

MONTANANS helping MONTANANS

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20 YEARS



HELP
THOSE
IN NEED

ANNUAL FOOD BANK CAMPAIGN



Dedicated to Giving Back

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was formed in 1999 with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable organizations with a priority on meeting the basic needs and education of Montana citizens.

In 2021, the Foundation awarded **700 grants totaling \$3.8 million**. Through a combination of Town Pump Charitable Foundation and Corporate giving, over \$32 million has been given statewide since 2000, focusin on three areas: Basic Needs, Education, and Community Assistance.

We care about the communities we serve. And we follow a simple philosophy set by our founders—Tom and Mary Ann Kenneally—69 years ago: to take care of our customers, our team members, our communities, and our state. Your Montana family is important to our Montana family. All 3,700 Town Pump team members across the state are proud to be **Montanans Helping Montanans**.

“ There is no doubt that the past two years will be shadowed by the unprecedented impact of the pandemic on all Montana families. During the most challenging times, we have seen our team members, our community partners, and Montanans come together to support each other to emerge stronger. Together, we have upheld our core mission: Montanans helping Montanans. We look forward to 2022 and continuing our commitment to ensuring that our neighbors have access to basic needs, that education continues to flourish, and our communities continue to strengthen together.”

Mike Kenneally, President - Town Pump Charitable Foundation

2021 marked the **20th Anniversary** of our **Help Those in Need** campaign partnering with food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters across Montana. Over these 20 years, the campaign has helped raise more than **\$43 million** including over **\$10 million** from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

With **1 in 10 Montanans** struggling with hunger—including **over 35,000 Montana children**—we continue to focus on food insecurity through Mail-A-Meal, Meals for Backpacks, Summer Lunch Programs, and No Kid Hungry Montana.

You are invited to visit our website at **townpumpfoundation.com**. There, you will see the programs we are supporting, as well as a link to our online grant application portal.

Thank you for supporting our Montana-owned-and-operated Town Pump family of businesses. With your patronage, we can continue to support communities across Montana.



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20 Years of Your Generosity

HELP THOSE IN NEED CAMPAIGN REACHES MILESTONE

For over twenty years, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has partnered with food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters across the state to fight hunger and food insecurity in our Montana communities. Today, about 1 in 10 Montanans struggle with hunger and over 35,000 Montana children live in food-insecure homes.

In addition to providing funds for our food bank partners, Town Pump helps to create awareness of food insecurity in Montana through radio, television, and newspaper advertising.

In 2002, Frank Cotton — then the executive director of the Butte Rescue Mission — contacted the Town Pump Charitable Foundation as the Mission was in desperate need of a new freezer. This call led to conversations with food bank partners, and to a greater understanding of their need for financial assistance for expenses such as rent, utilities, repairs, insurance, and for the purchase of perishable food items including meat, dairy, and bread.

In 2002, the foundation worked with 17 food banks in 15 Montana communities, and provided matching grants totaling \$50,000. This was the start of the annual “Help Those in Need” campaign to raise much needed funds for our food bank partners.

Each year, new food banks have been added to the annual campaign. Many food banks that are supported in the annual campaign are not located in a community with a Town Pump convenience store, casino, or hotel (see the full list of participating food banks on page 4).

In 2021, the Foundation worked with

103 food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters and provided \$1 million in matching grants. New grant recipients this year included student food pantries at Montana Technological University, Montana State University, the University of Montana, MSU Northern, University of Montana Western, and MSU Billings.

Over these 20 years, the campaign has helped raise more than \$43 million, including over \$10 million in matching funds from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation. The Foundation provides funds without restrictions, allowing local food banks to determine how the money can best be used in their individual communities.

As an outgrowth of our working relationship with food banks, we were made aware of the need for weekend meal programs for school children. The Town Pump Charitable Foundation provides support to many of these food banks through our annual “Meals for Backpacks” program.

Thank you for supporting the 20th Annual “Help Those in Need” campaign. Through your generosity, food banks across the state can continue to serve our neighbors in need.

We are fortunate to live in a state where people care about their neighbors. Our food banks would not exist if it were not for the hard work and dedication of food bank staff and volunteers. We are all truly

Montanans Helping Montanans.

Town Pump is committed to continue our support of food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters across Mon-

tana. We are looking forward to the 2022 “Help Those in Need” campaign to help our hungry neighbors.

