Company
FISH
Grace Haven
Great Falls Food Bank

Great Falls Symphony
The History Museum
Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorder Clinic SPARK!
Children's Museum
Sun River Watershed Group
Young Parents Education Center

THANK YOU!

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Additional copies of the Giving Book can be obtained online by searching for the "Great Falls Area Community Foundation Giving Book" and then downloading and printing the PDF. Hard copies can be obtained from the Great Falls Area Community Foundation by email gfgcommunityboard@gmail.com

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THE MONTANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Montana Community Foundation holds endowments for many Great Falls area organizations, as listed below. Donors wishing to make a gift to existing endowments are encouraged to contact Jim Bennett, Gift and Estate Planning Director, at **406-301-3918** or email at jim@mtcf.org.

CRCF	Great Falls Area Community Foundation
THAY	Eugene & Jane Thayer Fund of the United Way of Cascade Co.
ARCM	American Red Cross of Montana Fund
BHCF	Benefis Healthcare Foundation Endowment
CCHS	Cascade County Historical Society Endowment Fund
CMRM	C.M. Russell Museum Endowment
ECIM	Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Memorial Foundation
FCCS	Foothills Community Christian School Endowment
FLCE	Faith Lutheran Church Endowment
GFCB	Great Falls Community Beautification Endowment Fund
GFFB	Great Falls Community Food Bank Endowment
GFPL	Great Falls Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund
GFRM	Great Falls Rescue Mission Fund
GFSA	Great Falls Symphony Association Endowment Fund
GTMH	Center for Mental Health Foundation Endowment
LCIC	Lewis & Clark Foundation Endowment
MCBA	Montana Council Boy Scouts of America Endowment
MRFN	McLaughlin Research Foundation Endowment
NRES	Easter Seals - Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain Endowment
PGSM	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art Endowment Fund
SAGF	Salvation Army of Great Falls Endowment Fund
UWCC	United Way of Cascade County Endowment Fund
RSMS	Ruth Stone & Tuesday Music Club Private Music Study Schol.
GFHS	Great Falls High School Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund



NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

4 THE KIDS MONTANA

CONTACT: 406-403-8573
4thekidsmt@gmail.com
PO Box 7550, Great Falls, MT 59406

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services; Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Serves children and families across Central and North Central Montana, including communities within Cascade, Chouteau, Teton, Pondera, Toole, and Hill Counties. Our programs reach foster children referred through local agencies and churches throughout this region, providing consistent support and connection within their home communities.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

4 the KIDS Montana exists to share the love of Jesus with children in foster care by creating safe, nurturing, and life-changing experiences. Through camp, mentoring, and community outreach, we bring hope, healing, and connection to children who have experienced abuse and neglect – helping them know they are valued, loved, and never forgotten.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

4 the KIDS Camp: Each summer, 4 the KIDS Montana hosts a week-long residential camp for children in foster care who have experienced abuse or neglect. This Christ-centered program provides a safe and fun environment where children can experience unconditional love, positive relationships, and joyful childhood memories. Camp activities include chapel, crafts, swimming, outdoor recreation, a talent show, and an “Everyone’s Birthday Party”—all designed to build confidence, connection, and hope. Mentor Club: Our year-round Mentor Club continues the relationships built at camp by pairing volunteers with foster children for ongoing mentorship and support. Mentors meet regularly with children to encourage personal growth, provide stability, and remind them that they are cared for and not forgotten. Volunteer Training Program: To ensure every child’s safety and emotional well-being, all volunteers complete background checks and at least 12 hours of trauma-informed training. This program equips volunteers to serve children with compassion, understanding, and the tools to foster healing relationships.



ADULT TREATMENT COURT

CONTACT: 406-604-7604
gtami.young@mt.gov
215 1st Av No, Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Drug courts reduce recidivism and substance abuse among participants and successfully habilitate them through alcohol and drug abuse treatment, mandatory and frequent drug testing, use of appropriate sanctions and incentives, and continuous judicial oversight.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Administer the Adult Drug Treatment Court under National Drug Court Institute Key Components of Drug Courts and Best Practice standards:

- Integrate substance abuse and mental health treatment with court case processing.
- Use a non-adversarial approach.
- Identify participants early and promptly place in treatment.
- Provide a continuum of treatment services.
- Monitor participant abstinence.
- Use incentives and sanctions to motivate behavior.
- Judicial interaction with participants.
- Evaluate program goals and effectiveness.
- Interdisciplinary education to promote effectiveness.
- Forge partnerships with public agencies and community organizations.



ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH, INC.

CONTACT:

406-952-0018
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3220 11th Ave South, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Based in Great Falls, provides services throughout North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Alliance for Youth advances social change by supporting the growth and well-being of youth and families in North Central Montana through educational and collaborative approaches. Our vision is to build an engaged and empowered community where youth and families can find hope, heal and move from surviving to thriving.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Youth Resource Center, a low barrier drop-in center, which meets the physical, social and emotional needs of vulnerable youth ages 13-20 in a safe, secure and supportive environment where youth can meet their basic needs and access social services, offering everything from food, clothing and hygiene products, shower and laundry facilities, education support/tutoring, and a range of social services, transportation assistance and connection to medical care to housing and employment support. Second, AFY offers Family Wellness programs, including Circle of Parents Support Groups, Nurturing Parenting and Love & Logic Classes, and Family Conflict Resolution. Third, the Sober Life, which provides people in recovery from addiction and alcoholism with connection and purpose by offering peer-led support groups, one-on-one peer recovery coaching and care coordination, family friendly events, fitness and sports, volunteer opportunities and Native American culturally relevant activities. Fourth, substance abuse prevention, which is youth-informed and community embedded through our leadership of the Cascade County Substance Abuse Prevention Alliance. All of our services are offered completely free of charge to those we serve, and we are always in need of volunteers, financial support and donations of food and supplies. To find out how to volunteer, see a list of current supply needs or to donate, please visit our website, allianceforyouth.org.



ALLUVION HEALTH FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-454-6973
111 5th St No, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Alluvion Health Foundation was organized in December 2020 as a 501c3 nonprofit to support and broaden the work of the Alluvion Health nonprofit community health clinic. As a nonprofit born out of community needs, the Alluvion Health Foundation focuses on improving outcomes and addressing the ongoing disparities that influence healthcare access for the most vulnerable in our region. By connecting its donors to Alluvion's services elevating the feedback of Alluvion's patients, and providing powerful community health advocacy, the Foundation redefines healthcare opportunities by addressing persistent gaps in the region.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

In Montana, strengthening access to healthcare is a matter of creating innovations to eradicate the many geographic and sociodemographic barriers to care. The Alluvion Health Foundation is focused on providing access to high-quality patient-centered care and enhancing the overall quality of life for the most vulnerable and overlooked healthcare populations of North Central Montana. The Foundation does this by exploring accessibility solutions to ease healthcare gaps in service. We provide the means of delivering care remotely, through mobile services or improving upon service delivery methods. Projects for the Foundation include work with school-based healthcare, support for our community's mobile crisis response team, and investments in mobile dental infrastructure. The Alluvion Health Foundation's capital project for the present year involves investing in an advanced Mobile Autism Clinic (MAC). Once complete, the MAC aims to restore a gap in autism services throughout North Central Montana.



BELT THEATER COMPANY

CONTACT:

406-277-3844
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58 Castner St, Belt, MT 59412

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Art/Music, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Belt, Great Falls, Stockett, Sand Coulee, Neihart, Monarch, Geyser, Raynesford, and Highwood

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Belt Performing Arts Center's mission is to present quality youth, amateur and professional performing arts productions in Belt serving the rural communities of central Montana; to encourage future generations to love live performing arts and, to this end, provide workshops and performance opportunities for students of all ages who have artistic aspirations.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Our mission is implemented through a 16-show season series of live professional performances with 3-4 student educational outreaches each season.



BENEFIS FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-455-5840
jamiwald@benefis.org
1200 25th St So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Northcentral Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Our mission at Benefis Foundation is to improve and enhance healthcare services for people throughout northcentral Montana. We exist to ensure that your generosity transforms the lives of our patients and their families. To that end, 100 percent of the money we raise goes directly toward the projects and programs that implement change to improve healthcare.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Benefis Foundation supports the Women’s and Children’s Center, the Sletten Cancer Institute, Peace Hospice of Montana, Gift of Life Housing, Healthcare and Student Scholarships, and a Senior Services Fund. The Caring for our Own Fund assists Benefis employees in time of crisis, while the Greatest Need Fund supports a diverse range of important healthcare projects, such state-of-the-art equipment and technology, renovation projects, and community projects, from handicap-accessible playground equipment to free safety helmets for children.



