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Make a Difference
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COMMUNITY OF GIVING 2025

As 2025 comes to an end, it's the perfect time to reflect on the remarkable community we share. I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our local organizations and the many citizens who volunteer, serve, and give their time and resources to make Billings a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

This season, friends, neighbors, and civic groups across our community celebrate the holidays in their own special ways. It's a magical time of year, but it's also a reminder of the important work happening quietly behind the scenes—where essential services are being provided to children, families, and individuals facing challenges.

In this year's Community of Giving, you'll find an in-depth look at our local nonprofits and the vital support they bring to our region. These dedicated organizations continue to make meaningful differences in



countless lives. We are truly fortunate to live in a place that values compassion, generosity, and care for one another. I encourage you to take a moment to connect with the inspiring people behind our nonprofits and explore the many rewarding volunteer opportunities available. You might find your own special way to celebrate the true spirit of the season.

We hope you enjoy this publication and feel uplifted by the acts of kindness happening all around us. The Billings Gazette is proud to be part of such a giving community. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Thank you,

Dave Worstell, President
Billings Gazette

St Vincent de Paul



As Billings only Daytime Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul helps homeless and poor families, women, and men no matter what their age, faith, background, or challenges.

Because more struggled with hunger, over 100,000 meals will be served in 2025. Beyond weekday meals, donated clothing is available to anyone in need.

Evictions or shutoffs are avoided after families are wiped out by an emergency with our one-time charitable assistance paid directly to their landlord or utility.

St. Vincent de Paul also helps with out-of-area bus tickets for Friends wanting fresh starts back home and provides Metra passes or gas cards for those facing issues. Onsite recovery meetings are held to sponsorships for Friends'



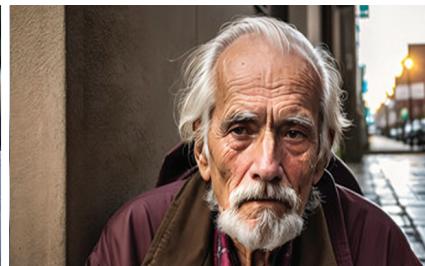
continued recovery in sober living homes for up to 4 weeks. Plus! Referrals are offered to community partners to help Friends avoid or end homelessness in Billings. All meals and support are possible thanks to our donors.

300 Friends Expected to Come for a Christmas Meal Your Gift for Christmas Meals Greatly Appreciated

To donate visit svdmt.org or mail your check to St. Vincent de Paul at 3005 First Avenue South Billings, MT 59101



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St. Vincent de Paul, Billings' ONLY Daytime Shelter,
Welcomes Everyone in Need

Montana Audubon

Discover Nature. Inspire the Future.

At the Montana Audubon Center, the adventure of discovery begins outdoors! Nestled right along the Yellowstone River in Billings, we ignite a passion for nature in people of all ages through immersive, hands-on science and environmental stewardship.

Every year, thousands of students, families, and community volunteers unlock the secrets of Montana's complex natural world. Our field trips and dynamic community programs don't just teach—they spark unstoppable curiosity, build real-world confidence, and forge a deep, lasting connection to the environment.

As the year comes to a close, your vital support keeps these life-changing programs thriving. Every donation, whether large or small, directly funds outdoor education and critical habitat restoration, ensuring that nature-based learning is accessible to every child.

Invest in your community by giving locally. You are building a healthier, more connected Billings. Join us in making a tangible difference. Visit mtaudubon.org/center to explore our impact or make your year-end gift today!



MONTANA
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Nature Education Along the Yellowstone

406-294-5099

7026 S Billings Blvd, Billings, MT 59101

NAMI

Nearly thirty years ago, in response to the growing need for mental health support in Yellowstone County, a small group of families gathered in a living room, united by love and concern for their loved ones facing mental health challenges. That humble beginning has grown into NAMI Billings—a vibrant local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, serving our community with compassion, education, and hope.

Today, NAMI Billings continues to proudly offer free mental health programs that empower individuals and families:

- Educational classes that equip participants with knowledge and resources
- Support groups that create safe spaces for connection and healing
- Community presentations that raise awareness and reduce stigma

Mental illness affects 1 in 5 people, touching lives across every background. That's why your support matters.

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to make a meaningful impact. Your donation helps us continue offering these vital services—especially during the holiday season, when many individuals and families need extra support.

Scan the QR code below to contribute today. Together, we can build a more compassionate, informed, and hopeful future for Yellowstone County.

 **nami** Billings
National Alliance on Mental Illness

We believe no one should face mental health challenges alone. Through compassion, community, and meaningful conversation, we offer support and hope for every step of the journey.

**LET'S TALK
ABOUT
MENTAL
HEALTH**

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

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www.namibillings.org

Early Childhood Intervention

Every Child Deserves a Strong Start: How Early Childhood Intervention Is Changing Lives in Billings

At Early Childhood Intervention (ECI), a trusted non-profit serving Billings and the surrounding communities, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. From a baby's first smile to a toddler's first words, those early years are critical—and when developmental challenges arise, early support can make all the difference.

Why Early Intervention Matters

In the first few years of life, a child's brain develops faster than at any other time. Early intervention helps identify and address developmental delays in areas such as communication, motor skills, and social-emotional growth. Research shows that children who receive early support gain stronger language, learning, and self-help skills—and require less intensive assistance later on.

How We Help

At ECI, we partner closely with families to design personalized services that meet each child's unique needs. Our team of educators, therapists, and specialists provides developmental evaluations, speech and occupational therapy, and family coaching in comfortable, familiar settings—often right in your home. By empowering parents and caregivers, we ensure families have the tools and confidence to support their child's progress every day.

