# 2023 Giving Book



The Great Falls Area
Community Foundation Guide to Giving



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## 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 awarded grants on a competitive basis to the following local nonprofits: Alliance for Youth, Children's Museum of Montana, Grace Home at St. Vincent De Paul, Great Falls Business Improvement District: ARTsFest Montana, Great Falls Children's Receiving Home, Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation, Great Falls Outlaws youth baseball program, Great Falls Rescue Mission, Great Falls Symphony, Harold and Carmen Housing Facility, Ingenium: STEAM education, My Neighbor/ Student in Need, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Peace Place: Respite care for children with developmental delays, Rural Dynamics: Veteran's program, Sacajawea PTA: Inclusive Playground, Saint Ann's Soup Kitchen, St. Marten De Porres Mission, and the Upper Missouri River Heritage Area Planning Corporation, C.M. Russell Museum, Peace Place, Family Promise, Youth Dynamics, Sun River Watershed Group, Lewis & Clark Foundation, Montana Cooperative Development Center, Pleasant Park Community Inc, and Quality Life Concepts.

# **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 <a href="mailto:gfcommunityboard@gmail.com">gfcommunityboard@gmail.com</a>

# Alliance for Youth, Inc.

3220 11th Av So, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-952-0018

EMAIL CONTACT: trisberg@allianceforyouth.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

The Alliance for Youth is a lean, determined, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with 35+ years of experience creating social change to advance healthy youth development through collaborative approaches to prevention, intervention and treatment.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Youth Resource Center, The Sober Life, Parenting Support, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (#LetsTalk App), Cascade County Substance Abuse Prevention Alliance, Youth Advisory Board

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls/Cascade County and the North Central Montana Region

## **Alluvion Health Foundation**

111 5th Street North, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-231-6521

EMAIL CONTACT: tschreiner@alluvionhealth.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana



## **Bass Clef School of Music and Fine Arts Foundation**

525 Central Av, Suite M2, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-952-0166

EMAIL CONTACT: scotteidson@hotmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

The mission of the Bass Clef School of Music & Fine Arts Foundation is to improve and increase availability to music, fine and performing arts education, and other necessary services by funding scholarships and providing other support to the students and administrative operations of Bass Clef School of Music & Fine Arts, LLC, and to improve and increase opportunities for students challenged by limited income, crisis family situations, resources, and/or disabilities.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Raise money for scholarships and other forms of support for underprivileged children to gain a fine arts education and enrich their lives.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls, MT

# **Belt Theater Company**

58 Castner St, Belt, MT 59412

406-277-3844

**EMAIL CONTACT:** Belttheater@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Art/Music

#### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

To advance youth, amateur and professional live theatrical and artist productions in Belt and the central Montana region to enrich the lives of residents through exposure to and participation in the arts.

#### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Belt Theatre Academy, an inclusive year-round program of youth and adult theatre instructions offering public performances and youth and adult workshops covering a range of topics. Belt Story, an oral history project, the stories collected in part informed the Mine Tailings project. Mine Tailings, an annual signature play representing the history and local personality of the Belt Community. Belt it Out, a monthly poetry and prose public reading series. The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players, our regional, non-profit youth theatre. BVSP is one of 34 high school theatre troupes in the US selected by the American High School Theatre Festival to perform twice in Edinburgh, Scotland. Live Performance Season Series, an annual Fall-Spring series presentation of live performing artists to include local and out of state, amateur and professional.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Belt and the Central Montana region

## **Benefis Foundation**

1200 25th St So, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-455-5840

**EMAIL CONTACT:** dannettepulliam@benefis.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

#### **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Northcentral Montana

# **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Montana**

1601 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, Suite 519 Great Falls MT 59405

406-442-7479

Administrative support: 1434 N Roberts, Helena 59601

EMAIL CONTACT: kelly@bigcentral.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Adult/youth mentoring relationships; community-based programs and eMentoring programs

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

19 counties in Central Montana

# **Big Sky Country National Heritage Area**

Box 1323, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-781-0741

**EMAIL CONTACT:** mary@visionwestmt.com

**ENDOWMENT**: No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Economic

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Central MT

# **Boys & Girls Clubs of Cascade County**

600 1st Av SW, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-1330

EMAIL CONTACT: emily.waters@bgc-cc.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Youth Development