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL MONTANA

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Box 195, Helena, MT 59624

Administrative support: 1434 N Roberts, Helena 59601

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Economic, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Since 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential. As the nation's largest donor- and volunteer-supported mentoring network, BBBS supports matches between volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through young adulthood in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. The mission of BBBS is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBBS's vision is that all youth achieve their full potential.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Through the School-Based Mentoring Program Bigs and Littles spend approximately one hour per week together at school for the duration of the school year, with the potential to continue into the next school year or transition into our Community Program. BBBS staff enroll Bigs and Littles and provide ongoing relationship support for the duration of the match. We seek to serve 24 children in the School Program during the project period.



BIG SKY COUNTRY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

CONTACT: 406-781-0741
mary@visionwestmt.com
Box 1323, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Central MT

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Big Sky Country National Heritage Area is a respected partner, building alliances throughout the upper Missouri River region of Montana. Together we recognize, conserve, and instill community pride in our people, places, and stories. Our heritage resources strengthen the economy, attracting visitors seeking special places and memories. BSCNHA is a central force that convenes partners and leverages funds for community-based projects that commemorate our culture and heritage and grow our economy.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

NHAs foster job creation, advancement of economic, cultural, historic, natural & community development. NHAs help sustain communities through revitalization & heritage tourism. Coordinating entities administer projects within NHAs by assembling willing partners to accomplish locally-based & mutually beneficial activities.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF CASCADE COUNTY

CONTACT:

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sonya.smith@bgc-cc.org
Box 652, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and Belt

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. All youth should have the opportunity to be somewhere safe, fun, and positive when school is out. Clubs offer a comprehensive youth development program, the Outcome-Driven Club Experience, focusing on three priority outcomes: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship. We want the youth we serve to take school seriously, promote on time each year, and ultimately graduate with a plan for the future. We want youth to choose and maintain a healthy lifestyle above the influence of substance use and early sexual involvement. We also want youth to develop good character and citizenship that turns them into productive, positive community members we are all proud to know.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Power Hour is a school year program that includes tutoring, homework help, High Yield Learning Activities (educational activities with fun, experiential approaches), and tracking and intervention as needed. Brain Gain is a summer learning loss prevention program designed to keep youth engaged in learning during school breaks.



C.M. RUSSELL MUSEUM

CONTACT:

406-727-8787
jnebel@cmrussell.org
400 13th St No, Great Falls MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Art/Music, Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls community, Cascade County, state-wide, nationwide

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the C.M. Russell Museum is to share the life, art, and times of Charles M. Russell as we learn from the past, honor the present, and inspire the future cultures of Russell's West.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Children and youth art programs, adult classes, online education Russell for Learning, workshops, permanent collections, and temporary exhibits.



CAMP ROTARY & GREAT FALLS ROTARY FOUNDATION

CONTACT: rotaryclubgreatfalls@gmail.com
Box 1551, Great Falls MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls, Statewide

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The purpose of Camp Rotary is to provide a home for other nonprofit Youth organization to host a variety of Summer camps throughout the season at a low cost.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Great Falls Rotary maintains and operates the camp located on Belt Creek near Monarch. Renovations in the last few years have provided a new bathhouse, beautiful new lodge, and a covered outdoor pavilion. There are four brand new cabins and others being replaced as resources become available. Youth-centered groups use the facilities in the peak season. These camps include respite care, 4-H, Scouts, and much more. Current camper capacity is 144 in nine cabins, with an additional cook's cabin for volunteers.



CASA OF CASCADE COUNTY

CONTACT: 406-454-6738
director@casacan.org
325 2nd Ave No, Great Falls MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education, Human Services, Economic, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Trained community volunteers provide advocacy for child abuse victims, birth through age 18. CASA Advocates ensure these children's rights are protected and that they received the essential services needed to heal and grow. CASA is the only impartial party to provide the 8th Judicial District Court Judges with independent insight into the lives and situations of these young victims to assist the Court in making decisions that will affect the outcome of the case.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Trained volunteers provide advocacy for child abuse victims. Children often move from shelter care to foster care, sometimes change schools, and caseworkers come and go. Ideally, CASA volunteers will remain with the child from the time they come into the system until reunification with their parents or until a safe, permanent solution is determined. The CASA Advocate is often the adult who knows the child's situation better than anyone else involved, and can therefore make informed recommendations to the Court on their behalf. Timely permanency is critical to a child's emotional growth and security.



CASCADE 4-H FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-454-6980
Jennifer.volkmar@montana.edu
330 3rd St NE, Great Falls MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The purpose of the Cascade 4-H Foundation is to aid and promote, by financial assistance or otherwise, the 4-H program in Cascade County.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Cascade County 4-H and its many projects including Shooting Sports, Horse, Livestock, Creative Arts, Communications, and many more. Cascade 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Financial help with travel, lodging, and registration of out of state, national, and international 4-H activities.



CASCADE COUNTY AGING SERVICES—FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

CONTACT: 406-454-6990
tlopez@cascadecountymt.gov
1801 Benefis Court, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Economic, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Foster Grandparents has a dual mission, first to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities to low-income adults aged 55 and older and secondly to provide one on one tutoring to children who are at a higher risk of school failure due to increased risk factors in their lives. The children are provided with a volunteer in the school or pre-school setting that provides a consistent, caring adult to provide tutoring for school readiness and improve reading skills that will enhance their future success. This also provides a rewarding opportunity that ensures the volunteers social, mental and financial stability and enriches the community.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The program places up to 28 volunteers as tutors in at least 16 workstations in Great Falls to assist with kindergarten readiness and improving literacy. Workstations include public and private schools, nonprofit childcare centers and Head Start centers to provide one on one tutoring to children under the supervision of the classroom teacher who provides the work plan and identify the students in need of additional help. The volunteers serve from 10 to 40 hours per week.



CASCADE COUNTY LAW CLINIC

CONTACT:

406-452-6269
bill.bronson@bresnan.net
401 3rd Av No, Lower Level, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

CCLC is the principal provider of legal services and information for low income and some moderate-income residents in Cascade County. We offer services primarily in family law, guardianship, and landlord/tenant disputes, but also simple real estate, contract, and estate matters. Eligible applicants are afforded free legal guidance and/or representation for as long as necessary.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

For each program offering, eligible persons are matched with pertinent information, an attorney, a mediator, or advocate, to assist them with their legal issue or problem, or are otherwise offered appropriate guidance for addressing immediate legal challenges.

Applicants receive assistance and support throughout the process at no charge to them. Follow-up with applicants occurs at the conclusion of their case, to determine whether they accomplished their goals with legal assistance.



CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH DBA MANY RIVERS WHOLE HEALTH

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915 1st Ave So, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: In our beloved state of Montana from the northern boundary of Glacier county sweeping over the plains east to Blaine county down to our headquarters in Cascade county and south to Jefferson, Broadwater Meagher while encompassing our second largest county of Lewis & Clark. We serve: Blaine, Hill, Liberty, Chouteau, Toole, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Lewis & Clark, Meagher, Broadwater & Jefferson.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Many Rivers Whole Health partners with people and communities to serve the whole person— body mind and spirit— by providing expertise in wellness, mental health, and substance use disorders, addressing prevention and treatment with a recovery-based approach.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Psychiatric Medication Management, Nursing, Primary Health Screening, Outpatient Mental Health (individual, family and group), Adult and Youth Case Management, Peer Support, Adult Therapeutic Aide, Adult Day Treatment, Adult Residential Group Homes, Adult Foster Care, Program Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT), In-Home Family Services (FBS/HSS), Supported Employment/Individual Placement Services (IPS), Addiction Counseling, Intensive Outpatient SUD Program (IOP), Substance Use 3.1 Sober Living Home. In-Person and Telehealth options available.



CENTERVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

CONTACT: 406-788-9582
schoolboard@centerville.k12.mt.us
693 Stockett Rd, Sand Coulee, MT 59472

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Centerville School District's educational program seeks to provide the opportunity for each child to develop to his or her maximum potential.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Our Early Kindergarten program is filled with age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and engaging educational activities through research-based curriculum. Students learn through play and hands-on activities where they cooperate and share with their peers. We have a Morning Meeting where students sit and listen appropriately as we discover the Calendar Leader, the Weather Leader, and we count how many days we have been in school and write the daily message. Each day, we have a scheduled time for reading focusing on letters, letter sounds, rhyming, beginning, and ending sounds and a scheduled time for math where we focus on math skills such as counting, identifying numbers, position words, patterns, sorting, colors, and addition and subtraction. During handwriting, students learn how to hold a writing implement and learn how to write their name, letters, and numbers. Recess and Free Choice activities are a vital part of an Early Kindergarten student's social and physical development. We also provide several iPad activities that support our curriculum, such as Lexia, ST Math, and Wet-Dry-Try. Our school day is filled with meaningful activities that are chosen with intention and purpose to help achieve our program outcomes.



CHILD BRIDGE

CONTACT: 407-897-0854
hello@childbridgemontana.org
119 1st Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Statewide

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To find and equip foster and adoptive families for children who have suffered abuse and neglect.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Through intentional recruitment, trauma-informed training, and ongoing coaching, we prepare caregivers to provide safe, stable, and loving homes. Our teams walk alongside families long after placement, offering resilience-building resources, community connection, and practical support. Together with our partners, we are creating brighter futures for vulnerable children and strengthening communities.



SPARK! CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MONTANA INC.

CONTACT: 406-836-9215
hello@sparkmt.org
201 2nd Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade county and surrounding communities

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To spark the joy of learning by fostering imagination and creativity through interactive, exploratory play.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

While we work to open our new permanent home, Spark! continues to deliver a vibrant array of hands-on activities, camps, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs that reach children and families across Great Falls and throughout Montana. Spark! provides activities that are intentionally designed for ages 4 through college—meeting young learners where they are and challenging them to explore further. From after-school science clubs to interactive family workshops, each program blends play with purpose, building critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills.



CONGREGATION AITZ CHAIM, THE GREAT FALLS HEBREW ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: 406-322-2705
aaron@weissman.com
525 Central Av, Suite L8, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Religious - Synagogue

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Northcentral MT

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Great Falls Hebrew Association is the Jewish Community of Great Falls, MT.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We organize Jewish religious events and services in Great Falls.



CONSERVATORY ASL NORTHWEST

CONTACT:

406-453-0349
connect@aslcan.com
1513 2nd Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Cultural Preservation, Community Development, Social Advocacy

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

American Northwest and specifically Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Conservatory ASL Northwest (C.A.N.) exists to connect, cultivate, and empower deaf and hearing signers of all ages by facilitating knowledge sharing and social interactions in American Sign Language (ASL). C.A.N. is a Deaf-led organization that focuses on the linguistic minority group of the ASL community. Our vision includes reaching children and adults of all hearing levels to empower them with access through ASL. The founders of C.A.N. are deaf and hearing parents of deaf and hearing children, who see the need for a community that embraces linguistic diversity, utilizes and encourages individual strengths, and supports each other. They believe sign language gives deaf people access to the world and gives the world access to deaf people and that sign language benefits everyone.

C.A.N. endeavors to establish an ASL community center in Great Falls to provide a connecting place, where our children can learn from Deaf adults, experience Deaf leadership and role models, where young and old can grow and learn, where people who communicate in American Sign Language can share knowledge, and where the hearing community (including hearing parents of deaf children) can connect and benefit from the unique and diverse Deaf community.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

1. ASL Community Center 2. ASL CAN Film Camp 3. Community Connections 4. ASL Knowledge Sharing Find out more at www.aslcan.com.



THE DANDELION FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-439-7740
gfdandelionfoundation@gmail.com
Box 775, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To promote the prevention of child abuse and family violence in North Central Montana through education, intervention and awareness, The Dandelion Foundation focuses its efforts to organize and implement promising and evidence-based prevention strategies to decrease the prevalence and impact of child abuse, neglect and family violence in the region.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Through previous work implemented by The Dandelion Foundation, Cascade County now has an expert local team certified to deliver the nationally recognized, evidence-based Stewards of Children training, proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes and change child-protective behaviors to minimize risk of sexual abuse. We also have board members trained as national recognized Drug Endangered Child trainers.



DEAP: DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Disabilities, Children/Families, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Our region (as opposed to the eastern MT region) covers: Cascade, Pondera, Hill, Blaine, Liberty, Glacier, Teton, Chouteau, and Toole counties

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of DEAP is to provide community-based services which support individuals and families to strengthen their skills and abilities to enhance care and quality of life.

VISION: The communities DEAP serves are strong because families, individual differences and independence are valued.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

DEAP provides Family Education and Support services to children ages 3-16 that have developmental delays and/or lifelong disabilities by enhancing the knowledge and skills of children and their families to achieve optimal success in life. The family, in partnership with their team of professionals, choose goals to work on in an individualized Family Service Plan. Services include:

- Helping children reach their maximum potential within their most natural environment (usually in the home or out in their community,)
- Assessing children's and family needs and assisting them in maximizing skills, abilities and community resources to meet those needs
- Coordinating services with schools and other team members working with the child.



EAGLE MOUNT GREAT FALLS

CONTACT: 406-454-1449
deb.eaglemountgf@gmail.com
Box 2866, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and the 11 surrounding counties

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Eagle Mount Great Falls provides adaptive recreational activities for infants, children, and adults with physical, developmental, mental and behavioral challenges, striving to improve the quality of life for them and their families.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Equestrian, Tippy Toes, Ski/Snowboarding, Sled Hockey, Pontoon Boat, Rafting and Summer Camp



EASTERSEALS-GOODWILL NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

CONTACT: 406-760-3680
info@esgw.org
425 1st Ave North, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities, Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Montana, Idaho, Utah & Wyoming

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Easterseals-Goodwill creates opportunities that change lives through disability, clinical and workforce development services as well as retail Goodwill thrift stores.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Montana programs include disabilities services for adults to develop skills to live as independently as possible through day programs. Clinical services help adults with medical needs with adult day, in-home personal care, foot care clinic and home health. Goodwill stores provide paid employment experiences for individuals from all walks of life, and related workforce programs help people with disabilities and other barriers find and keep jobs. SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) provides paid job training opportunities to low-income adults age 55 who wish to re-enter the workforce.



ECHOZ PREGNANCY CENTER

CONTACT: 406-727-1850
autumn@echoz.org
1323 9th Ave So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and surrounding areas

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Echoz upholds the sanctity of human life by providing life-saving alternatives, through support and education, to women and men experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We offer free pregnancy testing, limited diagnostic ultrasound, material assistance items from newborn to age 3, one-on-one parenting classes, RealDads fatherhood program, and low-cost STD testing/treatment.



ELECTRIC CITY DISC GOLF CLUB

CONTACT: 406-239-1469
maggie@croxfordfuneralhome.com
90 Dune Hill Lane, Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families; Education; Environment; Sports

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls, MT

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To make disc gold easily accessible to our community and grow the sport. We are responsible for maintenance and repairs as well as upgrades to the courses in Great Falls.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Leagues, tournaments, training clinics, team-building sessions, competitive and non-competitive environments available.

Currently, there are three disc gold courses within the City of Great Falls parks. All three are free to play in all day, every day!



FAMILY CONNECTIONS, INC.

CONTACT:

406-761-6010
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410 Central Avenue, Suite 402, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Family Connections Serves 33 Montana counties: Big Horn, Blaine, Cascade, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wibaux, and Yellowstone.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Family Connections utilizes the strength of community to support exceptional early childhood experiences. We believe every child deserves a successful future!

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Family Connections offers a free custom list of licensed child care programs aligned with a family's specific needs, financial assistance for qualified families based on income and household size, financial and business assistance to child care providers, and referrals/resources to support families and providers.