The Difference We See

Through early, consistent support, children in our program grow more confident, communicative, and independent. Families gain knowledge, reassurance, and a sense of community. And the benefits ripple outward—stronger families mean a stronger Billings. Every dollar invested in early intervention saves communities many times that amount in future educational and healthcare costs.

Join Us in Making a Difference

If you're a parent or caregiver who suspects a developmental delay—or simply wants guidance through your child's early milestones—reach out to Early Childhood Intervention today. Together, we can open doors to growth, learning, and lifelong success.

Your involvement matters. Whether you volunteer, donate, or share our mission, you're helping Billings children build brighter futures.

Early support changes everything—let's give every child the strong start they deserve.



Helping Children From Birth to 3 Years Old Reach Developmental Milestones

A Missed Milestone Can Help You Spot a Potential Learning, Social, or Physical Concern—Giving You the Opportunity to Act Early.

2016 Grand Avenue, Billings, MT 59102
(406) 281-5885 | ecibillings.org

Big Sky Balloon Rally

The Big Sky Balloon Rally is a non-profit organization developed to maintain the excitement of hot air ballooning in the Billings area. This year, we proudly celebrated the 10th anniversary of our free, family-friendly event, located at Amend Park. Our rally has maintained significant growth since its inception in 2015 and has become the largest balloon event in the state of Montana.

Through the generous support of our sponsors, our annual event, held the fourth weekend in July, brings pilots and attendees from across the world to the Magic City. With the rimrocks rising to the north of our launch field, and the cliffs hugging the Yellowstone River to the east, balloon pilots come from far and wide to fly Billings' skies.

This year, we expanded our Saturday evening Balloon Glow and Field Festival to include the Valley Credit Union Kids Corner, filled with tons of free activities for families, including a rock wall, axe throwing, the Optimists' barrel train, NorthWestern Energy bucket trucks, and so much more.

Mark your calendars for July 23-26, 2026!



BIG SKY BALLOON Rally

- 20+ hot air balloons
- Daily 6am flights
- Saturday evening Balloon Glow & Field Festival
- Volunteer opportunities on our website

JULY 23-26, 2026

Amend Park

bigskyballoonrally.com



Angela's Piazza

Angela's Piazza is a welcoming, accepting place where women come to learn to live a safer, better life free from addictions and violence. They do this by discovering self-confidence, courage, and hope through domestic violence programs and programs that encourage spiritual and emotional healing.

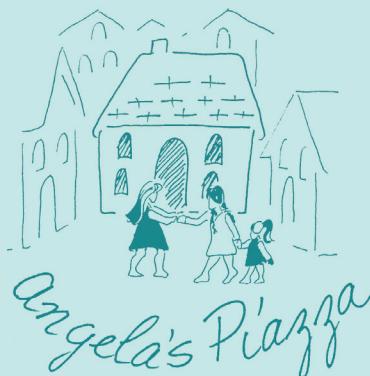
When we opened our doors in 1998, Sister Mary Dostal and Sister Pat Funderhicle, founders of Angela's Piazza, knew they wanted to offer a place of respite for marginalized women. As programming took shape over the years, we now proudly offer Domestic Violence Support and Education, Nurturing Parenting Education, Sexual Assault Support, a young girls empowerment group, and more.

We welcome over 1,500 women through our doors every year, the majority of whom are minorities, and all of whom are living below the poverty level. As one program member testifies, "At Angela's Piazza, I am surrounded by women with similar wounds. In the groups, we heal together. This community of women shares ways of giving back to ourselves, healing our souls. We learn how to be comfortable in our own skin." www.angelaspiazza.org



A place to find rest, solace, a friend.

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Education • Support • Advocacy

Women's Drop-In Center, 420 Grand Ave., Billings
406-255-0611 • www.angelaspiazza.org

At YWCA Billings, we believe in the power of community to illuminate hope. Every day, we witness the strength of survivors who take courageous steps toward safety, and the light that shines when our community stands beside them. Together, we shine—so no one walks in darkness. When we come together, our collective light grows brighter, guiding those in need toward healing.

Domestic violence continues to impact families across Billings and Yellowstone County. When someone experiences fear, harm, and isolation at home, a safe place and a caring team can make all the difference. This is what YWCA Billings provides through shelter, advocacy, and trauma-informed support—lighting the way toward safety, healing, and a brighter future.

Jessica came to YWCA Billings after her husband pushed her to the brink. She hadn't fully known about his alcohol issues until after they married, and she was horrified to discover that he became a different person when he drank—violent, unpredictable, and frightening. He would later claim not to remember shoving her while she was pregnant, and later, while she held their baby. The danger escalated, and Jessica knew she needed help.

At YWCA's Gateway Horizons Emergency Shelter, Jessica found safety—and she found herself again. She realized independence and security were within reach. She found a new job, reconnected with family and friends she had been isolated from and returned to the church she loved. With support and renewed confidence, Jessica secured an affordable apartment and transitioned from shelter ready to build a safe, stable future for herself and her child. Her story is a shining example of how hope, courage, and community support can illuminate even the darkest paths.



Your support makes moments like Jessica's possible. When you give, you help ensure survivors never walk their path alone. **Share your light. Give today. Together, we can brighten the way to safety, hope, and a life free from violence.**

To make a gift or learn more, visit ywcabillings.org, call 406-252-6303, or stop by 909 Wyoming Ave, Billings, MT 59101. Follow us on social media @ywcabillings to see how your generosity changes lives.



TOGETHER WE SHINE

so no one walks in darkness

YWCA



SHARE YOUR LIGHT. GIVE TODAY.

