

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 hope 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. Non-profit 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 time of the coronavirus pandemic, local charities need your support. Their expenses have increased while their donations have gone down as regular donors face the financial impacts of COVID. **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 CARES Act and Its Impact on Your Charitable Giving In 2020

The CARES COVID Relief Act allows for a \$300 above the line charitable deduction for those who do not itemize their deductions. For those who do itemize, the 60% AGI limitation for cash donations has been lifted allowing donors to deduct qualified contributions of cash, up to 100% of their adjusted gross income with any excess carried over to future years. In addition, for 2020 there is also a deduction limitation increase for businesses, from 10% up to 25% of taxable income for cash gifts.

The required minimum distribution requirements from retirement plans or IRA’s do not apply for 2020, but you can still take some or all of these distributions and give transfer them 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 still 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-hosted Give Great Falls 2020 with the United Way of Cascade County and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, raising more than \$1000 for the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The GFACF has been supporting the projects of Leadership Great Falls (LGF) in the past several years so the classes could succeed in their chosen efforts, participants could learn about community foundations and provide new Board members for the Foundation. The LGF class project for 2020 is helping St. Vincent de Paul battle hunger in the local community and **Alliance for Youth** to support the Youth Resource Center, designed to serve homeless and disadvantaged youth. In prior years, GFACF supported Leadership Great Falls work with My Student in Need, Grace Veterans Home, the Dandelion Foundation and Royal Family Kids.

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation provided funding to LGF Class of 2009 for the VISION GREAT FALLS XPO, gathering support, participation and input from existing community programs, leaders, and residents regarding community vision, which they brought together to provide a forum for moving the ideas beyond concepts to actions benefiting our community.

Collaborating with Leadership Great Falls has introduced the concept of community foundations to each class and gathered new Board members for the Foundation.

GFACF awarded grants on a competitive basis to the Children's Museum of Montana, Alliance for Youth, Rural Dynamics, and the Great Falls Children's Receiving Home. Each organization was awarded a grant from the October 2019 open grant cycle.

In 2017, a grant was made to the Upper Missouri River Heritage Area Planning Corporation for matching funds to complete the feasibility study for the Heritage Area, which would promote economic development and tourism in Central Montana.

Other grant recipients have been the Children's Museum of Montana, Great Falls Children's Receiving Home, Great Falls Rescue Mission, My Neighbor in Need, Rural Dynamics/Consumer Credit Counseling, Saint Ann's Soup Kitchen and St. Marten De Porres Mission.

Thank You!

The Great Falls Area Community Foundation wishes to acknowledge the contributions of those who have helped to produce the Giving Book: The United Way of Cascade County and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for their assistance in compiling a list of non-profit organizations.

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 gfcommunityboard@gmail.com

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

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 Helena & Great Falls

801 2nd Ave No, Suite 200, Great Falls, MT 59401

4056-453-5521

EMAIL CONTACT: kelly@bbbs-helena.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:

Great Falls and Helena

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:

Cascade County

C.M. Russell Museum

400 13th St No, Great Falls MT 59401

406-727-8787

EMAIL CONTACT: blaurin@cmrussell.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Art/Music

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the C.M. Russell Museum is to collect, preserve, research, interpret, and educate on the art and life of Charles M. Russell; the art and lives of his contemporaries; and the art of preceding and ensuing generations that depicts and focuses on the culture, life, and country of Russell's West.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The C.M. Russell Museum provides various art exhibitions, art classes for adults and children, educational programming through the county-wide 5th grade essay contest, an annual art action to benefit the museum, lectures, workshops, and other various programming.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls community + Cascade County; state-wide, nation-wide

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

Cascade County Aging Services

1801 Benefis Court, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-454-6990

EMAIL CONTACT: kthiel-schaaf@casadecountymt.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

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:

Promote and deliver pro bono legal services to the low-income population of Cascade County

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Referral service for low-income applicants in need of attorneys for family law, landlord-tenant, simple wills and real estate documents, and related civil matters. Also sponsor parenting plan orientation class and family law clinics.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

Center for Mental Health

915 1st Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-2100

EMAIL CONTACT: Sydneyb@center4mh.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Center for Mental Health partners with people and communities to produce exceptional, integrated mental health and substance abuse services.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Serve all ages; children, adults and Veterans

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

North Central Montana Region

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 - Synagoge

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: dennisp@esgw.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Disabilities

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Easterseals-Goodwill creates opportunities that change lives in north central Montana through disability, clinical, and workforce development services. Adults with disabilities develop skills to live as independently as possible through day programs. Clinical services in central Montana help older adults with medical needs with in-home personal care, home health, and hospice. 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.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