FAMILY PROMISE OF GREAT FALLS

CONTACT:

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Tiffanyw@familypromisegf.org
1019 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services, Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Family Promise of Great Falls (FPGF) is an organization of staff and volunteers dedicated to the purpose of providing support and resources to children and their families facing homelessness. The FPGF staff provides case management and social services navigation to assist families with accessing all the social services, eviction prevention, skills training, job opportunities, and permanent living arrangements available to them. The volunteers provide mentoring and training for families that address each individual family's immediate needs. FPGF partners with all the social service agencies and with a diverse network of congregations with the goal of ending childhood homelessness. FPGF operates utilizing five points of service: shelter, prevention, stabilization, community, and promise. These services are grounded in the philosophy that "Every child deserves a home, and every family has promise".

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Promise Place Shelter provides temporary shelter for up to two families at a time for families who are homeless. Promise Place was opened in 2022 to provide families with private, temporary shelter in a fixed location while FPGF staff works with them to find permanent housing and other resources to help them achieve stability. The families must agree to the shelter's Guest Policies which include agreeing to work through their stability plan, pay off debts, find permanent work, and ensure their children are attending school.

- Connection to medical and dental care
- Life Skills training



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CONTACT: 406-452-5276
kkoteskey@foothillschristian.org
2210 5th Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls Area and within commuting distance to the school

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

We assist parents in providing a Christ-centered education that values exceptional academics, strong moral character, and service to others.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Pre-Kindergarten (age 4) - 12th grade education, Extracurricular opportunities including athletics, fine arts, Student Council, and service projects. Community events including Grandparents and Veterans Day, Pastor Appreciation, Annual Spring Banquet and other student programs. We also have an award winning video production class which has partnered with businesses for video production needs.



FRIENDS OF THE MISSOURI BREAKS MONUMENT

CONTACT: 406-502-1334
info@missouribreaks.org
324 Fuller Av, Helena, MT 59601

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Environment

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Greater Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Protect and preserve the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument through education, advocacy, and stewardship.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We run a variety of environmental conservation related stewardship projects in the National Monument and surrounding landscapes, as well as perform advocacy and educational events geared towards increasing central Montana's conservation action.



GET FIT GREAT FALLS-F4

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Box 657, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

13 Elementary Schools in Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Purpose: Get Fit Great Falls is a community impact organization that engages more than 24 stakeholders working to advance the United Way led Healthy Lives, Vibrant Futures initiative goal to increase the number of people in Great Falls living at a healthy weight.

Mission: Get Fit Great Falls Inc. promotes the benefits of healthy lifestyles to the citizens of Great Falls and Cascade County through a unified community effort that encourages cultural and system change. We work to make the healthy choice the easy choice.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

GFGF worked with a nutritionist and fitness expert to build a best-practice afterschool program that measures its effectiveness. The Fitness, Food, Friends & Family Program (F4) reaches 1,000 kids in HANDS afterschool childcare located in 13 elementary schools. The program incorporates fitness skills into games. Students review weekly worksheets that share fitness activities and kid-friendly nutrition tips, which they take home to share with their families. Children receive rewards and prizes for participating and for playing games with their friends and family.



GET FIT GREAT FALLS-PARK PALS

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alex.sholes@mt.gov
Box 657, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Youth in Great Falls Public Schools

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

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ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Park Pals plans and orchestrates daily activities in Great Falls parks, timed with the Great Falls Public Schools summer feeding program truck. The activities include art projects, science experiments and games to attract kids of all ages and interests to participate.

No Kid Hungry has recognized this program for its innovative strategy to both attract students to exercise and reduce the stigma of receiving free meals.



GIRL SCOUTS OF MONTANA AND WYOMING

CONTACT: 406-252-0488
customer@gsnw.org
2303 Grand Ave, Billings, MT 59102

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Montana and Wyoming

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming provides a wide range of leadership and enrichment programs for girls in grades K–12 that build courage, confidence, and character. Through hands-on, girl-led experiences, girls explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and life skills.

Our programs include the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program—one of the world’s largest youth entrepreneurship initiatives—as well as outdoor adventures, summer camps, community service projects, and financial literacy activities. We also offer troop experiences, badge-earning opportunities, and council-wide events that empower girls to discover their potential and make a difference in their communities.



THE GIVING TREE

CONTACT: sanncoult@gmail.com

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To provide affordable day care to single parents, low income and military families. For \$50 per week, families have full time child care by a licensed teacher with 13 years experience as a special educator. All staff are CPR and first Aid certified.

Our belief is no one should have to choose between basic necessities or childcare. When we give families affordable childcare they are able to get financial ahead and have money to put back into the community. We were lucky to not be financially affected by Covid but we know many people who were and still are. Families that have been out of work can not afford to go back to work if childcare is \$800 - \$1,000 a month!

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Full heated “outdoor” play area in 3 car garage. Sensory room, pretend play area, infant center, education activities throughout the day.



GREAT FALLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CONTACT: gfccommunityboard@gmail.com
Box 1896, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: City of Great Falls and Cascade County Communities

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To provide opportunities for visionary philanthropy to the Great Falls area by connecting people who care with causes that matter now and far into the future.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation believes in a thriving and connected community in the City of Great Falls and throughout Cascade County. Our hope is to catalyze that through immersive works and support with our nonprofit organizations and community partners. The GFACF provides annual mini grant opportunities for local nonprofits to continue their impactful missions as they work to improve our community.

We also host two nonprofit trainings every year, which consists of board basics for nonprofit board members and focused learning sessions for staff.

The Giving Book is another program that we offer for the local community to assist with planned giving, legacy building, and creating a resource for financial advisors throughout the state.

We are also the hosts of Give Great Falls, the week long philanthropy event in late April/ early May that promotes each individual nonprofit organization and community partners.



GREAT FALLS CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CONTACT: 406-216-3344
wross@greatfallscentral.org
2800 18th Av So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Great Falls Central Catholic High School, a diocesan college preparatory school, is committed to developing academic excellence in a Christ-centered community that strengthens leadership and service to others.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Grades 9 through 12 education, all Montana High School Association-sanctioned activities.



GREAT FALLS CHILDREN'S RECEIVING HOME

CONTACT:

406-870-2458
gfcrh@bresnan.net
Box 1061, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The GFCRH is not a proactive service/agency- it is a reactive one. We provide our community's sole emergency shelter care facility for children within foster care capable of accepting boys and girls ages birth to the day they age out at 18. Our sole goal and purpose is to provide safe haven services for children once they have been deemed abused/neglected and physically removed from their homes by a Child Protective Services Worker representing the Department of Public Health and Human Services/Child and Family Services Division (DPHHS/CFSD).

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

GFCRH is the community's only 0-17 24/7 emergency shelter for foster children. We provide safe haven/shelter services for up to 14 boys and girls daily. All children entrusted to our care have endured heinous acts of abuse and/or neglect. Entering our 57th year of service to the children of our community, our services are needed now more than ever! Group homes have been closing doors left and right across Montana.



GREAT FALLS CLINIC LEGACY FOUNDATION

CONTACT:

406-216-8057
grant.bebee@gfclinic.com
3004 15th Av So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

The Legacy House serves all of Montana. We have also had patients and their families from four states outside of Montana.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation brings hope and healing to Great Falls and surrounding communities. Our goal is to sustain our new, free housing facility, the Harold and Carmen Poulsen Legacy Housing, to support patients and their families traveling for medical treatment to Great Falls, Montana.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Harold & Carmen Poulsen Legacy Housing provides FREE temporary, patient housing for those traveling to Great Falls, Montana for medical treatment.



GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

CONTACT:

406-452-9029
shaunt@greatfallsfoodbank.org
1620 12th Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County & some surrounding counties

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Great Falls Community Food Bank serves more than 65 different organizations both in and around Cascade County including our public school pantries, Meals on Wheels, churches, youth groups and many more. Our mission is to engage, educate and lead our community in the fight against hunger. With more than 10,000 people in our county suffering from food insecurity, we are a vital organization that eases the burden for our most underprivileged residents— giving them a chance to look for work, pay for vital medicine instead of food, and study on a full stomach. We are here to stabilize lives and make a difference in Cascade County.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Among our most important projects are our Backpacks4Kids Program which feeds underprivileged elementary school children on weekends and holidays, and our grocery recover program, which allows us to distribute soon-to-expire foods to those in need.



GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY ICE FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-866-0247
president@gf-ice.org
Box 2869, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Recreation/families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the Great Falls Community Ice Foundation is to provide affordable hockey, figure, and recreational skating for the greatest number of citizens, of all ages & skill levels.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Great Falls Community Ice Foundation owns and operates the Great Falls Ice Plex. The Ice Plex rents ice for a variety of activities including, public skating, figure skating, hockey (youth, adult, college & semipro junior team, and Eagle Mount's sled hockey program).



GREAT FALLS FISH INC.

CONTACT:

406-452-3474
hjspilde@bresnan.net
1620 12th Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services - emergency food program organized to provide food to families in crisis

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls & Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

FISH was organized over 30 years ago for the purpose of benefiting the needy residents of Great Falls by providing on an occasional and non-permanent basis- groceries, food stuffs, toiletry items and paper items. No one will be denied on basis of race, sex, or religious affiliation. FISH is operated 100% by volunteers, therefore all the revenue goes for food, rent, insurance.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

FISH will provide 3 nutritious, nourishing, meals per day for every member of the family for 5 days The goal of FISH is to have enough food and financial aid to provide food for 5 days for every member of the family that comes to FISH.



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

CONTACT:

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brianne@gflibraryfoundation.org
Box 742, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Art/Music, Disabilities, Economic, Human Services, Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls and Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the Great Falls Public Library Foundation is to support and enhance the programs and services of the Great Falls Public Library.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Early literacy; children's programming, adult education, community enrichment, music and art opportunities, online learning, and much more!



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-268-7401
foundation@gfps.k12.mt.us
1100 4th St So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County, Great Falls, Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the GFPS Foundation is to enhance high-quality teaching and life-long learning for students in Great Falls Public Schools by funding innovative educational programs and scholarships. The Foundation partners with community members and businesses to enhance public education through private funding.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Foster Success through Scholarships

The Foundation administers more than 100 scholarships currently and annually awards over \$300,000 to graduating seniors. New scholarships are added each year.

Enhance Student Experiences through Classroom Grants

Over \$1M in grants has been awarded to assist classrooms and programs across the district. These projects are made possible by the annual Truck Raffle fundraiser and contributions from generous donors.

Improve Learning Environments with Building Enhancements

Over \$4.2M has been raised since 2017 to enhance existing facilities or build new learning centers for Great Falls schools. In recent years, libraries and playgrounds have also benefited from donor generosity.

Celebrate Students and Educators for Excellence in Education

Top-rated graduating seniors from all three high schools and the influential educators who made a significant difference in their learning experience are recognized and celebrated each spring.

Annual Truck Raffle

Funds raised benefit the school groups who sell tickets while the remaining funds go towards classroom grants. Since 2013, City Motor Company has generously donated a vehicle each year to make this fundraiser possible.



GREAT FALLS RESCUE MISSION

CONTACT:

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contactus@gfrm.org
408 2nd Ave So, Great Falls, MT 59401/ PO Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: GFRM serves the entire State of Montana, primarily in Cascade County and 16 surrounding counties in North Central Montana.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Great Falls Rescue Mission is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Christian organization committed to serving North Central Montana. We are a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week homeless shelter that provides all its services free of charge to those in need. GFRM's programs and services address the root causes of homelessness, poverty, and substance abuse, including lack of education, dysfunctional family dynamics, economic stress, and the absence of employable skills or life purpose.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

GFRM provides temporary shelter, food and basic needs, stabilizing emergency situations. Provides case management and facilitates referrals to partner agencies and community resources. Address root causes of homelessness through counseling, spiritual guidance and addiction recovery. Strengthen families by offering a center for homeless families to stay and heal together. Foster self-sufficiency through long-term recovery programs that include education and workforce development opportunities. Provide free comprehensive medical care through the dedication of volunteer medical providers and professionals: dental, optical and chiropractic. Offer year round youth programs to 150 at-risk youth via our after-school, tutoring and summer programs.



GREAT FALLS SCOTTISH RITE CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE DISORDERS CLINIC

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1304 13th St So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities, Education, Human Services, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic is to provide quality, individualized speech, language and feeding evaluations and therapy to area preschool children, at no cost to the family.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The clinic provides early intervention speech, language, and feeding evaluation and intervention to children from birth to 6 years of age. Donations and grant funding help cover families out-of-pocket expenses.



GREAT FALLS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

CONTACT: 406-454-6995
bigskybrooklynbob@yahoo.com
1004 Central Av, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County, Montana.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Mission: To provide our community a safe and affordable environment for senior citizens to have meals and socialization.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Meals, health programs, socialization activities, crafts, etc.



GREAT FALLS SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: 406-453-4102
hillaryrose@gfsymphony.org
11 3rd St No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Art/Music

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Mission of the Great Falls Symphony is to infuse cultural vibrancy into the Great Falls community through transformative music events and education programs. Our vision is to be an essential cultural asset in north central Montana raising quality of life for citizens through outstanding performing arts programs.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Great Falls Symphony includes a 75 member professional Orchestra, a 100 member Symphonic Choir and 2 professional resident ensembles (the Cascade Quartet and Chinook Winds) made up of 9 “Core” orchestral musicians, and a Youth Orchestra program (established in 1996) that supports two Youth Orchestras and over 100 talented young musicians grades 6-12 from Great Falls and surrounding areas. These components offer a rich and diverse mix of activities which reach up to 40,000 people annually. The Great Falls Symphony presents a 7- concert classic series every year hosting a variety of guest artists and resident composers. The Cascade Quartet and Chinook Winds present a total of 14 Chamber Music concerts in Great Falls and tour Montana and the United States performing concerts and hosting workshops and educational programs each year. The Great Falls Symphony places the highest priority upon programs that provide state-wide education and outreach. Two Youth Matinees are presented each season by the Orchestra have served well over 115,000 students. In addition to the GFSO’s primary mission, we also partner with two companies to present the Broadway in Great Falls series of national tours of Broadway shows.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, GREAT FALLS AREA

CONTACT:

406-590-0636
director@greatfallshabitat.org
Box 754, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Humanitarian

ENDOWMENT:

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls Area

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. The impact of our purpose is creating decent and affordable shelter that provides families with a place to gather and grow. Even more, by working with Habitat to achieve affordable homeownership, families can transform their lives. In seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Habitat for Humanity is embarking on building single-family/multifamily buildings utilizing energy-efficient Monolithic Dome building techniques. Building in this fashion we can build more homes faster and for less money. We have material costs, floor plans, 2d/3d renderings, and blueprints for several build types. These buildings offer a more holistic, sustainable, healthier, and environmentally friendly living environment vs traditional stick-built homes. We are also collaborating with several entities and have developed programs to help us build homes that involve at-risk youth and adults.



THE HEAVY HITTERS PROJECT

CONTACT: 407-781-4924
heavy_actual@heavyhittersproject.org
1017 1st Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities; Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: National with members all around the world.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Our focus is on giving back, not just in words, but in action. We connect people to real support resources, guidance, and a network of professionals who truly understand the weight of trauma. Through shared experiences, unwavering camaraderie, and a commitment to lifting each other up, we create a space where healing is not just possible its inevitable.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

- Hachi Fund - To Help Veterans going through Monetary struggles.
- 1 Family 1 Fight - 24/7 Peer to peer support
- Weds Mental Health Streams



THE HEISEY COMMUNITY CENTER

CONTACT:

406-453-1211
heisey@mt.net
313 7th St No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Downtown Great Falls is our primary area served but we serve the entire town of Great Falls and surrounding communities.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Heisey Community Center at St. Ann's Cathedral exists to serve and enrich the Great Falls community by providing sports, arts, educational, and service programs that welcome all with humility and grace and foster a spirit of hope and opportunity.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Basketball, Volleyball, Summer Camp, Art Camp, Drama Camp, Free Will tutoring



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREAT FALLS

CONTACT: info@jlogf.org
22 Railroad Sq, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County, Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

An organization of women whose mission is to advance women’s leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

With a legacy of transforming Great Falls for over 90 years, we’re proud to say we’re more than just a name. We’re a force of women who create lasting change. We’ve partnered with local organizations, such as Toby’s House, Children’s Receiving Home, and the Children’s Museum of Montana. Our current collaboration is with YWCA and our annual Touch A Truck fundraiser supports our mission. At Junior League, we believe in the power of togetherness and are committed to advancing women’s leadership for a greater community impact. With a legacy of transforming Great Falls for over 90 years, we’re proud to say we’re more than just a name. We’re a force of women who create lasting change. We’ve partnered with local organizations, such as Toby’s House, Children’s Receiving Home, and the Children’s Museum of Montana. Our current collaboration is with YWCA and our annual Touch A Truck fundraiser supports our mission. At Junior League, we believe in the power of togetherness and are committed to advancing women’s leadership for a greater community impact. We’re not just empowering women, we’re developing women to do a world of good!