Use the QR code or visit us at ywcabillings.org

Billings Clinic Foundation

Billings Clinic is proud to support and care for the communities where we live, work, and serve. Across Montana, northern Wyoming, and the western Dakotas, our mission remains clear: to provide quality, compassionate care for all.

Over the past year, Billings Clinic has continued to expand that commitment to local, high-quality care by joining with Logan Health to create a unified, Montana-based health system. Together, we are enhancing care and coordination across the region through strong partnerships with health care facilities throughout our vast and rural area.

This year, we opened the region's first-ever Helmsley Regional Operations Center, a new facility that coordinates patient transfers and logistics across our health system. The center is a key component of our recent Level I Trauma Campaign, our largest ever campaign aimed at improving regional access to care and keeping patients closer to home. Renovations are also underway in our Pediatric Center, and we look forward to exciting enhancements to our Palliative Care Program, this year's Classic Cause.

Billings Clinic provided more than \$98 million in community benefit, including \$29 million in financial assistance to support tens of thousands of patients.

All of this reflects our vision to reimagine health care through connection, service, and innovation — ensuring that everyone, no matter where they are, receives the care they need, when they need it. At Billings Clinic, we're not only caring for patients — we're caring for our families, our neighbors, and our communities. Learn more at billingsclinic.com.

CELEBRATING *Loved Ones* A Season of Honor & Remembrance

This holiday season, celebrate the people who matter most by giving the gift of hope and healing.

Honor or memorialize a loved one with a special tribute.

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Holly's Story: Finding Hope in the Darkest Days

At just eighteen, Holly should have been worrying about prom, college applications, and graduation photos. Instead, she was worrying about where she'd sleep that night.

After years of instability, Holly found herself living alone in a small, crumbling house filled with mold and rodents. There was no heat, no food in the cupboards, and no one checking to see if she made it home safely. She was trying to hold on, juggling school, a part-time job, and the fear that at any moment, everything could fall apart.

When the exhaustion and hunger became too heavy to hide, Holly confided in her school counselor. Through tears, she admitted she had nowhere safe to go. That single moment of courage changed her life. Her counselor called Tumbleweed, and within just fifteen days, our team found her a clean, safe place to live.

For the first time in months, Holly slept through the night. She didn't have to listen for footsteps outside her door. She didn't have to wonder if she'd eat the next day. She finally had stability. Something most of us take for granted.

Tumbleweed covered most of her rent so she could focus on finishing school. We helped her get glasses so she could see clearly in class, food boxes so she never went hungry, and hygiene items so she could go to school feeling confident. But what meant the most wasn't the material things. It was knowing that someone cared enough not to give up on her.

Holly graduated from high school, something she once thought was impossible. Today, she's in her first semester of college, studying to become a social worker so she can help other young people who feel forgotten.

Every night, there are young people like Holly facing impossible odds alone. But because of Tumbleweed and people like you, they don't have to.

Your support changes everything. When you give to Tumbleweed, you're giving more than shelter. You're giving a young person the safety, hope, and belief that tomorrow can be better than today.



Tumbleweed

Lasting Change for Vulnerable Youth

Support from donors like YOU, helped Holly, and many others like her to receive the help they need. Something as simple as having an address to receive mail can make all the difference. For Holly, Tumbleweed's services allowed her to finish high school and pursue higher education.

A holiday message from YOU and Tumbleweed shows our youth and young adults they are not alone and there are people like YOU, who care. It's a small gesture that makes a big difference.

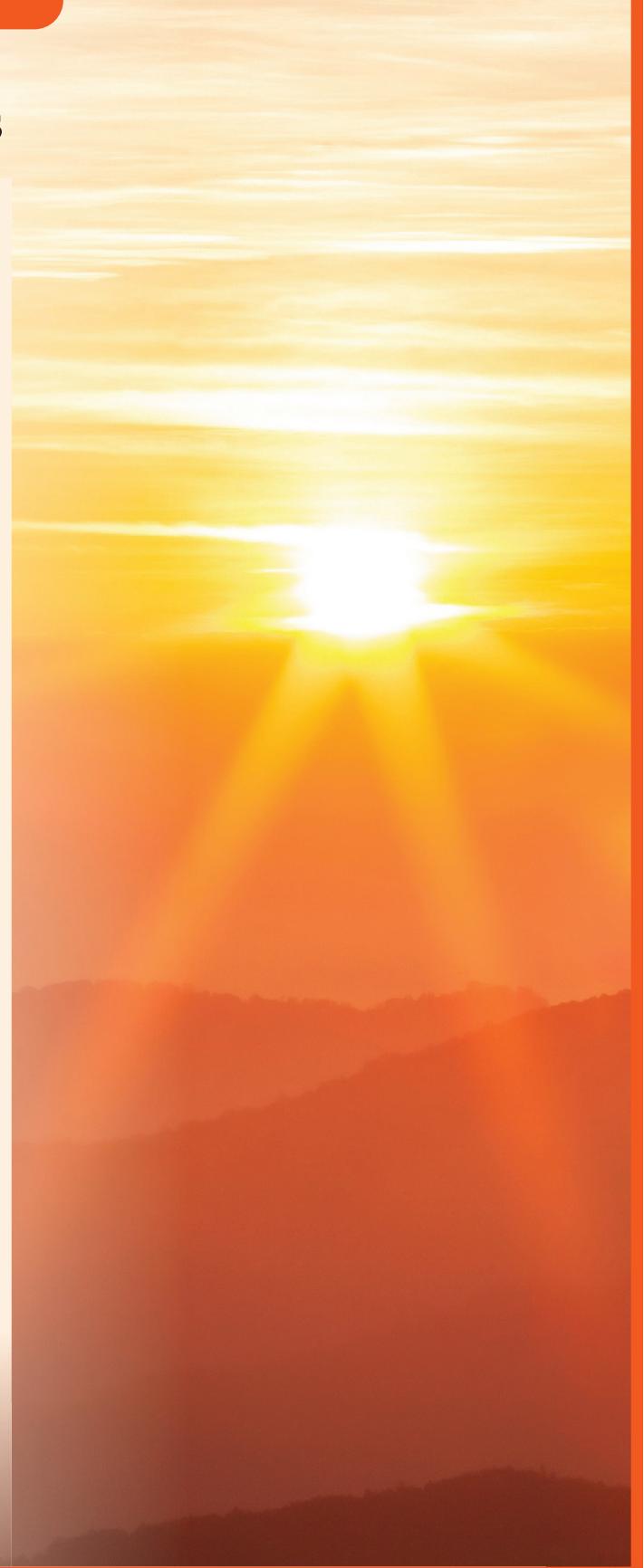
For many families this is their favorite time of year, as friends and loved ones gather for family celebrations. But what about those like Holly, who did not have a warm, safe environment, the company and family and trusted friends or food to celebrate?