#### **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 and responsible citizens. We focus on three primary goals with the youth: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship. We believe our youth have unlimited potential to achieve Great Futures and know they can experience barriers and limitations that make it difficult to access opportunities to pursue their best. We work with our communities, schools, and families to do whatever it takes to ensure that success is within reach of every child in Cascade County.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Youth programs are offered after school, during school holidays and during summer break and provide a variety of programs and activities each day at low to no cost, with transportation is provided from several schools to our programs and back. Our Clubs work to address food insecurity experienced by our families through meal programs for youth, food boxes, and some food pantry services, with expansions in development in Fall 2020. Youth programs include: 1. Academic Success Programs - tutoring, homework help, summer learning loss prevention programs, on track to graduate initiatives, STEM programs, and art. 2. Healthy Lifestyles Programs - gardening and cooking classes, healthy habits and nutrition programs, substance use and early sexual activity prevention programs, and sports & fitness activities. 3. Good Character & Citizenship – mentoring and social recreation opportunities, leadership clubs, and unity and diversity programs

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

## C.M. Russell Museum

400 13th Street North, Great Falls MT 59401

406-727-8787

**EMAIL CONTACT:** nbingham@cmrussell.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

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

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls community, Cascade County, state-wide, nationwide

## **CASA-CAN**

325 2nd Av N, Great Falls MT 59401

406-454-6738

**EMAIL CONTACT:** director@casacan.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Education, Human Services

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

## **Cascade 4-H Foundation**

330 3rd St NE, Great Falls MT 59404

406-454-6980

EMAIL CONTACT: allyssa.zoern@montana.edu

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education** 

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

# **Cascade County Aging Services**

1801 Benefis Court, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-454-6990

**EMAIL CONTACT:** kthiel-schaaf@cascadecountymt.gov

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Provide services to people over 60 so that they may age in place with dignity, independence and connection to the community

#### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Meals on Wheels, Respite, Light Housekeeping, Congregate (group meals), Senior Center Activities support, Light Housekeeping, Transportation, Foster Grandparents

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

# **Cascade County Law Clinic**

401 3rd Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-6969

**EMAIL CONTACT:** bill.bronson@bresnan.net

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Pro bono legal services

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

# Center for Mental Health DBA Many Rivers Whole Health

915 1st Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-791-9603

**EMAIL CONTACT:** Sydneyb@manyriverswh.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **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, Medication Assisted Treatment, outpatient mental health therapy (group/individual/family), adult case management, peer support, adult therapeutic aide, adult day treatment, adult residential care, adult foster care, Program Assertive Community Treatment (PACT/MACT), Comprehensive School and Community Based Treatment (CSCT), In-Home Family Services (FBS/HSS), youth case management, addiction counseling, intensive outpatient program (IOP), substance abuse residential 3.1 program, In-Person and Telehealth options.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

In our beloves state of Montana from the northern boundary of Kalispell/Libby over the mountains into the plains sweeping east to Havre/Chinook down to our headquarter home in Great Falls and then onwards south to Helena/Whitehall region and all that is crossed in between; serving 15 counties: Blaine, Hill, Chouteau, Liberty, Toole, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Lewis and Clark, Meagher, Broadwater, Jefferson, Lincoln and Flathead.

# Children's Museum of Montana Inc.

22 Railroad Square, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-6661

**EMAIL CONTACT:** sherrie.cmom@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Ignite a Passion for Lifelong Learning

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Education and cognitive development with fun exploration of our world!

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls Region, Montana, and from around the world

# Congregation Aitz Chaim, the Great Falls Hebrew Association

525 Central, Suite L8, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-322-2705

EMAIL CONTACT: aaron@weissman.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Religious - Synagogue

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Northcentral MT

# **Conservatory ASL Northwest**

1513 2nd Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-453-0349

EMAIL CONTACT: connect@aslcan.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Cultural Preservation, Community Development, Social

Advocacy

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

American Northwest and specifically Montana

# The Dandelion Foundation

Box 775, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-952-0717

EMAIL CONTACT: gfdandelionfoundation@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Promoting the prevention of child abuse and family violence in North Central Montana through education, intervention and awareness.

#### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Community education and awareness events and trainings; annual Kolor Run

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana, with a primary focus in Cascade County

# **Eagle Mount Great Falls**

Box 2866, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-454-1449

**EMAIL CONTACT:** deb.eaglemountgf@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Disabilities

## **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

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and the 11 surrounding counties

# **Easterseals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain**

425 1st Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-3680

EMAIL CONTACT: info@esgw.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Disabilities, Human Services

#### **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 and home health. Goodwill stores provide paid employment experiences for individuals from all walks of life, and related programs help people with disabilities and other barriers find and keep jobs. SNAP Employment & Training helps anyone who receives or is eligible for SNAP access no-cost education and training resources and one-on-one support so they can reach their employment goals. SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) - a program that offers training opportunities to low-income adults age 55 who wish to re-enter the workforce.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Montana, Idaho, Utah & Wyoming

# **Echoz Pregnancy Center**

1323 9th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-727-1850

EMAIL CONTACT: contact@echoz.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

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

## **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:**

All services are free: pregnancy testing, limited diagnostic ultrasound, Earn While You Learn Program, Fatherhood Program.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and surrounding areas

# **Family Connections**

202 2nd Av S, Suite 201, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-761-6010

EMAIL CONTACT: fcinfo@fc406.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

## **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 free custom lists of licensed child care programs for a family's specific needs, financial assistance for qualified families based on income & household size, financial & business assistance in starting or expanding a child care business, and training/mentoring/coaching for child care providers.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Family Connections serves 23 counties Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Teton, Toole, Valley, and Wilbaux.

# **Family Promise of Great Falls**

1019 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-564-5267

**EMAIL CONTACT:** gregg@familypromisegf.org or cariy@familypromisegf.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

#### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Mission: To help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Purpose: 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.

#### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

The organization utilizes the following programs to address childhood homelessness:

- -Promise Place Shelter where we provide shelter for up to 90 days while families work on their stability plan;
- -Day Center Services where we provide shower, laundry, meals, internet, shuttle, and case management support to help families gain stability;
- -Stabilization and Eviction Prevention Services help families avoid eviction and help them remain stably housed with financial and advocacy support.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls, Montana

# **Foothills Community Christian School**

2210 5th Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-5276

EMAIL CONTACT: kkoteskey@foothillschristian.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls Area and within commuting distance to the school

## Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument

324 Fuller Av, Helena, MT 59601

406-502-1334

EMAIL CONTACT: info@missouribreaks.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Environment

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Greater Central Montana** 

## **Get Fit Great Falls**

PO Box 657, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-788-6873

**EMAIL CONTACT:** alex.sholes@mt.gov

**ENDOWMENT:** No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

13 Elementary Schools in Great Falls

# **Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming**

2303 Grand Av, Billings, MT 59102

406-252-0488

EMAIL CONTACT: give@gsmw.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

## **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 (GSMW) equips girls with valuable skills through programming focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. We create safe spaces for girls to engage in hands-on activities that foster community across the two states, reaching rural, lowincome, and tribal communities. Activities are girl-led and hands-on, creating high-value, inclusive experiences conducive to learning and thriving.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Headquartered in Billings, Montana, GSMW serves over 6500 girls in grades K-12 in 79 counties across the two-state region. There is another service center in Great Falls, MT with multiple in-home offices across the region to best serve members.

# **The Giving Tree**

EMAIL CONTACT: sanncoult@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **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 out 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 activists throughout the day

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Great Falls Montana** 

# **Great Falls Area Community Foundation**

Box 1896, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-868-9002

**EMAIL CONTACT:** gfcommunityboard@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Economic

## PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation provides a legacy for the Great Falls area now and for the future.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation makes grants supporting Leadership Great Falls projects, arts, culture, basic human needs, economic development and education. Donations are held in perpetuity with income generated to provide for the needs of Great Falls forever.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and the surrounding area

# **Great Falls Central Catholic High School**

2800 18th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-216-3344

**EMAIL CONTACT:** wross@greatfallscentral.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Education

## **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

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana

# **Great Falls Children's Receiving Home**

Box 1061, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-870-2458

**EMAIL CONTACT:** gfcrh@bresnan.net

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Great Falls** 

# **Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation**

3004 15th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-216-8057

EMAIL CONTACT: grant.bebee@gfclinic.com

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

## 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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

# **Great Falls Community Food Bank**

1620 12th Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-9029

EMAIL CONTACT: shaunt@greatfallsfoodbank.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