Dear Town Pump Corp Fund,
Thank you for being one of our Champions of Hope. Your support of the Poverello Center this past year has allowed us to serve as many people as possible, as safely as possible.
Currently, we are averaging more than 150 individuals a night and we could not do that without your support! Thank you.
Sincerely,
Michael Kernan



Beaverhead Community Food Pantry Volunteers hard at work

Photo Credit: BCFP

20 YEARS OF PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER



FOOD INSECURITY CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE



Matt Curtin
Air Force Veteran, Missoula

The face of hunger is hard to see. It takes many forms. During our fall “Help Those in Need” campaign we attempted to put a face to hunger. Several Montana residents offered their assistance.

Matt Curtin, a Missoula Veteran and former Poverello Center resident, said, “I never thought about a food bank until I became homeless. Now, thanks to so many, I’m eating healthy.”

Jayme Tuomi of Helena, whose husband was diagnosed with cancer, told us “We started using the Helena Food Share because we lost half of our income. I continue

to use the Helena Food Share off and on as I need it.”

Stacey Brown of Family Services in Billings commented on the annual campaign, “The Town Pump match is absolutely incredible. What organization matches a community’s giving? What that does is it allows us the ability to purchase food and take care of operational costs.”

Bruce Day of Helena Food Share observed, “On any given week, we are serving between 300 and 500 people and making a difference to these people who find themselves in need.”

FOOD BANKS listed below received grants in 2021:

Absarokee - Absarokee Area Food Bank
 Augusta - Augusta Food Share
 Alberton - Alberton Community Food Pantry
 Anaconda - Anaconda Project Care
 Arlee - Arlee Community Development Corporation
 Ashland - St. Labre Food Pantry
 Belt - Belt Food Bank
 Big Fork - Big Fork Food Bank
 Big Sky - Big Sky Community Food Bank/HRDC
 Big Timber - Big Timber Food Bank
 Billings - Billings Food Bank
 Billings - Montana Rescue Mission
 Billings - Family Service, Inc.
 Billings - Hannah House Food Pantry
 Billings - St. Vincent DePaul Billings
 Billings - MSU Billings
 Box Elder - St. Mary Catholic Church
 Bozeman - Gallatin Valley Food Bank
 Bozeman - Bobcat Relief Fund - MSU
 Bridger - Bridger Community Food Bank
 Browning - The Nurturing Center
 Browning - Blackfeet Food Pantry
 Butte - Butte Emergency Food Bank
 Butte - Butte Rescue Mission
 Butte - Montana Tech Foundation (Food Pantry)
 Cascade - Cascade Community Food Bank
 Chester - Loaves and Fishes Food Bank
 Chinook - Chinook Food Bank

Choteau - Teton County Food Pantry Inc.
 Colstrip - Colstrip Community Food Bank
 Columbia Falls - Columbia Falls Food Bank
 Columbus - Project Hope of Stillwater County
 Conrad - Pondera Food Pantry
 Culbertson - The County Cupboard
 Cut Bank - Harvest Food Pantry
 Darby - Darby Bread Box
 Deer Lodge - Deer Lodge Food Pantry
 Dillon - Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Inc.
 Dillon - University of Montana Western
 Ennis - Madison Valley Caring and Sharing
 Eureka - Tobacco Valley Food Pantry
 Fairfield - Fairfield Education & Community Association
 Forsyth - Samaritans Pantry
 Ft. Benton - Chouteau County Food Bank
 Glasgow - Valley County Emergency Food Bank
 Glendive - Dawson County Food Bank
 Great Falls - Great Falls FISH, Inc.
 Great Falls - St. Vincent DePaul Society
 Great Falls - Great Falls Rescue Mission
 Great Falls - Helping Hands/1st English Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Hamilton - Haven House Food Bank
 Hamilton - Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.
 Hardin - Helping Hands in Hardin, Inc.
 Havre - Havre Community Food Bank

Havre - Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen
 Havre - MSU Northern
 Helena - Helena Food Share
 Hot Springs - Hot Springs Food Pantry
 Joliet - The Joliet Food Bank
 Kalispell - Flathead Food Bank
 Kalispell - Northwest Montana Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry
 Lakeside - West Shore Food Bank
 Lame Deer - Northern Cheyenne Food Bank
 Laurel - Community Hope, Inc.
 Lewistown - Central Montana Community Cupboard
 Libby - Libby Food Pantry
 Livingston - Livingston Food Pantry of Park County
 Lodge Pole - Red Paint Food Pantry
 Malta - Malta Food Bank
 Maxville - Granite County Food Pantry
 Miles City - Custer County Food Bank
 Miles City - Miles City Soup Kitchen
 Missoula - Missoula Food Bank
 Missoula - Poverello Center, Inc.
 Missoula - Hope Rescue Mission
 Missoula - U of M Student Food Pantry
 Noxon - Community Services Fellowship, Inc.
 Plains - Community Food Pantry
 Polson - Polson Loaves & Fish Food Pantry
 Red Lodge - Carbon County Community Food Bank
 Ronan - Bread Basket Food Pantry