Many of our youth and young adults at Tumbleweed have no contact with their families. The loss of a parent, the effects of poor physical or mental health and a spiral of poverty have all taken a toll on them.

Because of people like YOU, we have been blessed to come to know them and their stories. Join us this holiday season in celebrating Holly and her journey to becoming independent by making a gift to Tumbleweed.

Your holiday gift will help us to continue providing support to youth and young adults like Holly and all the homeless youth and young adults in our community.

Together, YOU and all of us here at Tumbleweed can make this yuletide a bit brighter with love, hope and faith. May you and your loved ones share a warm and wonderful holiday season.





With your support, in 2024, we accomplished a record number of food boxes delivered. Increased our case management services provided, meals provided, hygiene & personal grooming services, and life skills classes provided.

How your gifts help our youth and young adults

- \$50/month provides a full day of food for 4 youth and young adults.
- \$100/month provides a life skill class.
- \$250/month ensures access to a crisis counselor 24 hours a day.
- \$650/month provides housing for one month.
- \$1,000/month helps provide food, housing security, and a Tumbleweed individualized case manager.



Tumbleweed
Lasting Change for Vulnerable Youth

Help make a difference and donate!
tumbleweedprogram.org



MSUB Foundation & Alumni

MSUB plays a vital role in strengthening the local economy and workforce by providing highly skilled graduates who contribute to the region's growth, innovation, and prosperity. The MSUB Foundation & Alumni furthers the university's mission by fostering growth through philanthropy, stewardship, and engagement.

A powerful way to support this mission is by contributing to the Yellowjacket Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship provides deserving students from all backgrounds and financial situations the opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations, breaking down financial barriers and empowering them to reach their full potential. Your contribution can have a lasting impact on a student's life, helping to shape their future success and enriching the broader community.

Please join us in supporting this important mission by visiting msubfoundation.com/give or calling 406-657-2244 to learn more about how you can support the Yellowjacket Excellence Scholarship and help shape tomorrow's leaders. Together, we can make a lasting impact.



Invest in MSUB

**Shaping Futures, Turning Dreams
Into Reality!**

Make your gift today and empower
MSUB students to succeed.



Zoo Montana

ZooMontana is an accredited zoological park, botanical garden, arboretum, and dynamic educational facility. We are dedicated to the vital conservation of wildlife throughout Montana and the 45th parallel.

We are home to over 100 animals representing 56 species, including iconic residents like Amur Tigers, Grizzly Bears, Wolverines, River Otters, Takin, and Canada Lynx. Notably, the majority of our animal residents are rescues. ZooMontana operates on the guiding principle of 'quality over quantity,' ensuring our primary focus is on the exceptional care and well-being of every animal in our keeping.

Extending this mission to the community, ZooMontana is recognized as a leader in educational programming. From Zootots and ZooCamps to comprehensive School Tours and customized programming,



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our expert educators make learning FUN for all ages. We are proud to be a welcoming and enriching destination where the community can learn, play, and explore.

Learn, Explore, & Enjoy.



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ON THE WILD SIDE**

Operation Juliet

Restoring Resilience Through Healing and Community

Operation Juliet is a Montana-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering and healing female veterans through connection, community, and purpose. Founded by combat veteran Dallas Knight, the organization was created to address the unique challenges women face after military service—particularly the loss of identity, connection, and femininity that many experience during and after their time in uniform.

With nearly 80% of women in Operation Juliet's network reporting experiences of military sexual trauma, the need for safe, women-only spaces for recovery and renewal is vital.

At the heart of the organization is the (not so) Average Jane Retreat, a multi-day immersive wellness



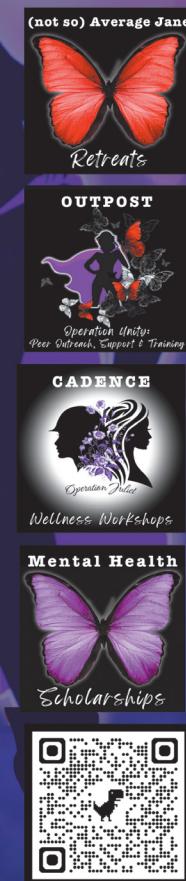
experience that blends evidence-based and holistic modalities such as equine therapy, art therapy, resonance repatterning, and songwriting. Operation Juliet also hosts monthly OUTPOST gatherings and quarterly CADENCE workshops, offering continued opportunities for healing and connection. Through its Mental Health Scholarship Initiative, Operation Juliet helps female veterans access holistic therapies, removing financial barriers to healing and continued wellness.