### **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.

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County & some surrounding counties

# **Great Falls Community Ice Foundation**

Box 2869, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-866-0247

EMAIL CONTACT: president@gf-ice.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Recreation/families

## **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).

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade county

## **Great Falls FISH Inc.**

1620 12th Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-3474

**EMAIL CONTACT:** hjspilde@bresnan.net

**ENDOWMENT**: Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** FISH is a emergency food program organized to provide food to

families in crisis

### **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.

#### GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls & Cascade County

# **Great Falls Public Library Foundation**

Box 742, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-453-0349 ext.233

EMAIL CONTACT: gfplf1@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Library Services Support

### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

The Great Falls Public Library Foundation is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1968 to help support and promote the Great Falls Public Library.

**Our Vision:** Libraries create memories that last a lifetime. We provide an opportunity to pay it back and pay it forward.

**Our Mission:** The Foundation helps to support and promote the Great Falls Public Library and its programs. We do this through solicitation of public donations, financial stewardship of donations, and advocating for the library in the community.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Through the stewardship of community donations, the Great Falls Public Library Foundation has supported many of the Library's activities and programs including the Children's Summer Reading program, the annual Children's Book-A-Thon, Summer Music in the Library Park, the purchase of a new Bookmobile, and technology upgrades at the Library.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

The Great Falls Public Library serves patrons in Great Falls and Cascade County. As a public institution, library cards are available for no cost to all Cascade County residents. Montana residents who live outside of Cascade County pay a \$30 annual fee for a library card. For more information, visit greatfallslibrary.org or gfplf.org.

## **Great Falls Public Schools Foundation**

1100 4th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-268-7340

EMAIL CONTACT: foundation@gfps.k12.mt.us

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

### **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

\$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, over \$1.2M has been raised with City Motors donating the vehicle annually.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County, Great Falls, Montana



## **Great Falls Rescue Mission**

408 2nd Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401/ PO Box 129, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-761-2653

**EMAIL CONTACT:** contactus@gfrm.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

GFRM is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit Christian organization committed to serving North Central MT. We are a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week homeless shelter that provides all its services/ programs free of charge. Our vision is to be a compassionate community that brings about the physical, spiritual and mental restoration of those in need.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

We provide emergency temporary shelter, 3 meals a day, all other basis needs and free medical care. In addition, we have a 16 month long recovery program for adults, which includes education and life skills classes. Finally, we provide after school and summer camp programs for at-risk youth currently staying at GFRM Cameron Family Center.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

GFRM serves the entire State of Montana and receive most of our referrals from Cascade County and 16 surrounding counties in North Central Montana.

# **Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic**

1304 13th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-452-2063

EMAIL CONTACT: gfsrlc@bresnan.net

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Disabilities

## **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. www.helpkidscommunicate.org

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

The clinic provides early intervention speech, language, and feeding evaluation and intervention to preschoolers at no charge.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana

# **Great Falls Senior Citizens Center**

1004 Central Av, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-454-6995

EMAIL CONTACT: bigskybrooklynbob@yahoo.com

**ENDOWMENT**: No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **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.

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County, Montana.

# **Great Falls Symphony Association**

11 3rd St N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-453-4102

**EMAIL CONTACT:** hillaryrose@gfsymphony.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Art/Music

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana



# **Habitat for Humanity, Great Falls Area**

PO Box 754, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-590-0636

EMAIL CONTACT: director@greatfallshabitat.org

**ENDOWMENT:** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls Area

# The Heisey Community Center

313 7th St N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-453-1211

**EMAIL CONTACT:** heisey@mt.net

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **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

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

## **Kairos Youth Services**

625 Central Av W, Ste 205 Great Falls, MT 59404

406-727-0076

**EMAIL CONTACT:** snorton.kairos@outlook.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Helping youth forge develope positive relationships. Offer youth opportunities to succeed in reaching their goals in meaningful ways. Develope a community where all kids receive a great education that prepares them for college and/or a career. Our goal is to equip them with the tools they need to succeed and become contributing members of their communities.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Educational, Personal development/growth, recreational outings, Career development.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

We are located in Great Falls, but serve the whole state of Montana.