KAIROS YOUTH SERVICES

CONTACT:

406-727-0076
snorton.kairos@outlook.com
625 Central Av W, Ste 205 Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services, Children/Families, Education, Economic

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The primary goals of our agency are instilling change, offering youth a future, sheltering youth in crisis, assisting youth in achieving self-sufficiency, and assisting youth with employment, training and education. Kairos Youth Services goal is that all youth are treated as individuals and encouraged to engage with their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups and families in ways that are both constructive and productive.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Kairos Youth Services is a private non-profit organization, that operates one community-based youth/shelter care home and the MT Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Our youth home is a healthy, safe, and structured environment. Our youth receive educational, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities. They receive personal guidance and referral to appropriate community resources. We provide transitional life skills to our youth that cover both social-emotional (setting personal boundaries, managing negative emotions) and tangible skills (getting/keeping a job, personal finance). Many youth we serve are at a transitional age where life skills are vital to their successful transition to adulthood.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1493

CONTACT: 406-761-9764
kccouncil1493@gmail.com
PO Box 6795 Great Falls, MT 59406-6795

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Disabilities

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Our primary mission is charity, to provide support for the in need.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Where there is a need, there is a Knight! We hold many fund raisers to help those in need. We raise funds to provide support for Echoz Pregnancy Center, Special Olympics, Easter Seals and Eagle Mount. Each year we distributed new coats, warm socks, mittens, hats and gloves to those ill-prepared to endure the Montana winter weather. Each year the council holds the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age. Winners at the council level progress to district and state competitions.



LEWIS & CLARK FOUNDATION

CONTACT:

406-899-7993
kpaladino@lewisandclarkfoundation.org
4201 Giant Springs Rd, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

The Lewis & Clark Foundation operates across the full span of the historic expedition route, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Astoria, Oregon—and beyond.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

At the Lewis & Clark Foundation , we preserve, promote and provide education about the diverse heritage of the Lewis & Clark Expedition - for the benefit of all

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We proudly support and offer educational and interpretive programs,that bring history to life for learners of all ages. We have an amazing historical research and an archival library. We offer Lewis & Clark lectures featuring scholars, historians, and storytellers who explore the expedition's legacy. Finally we offer grant assistance to expand access to trans-formative learning experiences and outreach initiatives.



LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

CONTACT:

406-454-1234
director@lewisandclark.org
Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Education

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

From Pittsburg, PA to Astoria, OR and beyond

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

We preserve, promote and teach the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark for the benefit of all people.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Grant Assistance, Lewis and Clark Lectures, historical research, archival library.



MEALS ON WHEELS, COUNCIL OF AGING

CONTACT:

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1801 Benefis Ct, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Economic, Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County - primarily in 15 Sq. Miles of Great Falls and immediate area. We will consider requests on an individual basis from outlying areas and if we can find solutions to service issues, we will do so.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To provide service to those over 60 that allow them to remain independent, engaged, healthy and in their own homes.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Meals on Wheels - provides meals M-F, 52 weeks a year to homebound seniors in need of nutritional support

Homemaker/Respite - provides Caregiver support via light housekeeping, errands, staying with loved one to allow a break

Transportation - rides to appointments, shopping, socialization



MISSOURI RIVER FLYFISHERS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

CONTACT: 406-214-2868
mrftu406@gmail.com
PO Box 6876, Great Falls, MT 59406

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Environment

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Missouri River Watershed

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To further the sport of fly fishing in our community by promoting fisheries education, trout habitat, stream access, and conservation of the sport of fly fishing.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Member meetings, guest speakers, annual “State of the Rivers” presentation, volunteer opportunities, river restoration projects, kid’s fishing and conservation education.



MONTANA COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

CONTACT: 406-727-1517
mcdc@mcdc.coop
PO Box 3027 Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic, Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: The state of Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) mission is to Empower Economic Development by Utilizing the Cooperative Business Model, for the Betterment of Montana Communities. By supporting the creation and growth of cooperatives, MCDC strengthens local economies, fosters entrepreneurship, and promotes sustainable community development.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

MCDC provides education, technical assistance, and strategic support to help communities and businesses form and strengthen cooperatives. MCDC's programs include cooperative feasibility analysis, business planning, and governance training; regional workshops and networking events; and partnerships that connect cooperatives with funding and professional resources. Through these efforts, MCDC fosters innovative, locally driven economic development across Montana.



MONTANA EMPOWERMENT CENTER

CONTACT: 877-870-1190
info@mtempowermentcenter.org
1601 2nd Ave N Suite 232, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families; Disabilities; Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Statewide

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the MEC is to empower, encourage and educate all Montana families with children and young adults with disabilities.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Montana Empowerment Center is Montana's Parent Training and Information Center. We are part of a network of 100 other parent centers across the nation. Our mission is to Empower, Encourage and Educate all Montana families with children and young adults with disabilities by providing free information, resources and support they need to navigate the Special Education process as well as be able to make informed choices. Some of the most common school related questions are about Special Education, IEPs, Transition from high school, 504 plans and Behavior Intervention Plans. We can also assist educators and other professionals who serve youth with disabilities from birth through age 26. We are not a legal entity. Our services are free and confidential for parents and caregivers to become their child's own best advocate.



MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND FOUNDATION

CONTACT: 406-771-6040
foundation@msdb.k12.mt.us
3911 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education, Disabilities, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: While the school is located in Great Falls, MSDB, through its Outreach Program, serves children all across the State.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind Foundation provides funding for academic opportunity and social development for Montana's deaf children and blind children to better prepare them for independent lives.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The MSDB Foundation provides funds for services, programs and equipment not covered by the State funding of the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind. The Foundation is committed to funding academic and extracurricular activities that help prepare blind students and deaf students for independent lives.

www.msdbmustangs.org



MONTANA UNITED INDIAN ASSOCIATION (MUIA)

CONTACT:

406-315-3413
cheri@muia74.org
625 Central Av W, Suite 102, Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Economic, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Our program is dedicated to assisting Native American people living in urban areas in Montana since 1974. The program assists individuals who are older than 18 years of age in obtaining a college degree, obtaining meaningful employment, achieving short term training, and being self sufficient individuals in off reservation counties. MUIA serves low-income individuals, and the programs serves up to 200 individuals a year with support services to overcome barriers in their goals. MUIA has helped many individuals to improve their lives by gaining financial stability and independence which leads to a healthy life for themselves and their families.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

MUIA recruits 10 individuals who are 14 to 21 years of age who dropped out of high school, to be the MUIA Youth Cohort. MUIA collaborates with GFPS Indian Education to identify the Native American students who have dropped out of high school. The program collaborates with GFPS Indian Education and GFC-MSU to have a college visit for the cohort, attend the Hi-Set orientation, and the cohort individuals take the appropriate courses to obtain their Hi-Set. The MUIA Youth Cohort go through this program together to encourage and support each other.



MONTANA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

CONTACT:

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sgilchrist@mtwg.cap.gov
401 63rd St So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education, Humanitarian

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Montana (but have units that support many local communities as well)

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

We exist to support American communities with youth leadership, emergency response, and aerospace education by training youth to become tomorrows aerospace leaders, saving lives, preventing human suffering, mitigating property damage, and advance our enthusiasm for aerospace education into our communities to encourage careers in aerospace.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Leadership training, airborne search and rescue, ground search and rescue, damage assessment, STEM, school aerospace programs, in school and after school programs, private pilot flight orientation training for youth, disaster communications, humanitarian services.



NEIGHBORWORKS GREAT FALLS

CONTACT:

406-761-5861
info@nwgf.org
509 1st Ave So, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services, Economic, Education

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County as well as Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, & Toole County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

NeighborWorks Great Falls creates strong neighborhoods and successful homeowners by developing and promoting quality affordable housing.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Homebuyer Education, Free financial counseling, Owner Built Homes, High School House, Neighborhood Revitalization, Down Payment Assistance, Debit and Credit Loans, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rental Properties.



OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

CONTACT:

406-761-0310
kseaman@gfoppinc.org
PO Box 2289, 905 1st Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Human Services, Children/Families, Education, Economic

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade, Glacier, Teton, Toole, Pondera, and Choteau counties

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

“Opportunities, Inc. collaborating with community partners, will provide resources and tools for low-income and vulnerable individuals to have the opportunity to confidently create a better future for themselves and others. Our vision is nothing less than being a leader, advocate, and voice for families. The Agency, providing supportive services and working in partnership with each community, empowers people to build responsive communities where individuals with low incomes have the power and opportunity to create positive and lasting change for themselves and others.

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Through over 10 different programs -including the Community Resource Center, HUD Housing, and Head Start- our Agency ensures that low-income individuals have access to safe housing, affordable childcare, and supportive services.



PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF ART

CONTACT:

406-727-8255
info@the-square.org
1400 1st Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Art/Music, Education, Children/Families, Disabilities

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls & Cascade County, with additional unlimited service area for virtual programs.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To inspire and promote contemporary arts through exhibitions, collections, events and education in a historic setting

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Contemporary art exhibitions, Collections, expert lectures, art classes for all ages and abilities, free art programming, events, community collaborations, and workshops.



PEACE PLACE

CONTACT:

406-642-0235
cindy@peaceplacegf.com
1315 Central Av Ste B, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Disabilities, Human Services, Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of Peace Place is to give hope and respite to families with children who have medical and diverse, specialized needs. Peace Place offers skilled, purposeful childcare in an inclusive setting, caregiver support, and education so at-risk children may be safe and their families may thrive.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Peace Place Growth and Expansion Project will allow us to directly serve more disabled children and their families in our community by providing more availability in our Morning and After-School Programs/Camps and to create a Reverse Inclusion Preschool. Peace Place recently was allowed to expand our Child Care License to a capacity of 18 children (up from 12). The new facility we are working on will expand our capacity even more, to between 24 and 36 children at one time. This will enable us to open our doors to more families who desperately need our help.



PRESERVATION CASCADE, INC.

CONTACT: 406-452-5492
bill.bronson@bresnan.net
1409 4th Av So, Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Historic preservation

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Preservation Cascade encourages and facilitates historic preservation projects of significance in Cascade County

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The main focus of the organization at this time is the preservation and renovation of the historic 10th Street Bridge.



PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT (PCAN) TASK FORCE

CONTACT: 617-519-3980 and 406-590-5466
jamiewyatt1@gmail.com | ecrabtree@cascadecountymt.gov
PO Box 775, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Education, Economic

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN) Task Force was created in 2016 as part of the Healthy Lives, Vibrant Futures initiative in response to data collected through the Community Health Improvement Needs Assessment. Child abuse and neglect consistently rank high from a community perspective as an area of concern requiring additional support in our local area. Today, the vision of PCAN is to develop A supportive community culture that sustains the safety, security and stability of families with a mission to Build community capacity to collaboratively prevent and address childhood trauma. The primary objective of PCAN is to reduce the number of substantiated child abuse and neglect cases in Cascade County over the next 10-15 years.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Our proposed program, entitled Creating Community Capacity for Change: Strengthening the PCAN Task Force, will allow PCAN to 1) develop and implement community responses to drug endangered children data currently being identified through a 2022-23 United Way funded community assessment process; 2) build opportunities for professional partners to participate in expanded education and collaboration activities across the community specific to child abuse and neglect; and 3) create and disseminate evidence-based facts, content and practical response for how community members can be increasingly engaged in prevention of child abuse and neglect.



QUALITY LIFE CONCEPTS, INC.

CONTACT:

406-452-9531
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215 Smelter Ave NE, Suite 1, Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Disabilities, Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

North Central Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

We support individuals with developmental disabilities in meeting their needs and pursuing their hopes—where they live, work, and play. We promote personal choice, responsibility, confidence, and independence, empowering them to live with pride while knowing they are valued and supported.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Residential, Supported Living, and Supported Employment services, Day Activity, Work Service, and Skill-building programs



RAISING READERS IN THE GREAT FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

CONTACT: carol_paul@gfps.k12.mt.us
Box 1477, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and parts of Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Raising Readers promotes the joy of reading by sharing books with young children and their families.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Every Child a Reader (Getting books and language building activities to parents and newborns); Community Bookshelves (Sharing gently-used books at high-priority, low income locations around Great Falls, so all children have access to books they can call their own.



ROTARY ELECTRIC MONTANA CULTURAL FAIR

CONTACT: 406-781-8098
admin@rotaryelectric.org
PO Box 1633, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Art/Music, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls, Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Montana Cultural Fair is a vibrant celebration that unites our community through a blend of global culinary delights, captivating performances, and enriching educational experiences. We partner with local vendors, artisans, and neighbors to share the rich tapestry of diverse cultures in the Big Sky state.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Cultural Exhibits: Booths or displays highlighting the traditions, art, crafts, clothing, and history of various cultures from around the world. Food Tastings: A diverse selection of global cuisine to sample, allowing attendees to experience different flavors and dishes. Live Performances: Cultural performances such as traditional dances, music, and storytelling by local and international artists.



RURAL DYNAMICS, INC. (RDI)

CONTACT:

406-403-8162
info@ruraldynamics.org
2 5th St N, Suite 201 Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Disabilities, Human Services, Economic, Children/Families

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

The State of Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Rural Dynamics, Inc. (RDI) is a statewide financial empowerment center that provides programs to help people achieve financial wellness. We are working towards a future where everyone is able to access equitable economic opportunities in our communities.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Along with financial counseling and education, RDI offers housing counseling, homebuyer education workshops, special needs trusts, no-cost tax preparation, and low-interest assistive technology lending for people living with disabilities.



THE SALVATION ARMY

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michael.halverson@use.salvationarmy.org
1000 17th Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59405 & 527 9th Ave S Great Falls, MT 59405

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and other areas of Cascade County.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We offer a variety of programs and services for the community. At our Family Services location we have a client choice food pantry and help with other financial assistance and material goods. We have sports leagues for kids and adults at our gym location. We hold an Afterschool program as well as scouting and teen activities on a weekly basis. We also have religious services and programs for all ages.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTANA

CONTACT: 406-242-6876
sschmit@somt.org
710 1st Av No, Great Falls, MT 59401

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: The State of Montana

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Sports (Track & Field, Bocce, Cycling, Equestrian, Golf, Gymnastics, Kayaking, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Basketball, Bowling, Motor Activities Training Program); Outreach; Athlete Health Programming/Screening; Unified Champion Schools; and Events (Global Virtual Torch Run, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Chevy Raffle, Polar Plunges, Ride for Respect, and Tip-a-Cop).



ST MARTEN DE'PORRES EMILIE CENTER

CONTACT:

406-771-6695
gjosh2@yahoo.com
Box 141, Great Falls, MT 59403

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and Surrounding areas

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To serve the needy with free household items and clothing to help them establish and support their homes.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Emilie Center store, where household items and clothing are free to low-income families. Two taco feeds a year to raise money to help pay for expenses



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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deborah.kottel@uprovidence.edu
426 Central Av W, Great Falls, MT 59404

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to the purpose of serving the social, economic and spiritual needs of those in distress who seek assistance. A basic value is according to each person dignity and to serve them to reach their potential. We do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, marital status and all other legally protected classes. We do not engage in any religious proselytizing or require any religious activities as a condition of receiving services. We are a federally funded approved agency and have passed federal civil right audits for the receipt of federal funds. SVDP believes it is not enough to offer assistance that ends the immediate crisis, but it is important to offer the tools and support to eliminate the barriers and root causes of poverty.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

We provide homeless community outreach and a drop-in center with food, showers and laundry facility. We coordinate and provide emergency services of food, weather safety, hygiene, and case management for medical issues; job skill training, resources for work clothing and transportation; and assistance to obtain affordable housing. We run an innovative AIM program which helps homeless overcome trauma leading to homelessness. We provide 14 transitional beds for homeless veterans at Grace Home. The mission of SVDP is not just to give a helping hand but to seek justice for those most in need on their journey out of poverty.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA-FRESH RESCUE KITCHEN

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

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ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Fresh Rescue Kitchen will rescue processed food and process surplus produce to be distributed to nonprofits serving children, families, homeless, and the elderly. The kitchen can safely package and store 30,000/50,000 lbs. of food a month. The kitchen is available to other nonprofits without charge. Processed food and excess produce not now being rescued is creating health and environmental issues. As a Federally recognized food hub with HOPA Mountain we can recover and process locally grown produce. The community kitchen will be a place for children's cooking classes and classes for line cook training for homeless and low income unemployed.