Operation Juliet

Restoring Resilience
Through Healing &
Community

Proudly Serving the
Female Veteran

Learn more or get involved at OperationJuliet.org



Yellowstone CASA



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

You can change the life of an abused or neglected child in foster care. Did you know, over 700 children are in foster care in Yellowstone County? Many of these children are left to navigate the foster care system alone. CASA of Yellowstone County's mission is to advocate for a safe and permanent home for abused and neglected children. Volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are appointed by a judge to represent a child in foster care and speak up for their best interests. CASAs visit the children regularly at the foster home and school. They write reports that are distributed to the judge and other professionals and attend all court hearings to be the voice for the child in court. Throughout a case, schools, professionals, and foster homes will change. Each CASA makes a commitment to stay with the child throughout their time in the system and be the one constant in their life.

You can make a powerful difference for a child in your community. Consider becoming a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA of Yellowstone County relies on generosity from the community to continue advocating for vulnerable children. If you want to support our mission, but can't be a CASA yourself, help us reach more children by making a gift using the information below.



Learn about
becoming a

CASA

for a child in foster care



(406) 259-1233

Or help support our
mission to advocate for
abused & neglected kids.

DONATE:

www.yellowstonecasa.org

CASA of Yellowstone County
PO Box 688
Billings, MT 59103



Alberta Bair Theater

Celebrate the Season with the Gift of the Arts

Alberta Bair Theater continues to bring the excitement and wonder of the performing arts to Big Sky Country. We are dedicated to presenting world-class performances, inspiring audiences of all ages, and enriching the cultural and economic vitality of our community for generations to come.

This holiday season, share the joy that only live performance can bring. Give your friends and family an experience they'll never forget — the gift of the arts. Gift vouchers are available in any amount at the ABT Box Office and can be used toward tickets for any show throughout the season. From Broadway favorites and stirring musical performances to laugh-out-loud comedy and family entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



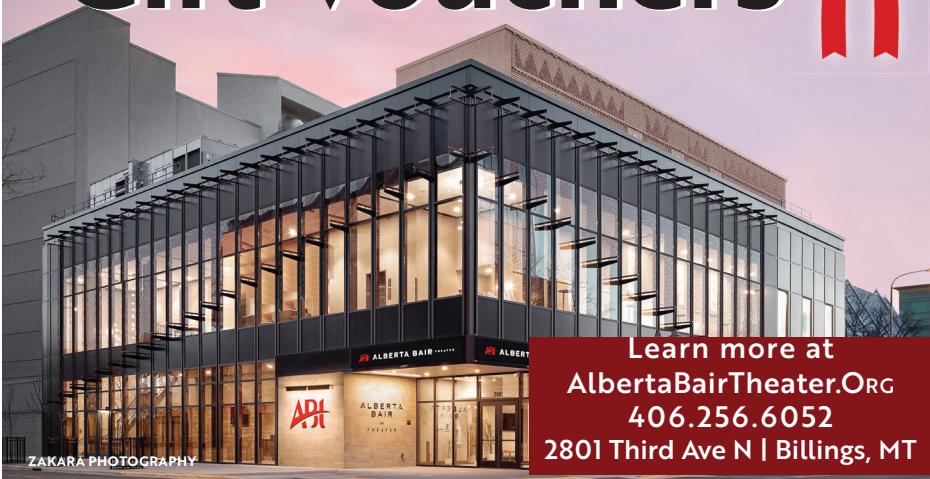
Our vouchers never expire, making them the perfect gift for any occasion. Your generosity and support keep the arts alive, the stage bright, and our community vibrant.

Give the gift of the arts. Give the gift of Alberta Bair Theater.

ABT Give the gift of the arts!

Share the beauty of the arts this season! Gift vouchers are available in any amount at the ABT Box Office. This is the perfect gift for any occasion. We can't wait to see you at the theater!