# **Knights of Columbus Council 1493**

906 Central Av W, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-9764

EMAIL CONTACT: kccouncil1493@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** 

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Charity, Unity and Fraternity

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Youth, Family, Life, Community and Faith

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Great Falls** 

# **Lewis & Clark Foundation**

4201 Giant Springs Rd., Great Falls, MT 59405

406-899-7993

**EMAIL CONTACT:** emoore@lewisandclarkfoundation.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education** 

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

The Mission of the Lewis & Clark Foundation is to inspire financial support for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, preserve our heritage by leveraging community resources to fund improvements, and support innovative programs at the Center.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

We fund exhibits, educational programs, and make available related products through our Portage Cache Store

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Primarily Great Falls and North Central Montana, but we receive visitors from all over the nation and world

# **Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation**

Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-454-1234

EMAIL CONTACT: director@lewisandclark.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education** 

## **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

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

From Pittsburg, PA to Astoria, OR and beyond

# **McLaughlin Research Institute for Biomedical Sciences**

1520 23rd St S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-454-6208

**EMAIL CONTACT:** brianne@mclaughlinresearch.org

**ENDOWMENT**: Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Education, Human Services

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

## **Meals on Wheels**

1801 Benefis Ct, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-454-6993

**EMAIL CONTACT:** kthiel-schaaf@cascadecountymt.gov

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Economic, Human Services

### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Aging Services provides Older Americans Act services to the elderly, including Meals on Wheels, so that they may stay independent in their own homes, productive members of the community and reduce their need for long- or short-term institutionalization, e.g. hospital, nursing home or assisted living. These services include Senior Nutrition of which Home Delivered aka/Meals on Wheels is a large part of the equation. Meals on Wheels provides meals to seniors who are homebound, ill, unable to get a meal for themselves, or very elderly and in need of nutritional support to ensure they are getting adequate nutrition.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Meals on Wheels delivers between 73,000 to 87,000 meals to approximately 383 unduplicated clients per month or 4,600 unduplicated per year. Delivery is five days a week, including holidays or 260 days/year. They do add extra support for the nutritionally frail for weekends and those are not tracked separately in the overall units of service (meals) count. Those meals are provided to approximately 25-30 people throughout the year and add another 104 days of service, but again they are included in the total meal count.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

12 square mile service area of Great Falls and the Communities of Belt and Cascade.

# **Montana Cooperative Development Center**

12 3rd St NW, Suite 110 Great Falls, MT 59404

406-727-1517

EMAIL CONTACT: tracy@mcdc.coop

**ENDOWMENT**: No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Economic

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) serves the State of Montana to promote and develop cooperatives to meet the economic and community needs of Montana.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Assistance in developing new cooperatives, project and feasibility studies, project planning, group facilitation, legal document assistance, assistance in funding, operational, and capitalization strategies, grant writing and administration, board development, and professional referrals.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

All 56 Counties and Reservations in Montana

## Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation

3911 Central Av, PO Box 6576, Great Falls, MT 59406

406-771-6040

EMAIL CONTACT: foundation@msdb.k12.mt.us

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Disabilities, Children/Families, Education

## **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 foundation assists MSDB students with all areas to include sports, music, recreation, education and any other area where there is found to be a need.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

The entire state of Montana.

# **Montana United Indian Association (MUIA)**

625 Central Av W, Suite 102, Great Falls, MT 59404

406-315-3413

EMAIL CONTACT: cheri@muia74.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Economic, Education

## 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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Great Falls** 

# **Montana Wing Civil Air Patrol**

401 63rd St S, Great Falls, MT 59405

253-576-9532

**EMAIL CONTACT:** sgilchrist@mtwg.cap.gov

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families, Education, Humanitarian

### **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

# **NeighborWorks Great Falls**

509 1st Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-5861

EMAIL CONTACT: rkiernan@nwgf.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

NeighborWorks Great Falls collaborates with several agencies such as the Housing Authority, City, Private Developers, Habitat for Humanity, Lenders, and Realtors to improve and increase quality, affordable rentals and homes for sale. NeighborWorks Great Falls continues to seek different or unique ways to provide quality affordable housing in our community.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

NeighborWorks Great Falls builds strong neighborhoods and creates successful homeowners through homebuyer education, down payment assistance, financial counseling, foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage counseling, rental counseling, eviction prevention, and home improvement loans. Additionally, NeighborWorks facilitates the Owner Built Homes Program, finances the High School House, and revitalizes downtown neighborhoods by demolishing blighted properties and building new, affordable homes. NWGF is also invested in neighborhood revitalization, community initiatives and engagement throughout Great Falls.