A variety of disability, clinical and workforce development services.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Central Montana

Echoz

1323 9th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-727-1850

EMAIL CONTACT: contact@echoz.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Echoz is an accredited medical clinic offering free pregnancy testing, pregnancy verification, diagnostic ultrasound, and assistance to men and women in our community.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Pregnancy Testing, Pregnancy Diagnosis via Ultrasound, Material Assistance (diapers, wipes, car seats, clothing, etc.), Parenting Classes

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

Family Connections

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

406-761-6010

EMAIL CONTACT: lori@familyconnectionsmt.org

ENDOWMENT: No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Mission: Family Connections utilizes the strength of community to support exceptional early childhood experiences.

Vision: We believe every child deserves a successful future!

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Child Care Financial Assistance and FREE Referrals for Families. Professional Development, Grant Funding, Training and Coaching for Child Care Providers.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Twenty-three counties in north central and north eastern Montana including 5 Native American tribes: Little Shell, Blackfeet, Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck.

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

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming

4930 9th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-453-2477

EMAIL CONTACT: brianar@gsmw.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

At Girl Scouts, girls prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, no-limits place designed for and by girls. Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls engage in challenging and fun activities like earning badges, traveling, entrepreneurship, exploring science, technology, engineering, and math, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects. Girls may choose their path to leadership by participating in a variety of ways. She can join a troop, go to camp or get outdoors, travel the country – maybe even the world, explore her interests through a series or event, or she can sell Girl Scout Cookies and be her own boss.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Montana & Wyoming - Great Falls has a very active Girl Scout community

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.

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

406-727-4842

EMAIL CONTACT: gfcrh@bresnan.net

ENDOWMENT: No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Children/Families

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The mission of the Great Falls Children's Receiving Home is to provide temporary shelter for abandoned, abused, neglected and homeless children.

The Children's Receiving Home will provide food, shelter, warmth, and understanding. It is an open door, and truly a home – not an institution. GFCRH is a safe haven showing children abuse is the exception - not the norm.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

On-site tutoring 5 days a week, outings for the up to 14 children entrusted to our care, an annual Christmas extravaganza that includes a limo ride and visit from Santa thanks to the generous support of our local community partners, and much more. We have an 8:1 child to staff ratio, and are licensed by the state of Montana as an Emergency Youth Shelter Care facility. GFCRH participates in the School Lunch Program.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Montana

Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation

3010 15th Av S, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-216-8057

EMAIL CONTACT: samantha.shinaberger@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.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Free patient housing, travel assistance for cancer and pediatric patients

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Central 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 schools, Meals on Wheels, 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 meds 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. Providing food for redistribution to more than 65 organizations in and around Cascade County

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

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

EMAIL CONTACT: gfplf1@gmail.com

ENDOWMENT: No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Library Services Support

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

The Great Falls Public Library Foundation solicits, receives and stewards donations from the public to be used for the benefit, improvement and welfare of the Great Falls Public Library and its patrons, as a supplement to funds allocated from the budgets of the City of Great Falls and of Cascade County, or otherwise received by the Library.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

The Great Falls Public Library Foundation focuses on one major fund raiser annually. Each year, thousands of children attend programs at the library, and the demand for quality children's books and programming keeps growing. The Foundation's annual Book-A-Thon mail solicitation began 31 years ago to assist the Library in the meeting of that need now and in the future. For each \$30.00 donation, a bookplate honoring a designee is placed in the book(s) purchased if requested by the donor. One hundred percent of all Book-A-Thon funds are used as directed by the donor, either to purchase youth books/youth programming, or to help finance a new Bookmobile for Great Falls and the surrounding community. In 2020, the Great Falls Public Library has requested the Foundation's assistance in financing a new bookmobile. The Foundation has taken on that challenge and fundraising efforts are underway. Through stewardship of donated funds, the Foundation has also been able to finance the Library's Grab & Go book checkout, summer concerts in the park, children's summer reading program, and lecture series, just to name a few.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County and surrounding area

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.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Five main pillars: Excellence in Education, Scholarships, Teacher Grants, Building Enhancements, and helping Disadvantaged Students.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls

Great Falls Rescue Mission

408 2nd Av S, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-2653

EMAIL CONTACT: contactus@gfrescuemission.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Great Falls Rescue Mission is a non-profit Christian organization committed to serving North Central Montana. Our mission is transforming the hungry, hurting and homeless through Jesus Christ's love.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Homeless Shelter for temporary housing, meals and basic needs for men, women and families. 16 month recovery program for adults.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