Gift Vouchers



Learn more at
AlbertaBairTheater.ORG
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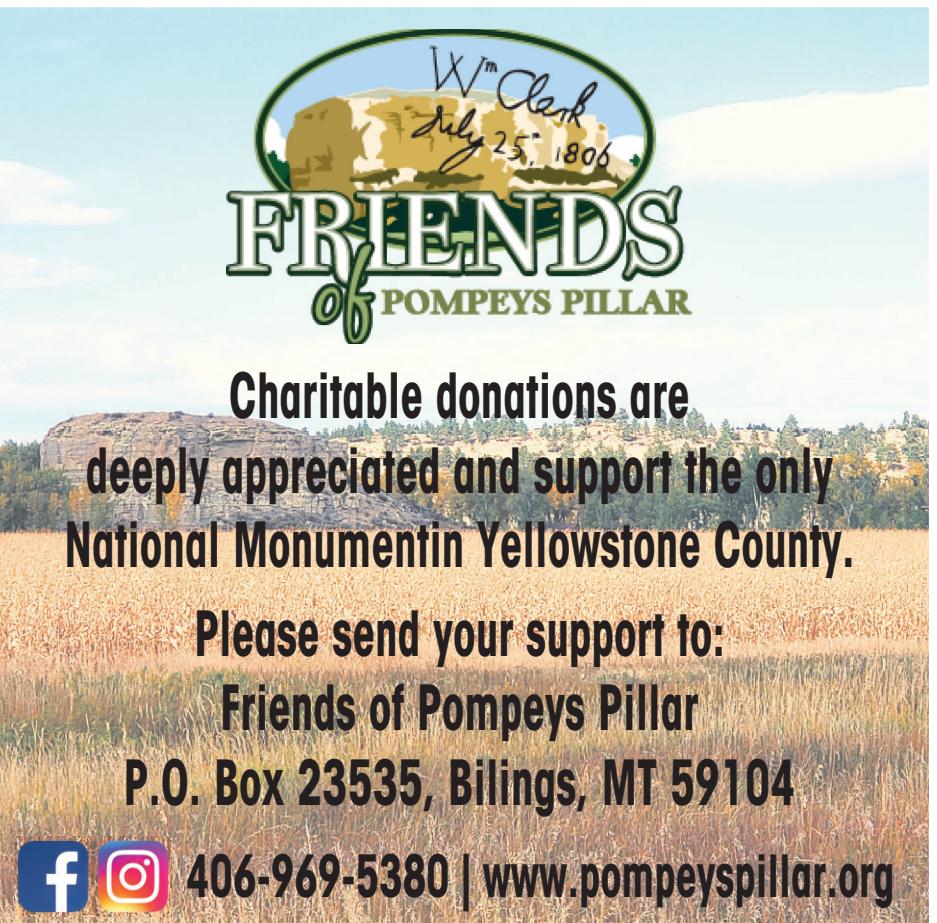
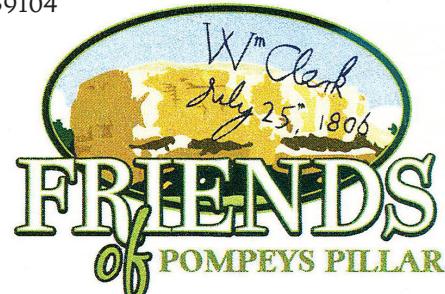
Friends of Pompeys Pillar

Our mission is to preserve and protect Pompeys Pillar National Monument through education, interpretation and special projects.

We assist the Bureau of Land Management in teaching over 2000 students who visit the Monument every year. We participate in special projects and events like our Annual Fall Festival, Back to the Future Program, Public Lands Day and Signature Day and we also provide funding for interpretive signage and other educational exhibits.

We provide transportation for Title 1 schools so underprivileged children may visit the Monument every year. We also offer volunteer opportunities for seniors and others. We provide hands-on historical experiences for children and adults and we help bring history to life!

Charitable donations are deeply appreciated and support the only National Monument in Yellowstone County. Please send your support to:
Friends of Pompeys Pillar
P.O. Box 23535
Billings, MT 59104



Charitable donations are deeply appreciated and support the only National Monument in Yellowstone County.

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  406-969-5380 | www.pompeyspiller.org

Family Service

This season, you can help bring hope and relief to those who need it most. Together, we can ensure more families have the essentials they need to not only survive the season, but truly celebrate it.

"When I was a young, single, first-time mom, I relied on Family Service for supplemental food needs. Without Family Service, I don't know how I would have gotten by." –Jane Smith, a grateful mother

Jane, a single mom, has always worked hard to make ends meet. Without Family Service, she would have had to choose a roof over her head or food on the table for her and her family. Especially during the holidays, Jane could rely on Family Service to provide full meals and support that allowed her to aim her financial focus elsewhere.

While Jane may not need our services much today, she knows that we are here when it matters most. "Although I no longer visit Family Service every week, it is great to know that they are helping other single moms in need, like me."

Remember, the true spirit of the holiday season isn't just about buying gifts, and spending time with loved ones, it's about extending compassion and a helping hand to those who are struggling. Your generosity, no matter how small, makes a profound impact. Because of you, families' lives like the Smith's are changed.

This holiday season, will you help provide:

- Meals for families in need
- Utility support
- Rental assistance
- Clothing
- Education assistance

Your support brings comfort, security, and joy to those facing the toughest challenges.

Let's make this season one of hope and renewal for our Montana neighbors.



You can bring hope and relief to those who need it most.

Every month, **one in six families** in Yellowstone County has to decide whether to feed their children or pay their rent. People we work and live beside are often one paycheck away from poverty. Every day, those who face emergencies turn to Family Service for help.

Let's make this season one of renewal and hope for our Montana neighbors.



YOUR GIFT PROVIDES:

- Meals for families in need
- Rental assistance, so families can stay safe in their homes
- Utility support, to keep homes heated during the coldest months
- Clothing to remain warm and maintain dignity
- Education assistance, to make dreams a reality

With your help more than **80,000** individuals were lifted toward stability last year. **No donation is too small.** **Any amount will be appreciated.** Donate securely. Text the word **WINTER2025** to **26989** or online at billingsfamilyservice.org, or mail to:



PO Box 1020
Billings, MT 59103
406.384.0062
billingsfamilyservice.org



Did you know that youth in Scouting say it helps them become more honest, grow as team players, and better empathize with those around them? In a world where kindness matters more than ever, Scouting gives young people a foundation built on compassion and generosity.

Right here in Montana, that impact is felt every day. In 2025, Scouts and volunteers completed more than 21,467 hours of service – an incredible \$662,042 in value returned directly to our local communities. Whether they're collecting food for families in need, restoring parks and trails, or lending a hand to neighbors, Scouting teaches young people the joy of giving back.

Scouting offers active, hands-on experiences that help youth discover who they are and who they want to become. Kids choose their own paths – we simply provide the tools, mentorship, and safe environment to help them succeed. Along the way, they build confidence and learn the importance of helping others.

And Scouting is for the whole family. More time outdoors – hiking, exploring, and serving together – means more shared memories and new adventures. Parents become active partners in their child's growth into an ethical young leader. Best of all? Every moment is packed with fun.