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County

# Opportunities, Inc.

PO Box 2289, 905 1st Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-0310

EMAIL CONTACT: kseaman@gfoppinc.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

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

### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

"Opportunities, Inc., partnering within each community, will respectfully support and educate low-income individuals to achieve self-sufficiency."

Opportunities, Inc. is a private non-profit Community Action Agency focused on empowering low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient, increasing family stability, reducing poverty and revitalizing communities. We are dedicated to the principle that all people in need of the basics of life have the right to assistance, whether from public or private resources, in a manner that does not demote their dignity or self respect.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

This program provides housing assistance for low-income individuals through rent and security deposit payments paid directly to landlords. Opportunities, Inc. currently provides housing assistance through several programs and will use these programs as a base for housing services. As Opportunities, Inc.'s 2021 Community Assessment re-affirmed that

Housing is one of the top needs in our community, United Way funding will be used to fill the housing services gap when a family or individual is unable to receive help from our other programs.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

6-County Region (Cascade, Glacier, Teton, Toole, Pondera, and Chouteau counties) in North -Central Montana

# **Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art**

1400 1st Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-727-8255

EMAIL CONTACT: info@the-square.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

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

## **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.

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

## **Peace Place**

1315 Central Av Ste B, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-642-0235

**EMAIL CONTACT:** kc@peaceplacegf.com

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

## **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:**

Started in 2011, Peace Place is a nonprofit organization here in Great Falls that provides 8-15 respite sessions weekly, as well as other supports to families with a child who has medical, developmental, or any other type of specialized needs. We provide these services free of charge. Respite programs include the Morning Program (ages Birth to 5), Mid-Day Program (ages 5-12+), and our After-School Program/Camps (ages 5-12+). We also provide parent education, parent support groups, and family activities throughout the year. We like to say, "we give the gift of time today, and the HOPE for tomorrow."

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County for direct services, and throughout the state of Montana for educational services.

# Preservation Cascade, Inc.

1409 4th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-452-5492

**EMAIL CONTACT:** bill.bronson@bresnan.net

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Historic preservation

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Cascade County** 

# Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect (PCAN) Task Force

PO Box 775, Great Falls, MT 59403

617-519-3980 and 406-590-5466

EMAIL CONTACT: jamiewyatt1@gmail.com and ecrabtree@cascadecountymt.gov

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services, Education

### **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County

# **Quality Life Concepts, Inc.**

215 Smelter Ave N, Suite 1, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-9531

EMAIL CONTACT: jen.butler@qlc-gtf.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities** 

## **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Quality Life Concepts' mission is to provide services to children and adults with developmental disabilities within their homes and the community by promoting individualized and creative supports that stimulate lifelong growth and development. QLC believes that with a supportive and safe environment, every person has the ability to attain their maximum level of achievement.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Residential, Supported Living, Work Services

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

North Central Montana

# Raising Readers in the Great Falls Early Childhood Coalition

Box 1477, Great Falls, MT 59403

EMAIL CONTACT: carol\_paul@gfps.k12.mt.us

**ENDOWMENT**: No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and parts of Cascade County

# **Rotary Electric Montana Cultural Fair**

PO Box 1633, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-781-8098

**EMAIL CONTACT:** admin@rotaryelectric.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Art/Music, Education

### **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls, Montana

# **Rural Dynamics, Inc. (RDI)**

410 Central Ave. Suite 401, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-454-5709

**EMAIL CONTACT:** info@ruraldynamics.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Disabilities, Human Services

### **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Rural Dynamics is a statewide financial empowerment center that provides programs to help people achieve financial wellness.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Financial Coaching and Education, Housing Success and Housing Counseling, No cost tax preparation, Low Income Tax Clinic, Montana Families Trust, Montana Assistive Technology Loan, Representative Payee, AmeriCorps volunteer intermediary

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

RDI provides all services and programs statewide.