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ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

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ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Provide supplemental food meeting Federal Healthy Food Guidelines to community members in need. Food boxes include fresh produce, grains and shelf stable proteins. Provide food products to area nonprofits providing services to at risk children and individuals. Provide food products to rural food pantries. Provide Diabetes and Heart disease screening, access to dietitians, and linkage to health providers. Implement financial food support program with information on budget, menu planning and healthy food preparation. Engage in robust supplemental food program for at risk seniors which includes home visits and delivery of food product for homebound.



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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

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SUN RIVER WATERSHED GROUP

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Animal/Wildlife, Environment

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Sun River Watershed (Gibson Dam to Great Falls), spanning parts of Cascade, Teton, and Lewis & Clark County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Sun River Watershed Group works collaboratively to protect and restore the resources of the Sun River watershed and its communities. This is accomplished through on-the-ground projects and community education about responsible resource use, protection and conservation.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Our projects include on-the-ground work to improve water quality, stabilize river banks, enhance habitat for fish and wildlife, conserve water for better stream flows through irrigation efficiencies, and control weeds. We have many opportunities for volunteers to get involved and help improve natural resources, such as the Weed Whacker Rodeo each July and the Bashin' Trash River Clean Up in August. Other events include occasional workshops on land and water management, watershed tours, and Rain Barrel workshops.



TOBY'S HOUSE CRISIS NURSERY, INC.

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Disabilities, Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls and Cascade County for anyone living in or when visiting (no one is turned away if not from Montana)

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Toby's House Crisis Nursery is a local nonprofit committed to preventing child abuse and neglect by providing support to families in crisis and stress. We provide child care for ages 0 -6 during a crisis, when caregivers need respite, and to help families transition them to safe, reliable childcare options. We help make sure parents have a place to turn when their regular childcare plans fall through, allowing them to work, attend appointments and job interviews. The nursery provides an essential community service, connects families with other resources and collaborates with community organizations to help families meet their needs for food, diapers, wipes, clothing, and other items for their child(ren). We care for children regardless of ability, socioeconomic status, and help many grandparents with grandchildren, kinship care placements, foster parents and some of our families are working with Child Protective Services to improve their capacity for providing safe environments for their children to thrive in.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

- Childcare Monday through Friday, 8 am to midnight at no cost to parents
- Referrals and coordination with other community organizations (sober living, health care, Head Start, Food program, Development screening, and many more)
- Upcoming for 2024/2025-opening for some weekend hours for parents to access safe care options and resources
- Upcoming for 2024/2025-parent coaching, enhanced learning for children when at nursery



UNITED WAY OF CASCADE COUNTY

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Northcentral Montana, with service focused in Cascade and Hill Counties.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

United Way of Cascade County mobilizes our community to action so all can thrive.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

United Way of Cascade County brings together more than 100 stakeholders to impact the root causes of our community's biggest challenges. United Way currently leads initiatives to improve graduation rates, transition unhoused people into stable housing, prevent child abuse, address student mental health and increase quality, affordable childcare. United Way helps coordinate Stuff the Bus school supply drive, the Back 2 School BLAST, Worlds of Work, the Day of Caring, Financial Reality Fairs in local high schools and more.



URSULINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE AND PRESCHOOL

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Montana and the greater northwest

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

In the tradition of service, Ursuline Centre strives to meet the ever-changing needs of the people of Montana by providing a setting and atmosphere for spiritual and intellectual renewal and growth. In the Ursuline spirit of inclusive hospitality, the Centre welcomes many diverse groups, respecting each one as Christ in our midst.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

A Christian-based preschool; secular and spiritual educational programs for both children and adults; an overnight retreat and conference center and preschool.



VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County and others as needed

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To provide free, confidential, and compassionate services to victims of crime.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

24/7 Crisis Response, Sexual Assault advocacy for adults and children, court support, updates, and education, assistance with Orders of Protection and Crime Victim Compensation, supportive services at the Cascade County Child Advocacy Center, and services as needed to help victims of crime partake in the Criminal Justice process and heal from traumatic experiences.



VOICES OF HOPE

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Children/Families, Education

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Cascade County

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Mission Statement: To empower community and individual healing through advocacy, community outreach, education, referrals, and respectful validation.

Purpose: To provide a 24/7 local hotline that provides a safe, non-judgmental source of support for individuals in any type of crisis and support them as they create a healthy lifestyle for themselves and their community.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

To provide a 24/7 local crisis line to provide support for people in crisis, regardless of what the crisis is. The stigma of asking for help, especially with mental health issues is the main reason in providing the service -- its free and no one has to know. The line will be answered by a real person (not a recording) and within 15 seconds or less. We provide immediate emotional support at the time of the crisis and help guide an individual to maximize their self-sufficiency to make healthy choices.



VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

ENDOWMENT: Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: SD, WY and MT

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To compassionately serve and strengthen individuals by empowering them to build healthy and happy lives

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Health, youth camps, homeless outreach, veteran services.



WEISSMAN-HOOD INSTITUTE

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Education, Human Services

ENDOWMENT:

Yes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls and Northcentral Montana; the State of Montana; national and global scientific partnerships.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Mission: The McLaughlin Research Institute supports individuals in addressing complex scientific problems, built on a legacy of innovative genetic research.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Summer student internship program; science fairs; career fairs; scientific lectures and seminars.



YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION CENTER

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education, Economic

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of Young Parents' Education Center (YPEC) is to empower teenage and adult pregnant and parenting students and community members to pursue educational opportunities that lead to independence and self-sufficiency; and to promote positive parenting enabling their babies to develop to their fullest potential.

YPEC has three components to meet the varying needs of pregnant and parenting students and their children: Family Support, Parenting Education and Quality Childcare. We are unique there are no other programs in the state like ours.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

- Provide resources that assist families in overcoming barriers to continuing their education, having regular school attendance, and graduating on time.
- Provide educational goal setting and assistance developing vocational plans.
- Provide quality childcare to support early childhood development, and can be utilized as a hands-on learning area for parents.
- Provide prenatal, child development, and parenting education, as well as parent support groups that encourage positive and nurturing parenting practices.
- Provide early intervention services in our childcare facility including developmental assessments, parent-child activities, early literacy activities, and daily health checks.



YELLOWSTONE BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Human Services

ENDOWMENT: No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: Great Falls and a 60 mile radius.

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

We provide a full continuum of mental health care for youth and their families, grounded in our mission and values. From community-based and in-school services to therapeutic group homes and PRTF residential care, we deliver seamless support tailored to each child's unique needs, addressing a wide range of mental health conditions using evidence-based treatment models.

"Caring people, preparing youth for life."

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) provides a full continuum of children's mental health care grounded in a relationship-focused, trauma-informed approach.

We use evidence-based therapies to help youth heal and build the skills for life, including, but not limited to Attachment, Regulation, and Competency (ARC), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR).

YBGR supports youth and families when they need it most. Our services include Community-Based Care, Therapeutic Foster Care, Child Welfare Prevention and Support, Home Support Services, School-Based Services, Case Management, Therapeutic Youth Mentoring, Outpatient Therapy, Chemical Dependency, Therapeutic Group Home Care, and more.

Please contact us for more information.



YWCA GREAT FALLS/MERCY HOME SHELTER

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Children/Families, Human Services, Education

ENDOWMENT:

No

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. In support of this mission, the YWCA provides services to meet critical needs, promote self-sufficiency, reduce violence, and achieve equal opportunities for all people.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The YWCA Great Falls is seeking funding for the Mercy Home Shelter Program, which is the only shelter program available in a seven-county and 3-reservation area specifically for victims of domestic and sexual violence. The program empowers those in need by offering crisis intervention, emergency shelter services, follow-up case management, and on-going support.



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