Through Cub Scouts (K-5) and Scouts BSA (ages 11-17), boys and girls develop in meaningful ways:

- Stronger character grounded in honesty, kindness, and respect
- Leadership skills built by taking initiative and working as a team
- Outdoor adventure that builds resilience and a love for Montana's wild beauty
- Lifelong friendships formed through shared challenges and triumphs
- A spirit of service that inspires them to brighten the world around them
- Personal growth and confidence as they achieve goals and celebrate success

Scouting takes youth – and their families – to places they never imagined. From the Beartooth Mountains to the banks of the Yellowstone River and everywhere adventure lives, Scouting provides the spark.

Through the Scouting program, give your child the skills, values, and confidence to be prepared for life.

Find a Scouting adventure in your neighborhood: SCOUTINGMONTANA.ORG/START

TOMMORROW'S LEADERS START HERE

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Scouting America
Montana Council



Friends of the Children

Friends of the Children – Eastern Montana is part of a national nonprofit organization that helps youth build brighter futures through long-term, salaried, professional mentoring. Each child is paired with a Friend, a full-time, trained mentor who walks beside them from kindergarten through graduation, 12+ years, no matter what.

Our Friends do more than mentor. They show up every day, through challenges and celebrations, to help children discover their strengths, set goals, and dream bigger.

In Yellowstone County, our Friends currently walk alongside 50 children across 15 schools, providing consistent, one-on-one support that builds confidence, stability, and hope.

Through collaboration with families, schools, and community partners, we help youth:

- Grow academically with individualized classroom support and encouragement
- Build emotional resilience through strong, trusting relationships
- Strengthen families through caregiver engagement and community connections
- Develop life skills that prepare them for success in school and beyond

Every child deserves someone who shows up – day after day, year after year, no matter what.

Your support helps make that possible. Together, we're creating lasting change and brighter futures for youth and families across Yellowstone County.

GIVE THE GIFT OF EXPERIENCE

This holiday season, you can give the Gift of Experience, helping each of our youth explore their passions, build confidence, and create joyful memories.

Our 2025 campaign goal is \$12,500, enough to fund a full year of enrichment activities for each of our 50 youth in Yellowstone County.

Your gift of \$250 makes a year of growth and discovery possible for one child, supporting opportunities like dance lessons, sports, art, and STEM activities.

Together, we're building brighter futures for the next generation of Eastern Montana youth!



GIVE THE GIFT OF EXPERIENCE

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

\$250 = A Year of Opportunity

Your gift helps 50 children in Yellowstone County dream bigger through art, sports, and learning.

Give today via the QR code or at friendseasternmt.org/donate



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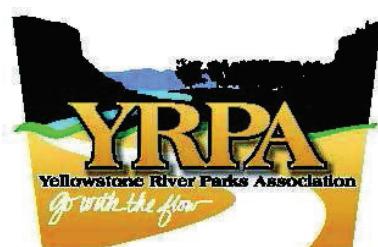


Yellowstone River Parks

THANK YOU for your support of parks and trails along the Yellowstone.

The Yellowstone River is a treasure for Billings, and public access to parks and trails along the river help make our community great. Since 1991, the volunteer-driven Yellowstone River Parks Association has worked to preserve natural areas, create and maintain trails, put in benches and picnic shelters, and partner with public and private agencies to create a network of natural areas along the river that all can enjoy.

YRPA owns or helps to manage 2,000 acres of publicly-accessible natural areas around Yellowstone County. Our biggest and flagship project is John H Dover Memorial Park in Billings Heights, which is



privately owned by YRPA and is managed for public access.

Our work relies on a strong community of supporters and volunteers. We especially encourage legacy-oriented gifts to ensure the preservation and care of these parks for years to come. Donate on our website, www.yrpa.org or send a check to PO Box 1201, Billings MT 59103. Contact us at 406-255-7619 or yrpa@yrpa.org

Join us every Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Billings Community Foundation downtown.

YMCA

The holidays are a perfect time for giving thanks for all the good in our lives and look for ways to make life better for our neighbors who need us the most!

Our Give For Kids Annual Campaign supports our Scholarship program that

allows underserved children to have the same opportunities to join the Y and participate in Y Youth programs that support their overall wellness: mentally, physically, and socially.

As we look to serving our community in the coming year, we need your help!