# **Special Olympics Montana**

710 1st Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-242-6876

**EMAIL CONTACT:** sschmit@somt.org

**ENDOWMENT**: Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **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)

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

The State of Montana

# St Marten de'Porres Emilie Center

Box 141, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-771-6695

EMAIL CONTACT: gjosh2@yahoo.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **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

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and surrounding areas

# St. Vincent de Paul

426 Central Av W, Great Falls, MT 59404

406-761-0870

EMAIL CONTACT: deborah.kottel@uprovidence.edu

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

**Cascade County** 

# **Sun River Watershed Group**

PO Box 7312, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-214-2868

**EMAIL CONTACT:** tracy@sunriverwatershed.org

WEBSITE: www.sunriverwatershed.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Animal/Wildlife, Environment

## **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

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

# **Toby's House Crisis Nursery**

Box 2725, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-770-3191

EMAIL CONTACT: admin@tobyshousemt.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Children/Families

# **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Toby's House Crisis Nursery is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing immediate refuge and safety for children.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

We provide a 24/7 shelter for children ages 0-6. This service is provided free of charge to the community. Guardians can utilize this service when they experience crisis or emergency situations such as mental health crisis, medical crisis, loss of child care, and many other situations.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Montana

# **United Way of Cascade County**

1900 32nd Ave N, PO Box 1343 Great Falls MT 59403

406-727-3400

EMAIL CONTACT: go@uwccmt.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

# **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Mobilize community resources to positively impact priority human service needs.

# **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Facilitate community-level work to address education, financial stability & health. Our initiatives involve hundreds of non-profit, governmental and concerned stakeholders. We also provide grants to local programs directly serving nearly 30,000 local residents.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls & Cascade County, Montana

# **Ursuline Retreat and Conference Centre and Preschool**

2300 Central, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-8585

**EMAIL CONTACT:** ttrunkle@ursulinecentre.com

**ENDOWMENT**: Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Education

## 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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Montana and the greater northwest

# **Victim-Witness Assistance Services**

Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-315-1111

**EMAIL CONTACT:** nichole@vwas.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

# **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.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade County and others as needed

# **Voices of Hope**

Box 1788, Great Falls, MT 59403

406-268-1330

EMAIL CONTACT: jackievoh@gmail.com

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

# **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Empower community and individuals healing through advocacy, community outreach, education referrals and respectful validation. To create a healthy, interconnected community in which all people receive support to reach their highest potential.

## **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

24/7 Crisis hotline and 211 Information & Referral Service

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Central Montana including Cascade County

# **Volunteers of America**

625 Central AV W, Suite 102, Great Falls, MT 59401

307-472-0475

EMAIL CONTACT: aedwards@voanr.org

**ENDOWMENT:** Yes

**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:** Human Services

# **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

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

SD, WY and MT

# **Young Parents Education Center**

2400 Central Av, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-268-6665

**EMAIL CONTACT:** alexis\_finlayson@gfps.k12.mt.us

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families, Education

## **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.

**GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:** Great Falls

# **Youth Dynamics**

225 7th Av S, Ste 1, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-453-5592

**EMAIL CONTACT:** sundquistg@youthdynamics.org

**ENDOWMENT: No** 

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

# **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

Youth Dynamics provides family-focused behavioral health treatment founded on the principles of an actively caring and trauma-sensitive culture in which people can realize their full potential.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Our services include therapy, case management, family education and support, foster and respite care, mentoring, therapeutic youth home care, equine-assisted therapy, substance abuse treatment, independent living skills, as well as services in Boulder, MT, for children with highly sexualized behaviors and/or who have committed sexual offenses.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Great Falls and a 60 mile radius.

# **YWCA Great Falls**

220 2nd St No, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-1315

EMAIL CONTACT: sandif@ywcagreatfalls.org

**ENDOWMENT:** No

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

# **PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:**

We are committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

### **ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:**

Mercy Home Emergency Shelter/Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention/Counseling/ Support Groups/Racial Justice/Y's Buys Thrift Store/Y Wee Care Program/Empty Bowls Fundraiser/Salute to Women/Support Groups/Women and family Health.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Liberty, Petroleum, Pondera, Teton, Toole, and Hill counties.



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