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 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

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 Faternity

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Youth , Family, Life, Community and Faith

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Great Falls

Lewis & Clark Foundation

Box 398, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-899-7993

EMAIL CONTACT: jrussell@lewisandclarkfoundation.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Education

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Inspiring financial support for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive 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

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 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: chutmacher@nwgf.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Affordable Housing

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Since 1980, NeighborWorks Great Falls has been committed to building strong neighborhoods, creating successful homeowners and developing quality, affordable housing throughout Great Falls. Having assisted more than 4,000 families into homeownership in Cascade County, NWGF strives to be a sustainable leader in community housing and neighborhood solutions.

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 community initiatives and engagement throughout Great Falls.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

Opportunities, Inc.

905 1st Av N, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-761-0310

EMAIL CONTACT: kseaman@gfoppinc.org

ENDOWMENT: No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Opportunities, Inc. partnering within each community, will respectfully support and educate individuals with low incomes to achieve self-reliance.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Education, Supportive Services, and Energy Assistance

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

The following Montana Counties: Cascade, Toole, Chouteau, Teton, Pondera and Glacier

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

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

Rural Dynamics

410 Central, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-454-5709

EMAIL CONTACT: jordynr@ruraldynamics.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Economic Opportunity, disABILITY Services, Financial Education, and Free Tax prep

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Our mission at Rural Dynamics is to provide programs and develop partnerships that help individuals and families become financially secure.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Our team does awesome things: Provides free IRS certified income tax preparation and lifts families out of poverty through increased access to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) – proven to be the largest and most effective anti-poverty program in the nation. Administers an Organizational Representative Payee program to assist retirement and disability beneficiaries manage their individual financial obligations. Gives affordable lending options to Montanans living with a disability to obtain the devices, adaptive equipment, or accessible construction they need for a better quality-of-life. Represents as an organizational Trustee of the Montana Families Trust, a self-settled irrevocable special needs pooled trust created pursuant to enhance the quality of life for Montana residents with disabilities. Helps individuals form healthy financials habits, learn budgeting skills, manage debt, build credit utilization, and encourage best practices for identity and asset protection. Places National Service members from all over the country to work in Montana on anti-poverty projects with the focus areas of financial literacy, workforce development, glass recycling, affordable housing, food security, veteran services, homelessness, and Native American initiatives.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Statewide in Montana

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 DePaul (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. Help is given without regard to race, creed, religion or national origin. The Society believes it is not enough to offer assistance that ends the immediate crisis but also it is important to offer the tools and support to elevate the barriers and causes of poverty and crisis.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Food Bank, Homeless Outreach Services, Grace Home Shelter for Homeless Veterans

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County

Sun River Watershed Group

Box 7312, Great Falls, MT 59406

406-727-4437

EMAIL CONTACT: tracy@sunriverwatershed.org

ENDOWMENT: No

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Environment

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

To restore and protect the resources of the Sun River watershed and its communities.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

SRWG's programs include water quality monitoring, water management, fisheries, and weed control. We host a weed pull in Sun Canyon the second Saturday in July. Our projects improve the health of the Sun River and the land around it for use and enjoyment for agriculture, recreation, municipalities, fish & wildlife, and more. Learn more at www.sunriverwatershed.org.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

We work on the Sun River and its tributaries from Gibson Dam to the city of Great Falls. This includes Freezeout Lake, Elk and Smith Creeks, and the towns of Augusta, Fairfield, Sun River, Simms, Fort Shaw, Vaughn, Power, and Great Falls - and the spaces

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

Box 1343, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-727-3400

EMAIL CONTACT: go@uwccmt.org

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Build a stronger community by mobilizing resources to meet priority human service needs

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Coordinate community initiatives and fund programs to improve the health, education and financial stability of Great Falls and Cascade County residents.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County, MT

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

YWCA Great Falls

220 2nd St So, Great Falls, MT 59401

406-452-1315

EMAIL CONTACT: sandif.ywca@gmail.com

ENDOWMENT: Yes

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Human Services

PURPOSE/MISSION/VISION:

Eliminate racism, empower women of all ages, and promote peace and justice to all.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM:

Mercy Home Shelter, Counseling, Support Groups, Self-Defense Classes, Oula Classes, Finance Classes and more

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:

Cascade County mainly, with shelter victims from Glacier, Pondera, Chouteau, and Teton counties, and all over MT

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