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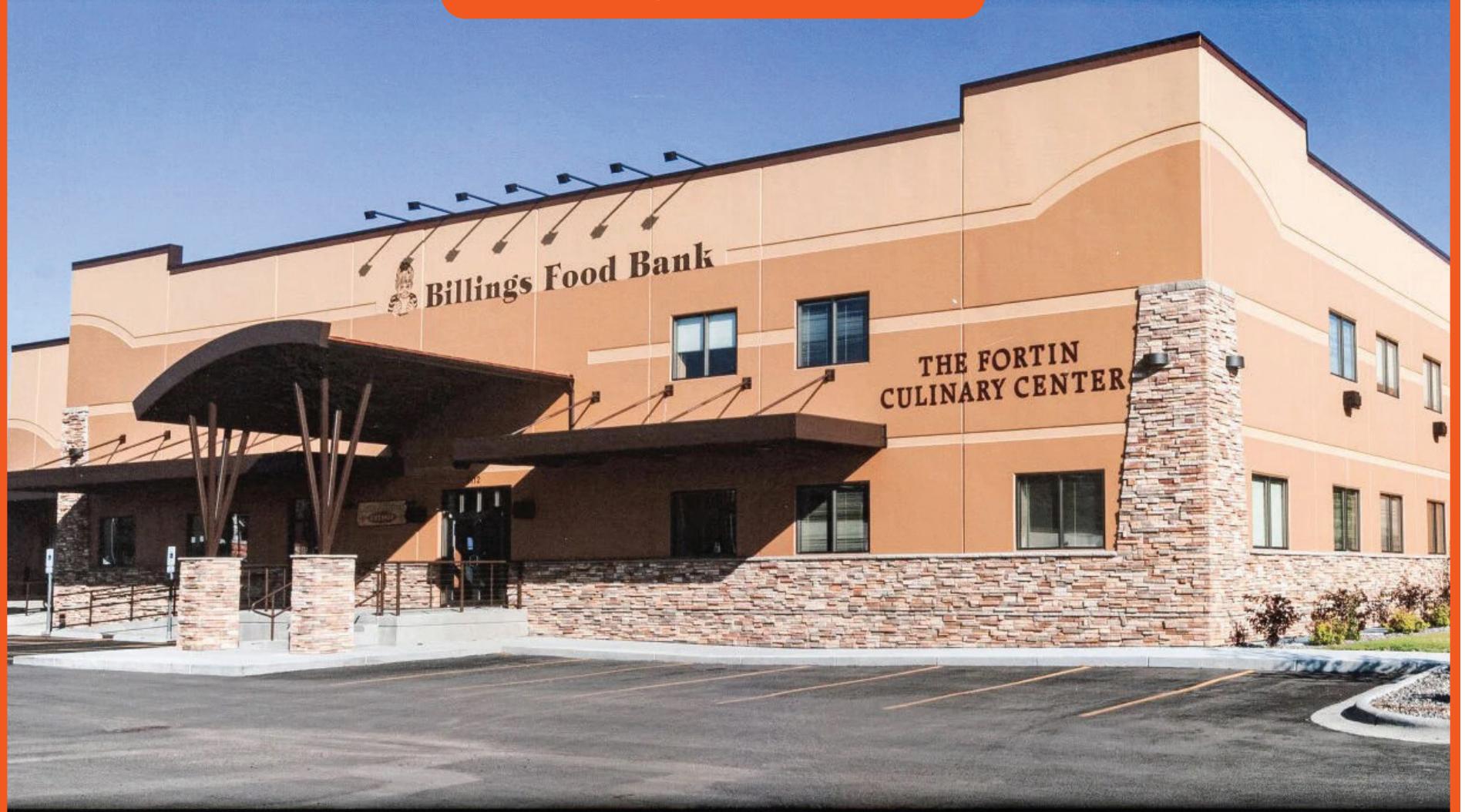
Want to help? Join us any Wednesday, 5:30pm, 404 N 30th



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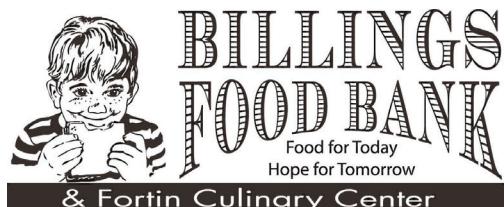
Billings Food Bank



Food for Today ...
Hope for Tomorrow!

Billings Food Bank has one simple goal, to feed the hungry. The Billings Food Bank is a private charity and has been helping to meet the need for food security for over 46 years. We are one of the few regional agencies engaged in food distribution that does NOT receive government funding and are wholly supported by community donations.

Food prices are soaring, and many families are struggling, holiday extras may not be within reach for them. For those who can prepare a meal, we like to offer Christmas dinner as a box of ingredients. For those who cannot, we offer a prepared meal.



WHAT WE DO:

- Food Boxes – 223,520
- Holiday Meals – 51,302
- Sack Lunches – 2,600
- Baby Pantry – 38,512
- Bedding, Quilts, Etc. 4,000
- Appliances, Furniture – 4,000
- Critter Pantry – 15,811
- Hygiene Kits – 7,200

- Health & Beauty – 2,500
- Diabetes Information – 5,000

All these things we do with an operating cost of less than 2% - \$0.98 of every dollar you donate goes directly to programs to benefit those in need.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteer their time to help. A second huge Thank You to all who donate either food or money to help us keep our operating costs low. We couldn't do this without you and your support.

As we gear up for the holidays, if you would like more information on how you can help or to make a donation, please call 406-259-2856, email us at foodbank@billingsfoodbank.com, or you can donate on our website <https://billingsfoodbank.com>. We also have additional information about our programs on our website.

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WHO WE SERVE

28% 47% 23%
0-17 18-60 61+

(of these age groups,
18% are veterans)



Give until it Helps

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Through November, **TOWN PUMP** will match your donation.

- I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Billings Food Bank.
- I would like information about giving through the endowment fund.

My Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mail to: Billings Food Bank • P.O. Box 1158 • Billings MT 59103-1158
Does your employer match charitable contributions? Please ask and help us double the value of your gift!

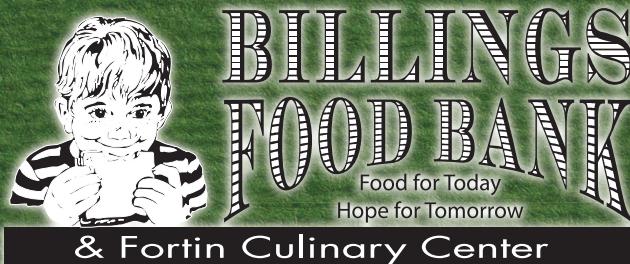
You can go to www.BillingsFoodBank.com to make a secure donation online or follow this QR code!



Billings Food Bank received Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating for sound fiscal management. Charity Navigator is America's Premier Evaluator of Charities.



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