Roundup - Musselshell County Food Bank
 Shelby - Sagebrush Food Pantry
 Shepherd - Shepherd Food Pantry
 Sheridan - Ruby Valley Food Pantry
 Sidney - Richland County Food Bank
 Sidney - Fellowship Food Pantry
 St. Ignatius - Mission Valley Food Pantry
 Stanford - Judith Basin Food Pantry
 Statewide - Essential Eats Distributors
 Statewide - Montana Food Bank Network
 Stevensville - Stevensville Pantry Partners Food Bank
 Superior - Community Food Bank of Mineral County
 Thompson Falls - Community Harvest Food Bank
 Thompson Falls - Gospel Mountain Assembly of God Food Pantry
 Three Forks - Headwaters Area Food Bank
 Townsend - Broadwater Food Pantry
 Troy - Troy Food Pantry
 Twin Bridges - Helping Hand Food Pantry
 West Yellowstone - West Yellowstone Food Bank
 White Sulphur Springs - Meagher County Nutrition Coalition
 Whitefish - North Valley Food Bank
 Whitehall - Whitehall Area Food Pantry
 Whitehall - Sincerely Paul Feeding His Sheep
 Wolf Point - Montana Food Bank Network
 Yaak - The Yaak Food Cupboard

THANK YOU, MONTANA, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

during Town Pump's 2021 Campaign



For 20 years now annually on October 1st, Town Pump team members across Montana have began asking our very generous customers, casino players, and hotel guests if they would like to make a donation to their local food bank as part of the "Help Those in Need" campaign.

The response from our team members and customers is truly inspiring, but in Montana, that is to be expected. We have received donations from \$1 dollar up to several hundred dollars. THANK YOU!

All of these donations are forwarded to the food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens in the communities in which they were received in. There are no restrictions on how the food banks use these funds; the local boards make these decisions.

In 2021, through your generosity, \$456,439 was raised statewide!

This will provide 1.5 million wholesome meals for our Montana neighbors in need.

Town Pump
has donated
\$10 Million
in matching
funds,
contributing to
the total of
\$43 million
that has been
donated to the
food banks of
Montana.

2021 COLLECTIONS BY COMMUNITY:

Anaconda.....	\$5,937	Eureka	\$1,579	Plains.....	\$11,514
Belgrade/Bozeman	\$37,167	Forsyth	\$1,195	Polson.....	\$5,171
Big Timber.....	\$7,571	Glendive.....	\$1,142	Red Lodge.....	\$1,030
Billings	\$26,874	Great Falls.....	\$36,935	Ronan	\$197
Boulder	\$5,533	Hamilton.....	\$10,861	Shelby	\$8,127
Browning	\$1,046	Hardin	\$2,504	Sidney.....	\$3,838
Butte	\$51,194	Havre	\$4,804	Stevensville	\$5,150
Chinook.....	\$4,756	Helena	\$27,541	Superior	\$1,954
Colstrip	\$284	Kalispell	\$30,110	Thompson Falls.....	\$4,781
Columbia Falls	\$5,528	Laurel	\$3,612	Three Forks.....	\$12,955
Columbus	\$2,111	Lewistown.....	\$3,699	Townsend.....	\$5,413
Conrad	\$6,160	Libby.....	\$4,548	Troy	\$10,035
Cut Bank.....	\$3,330	Livingston	\$15,956	White Sulphur Springs..	\$9,553
Deer Lodge	\$5,519	Miles City	\$5,627	Whitefish	\$2,722
Dillon	\$5,972	Missoula Area <i>including</i>		Whitehall	\$10,629
Ennis	\$3,317	Bonner, Lolo, & Florence	\$40,384	Wolf Point.....	\$571

IN 2022
OUR COMMITMENT CONTINUES -
\$1 MILLION
IN MATCHING FUNDS AGAIN!

2021 TOTAL COLLECTED:
\$456,439

Backpack Programs provide vital nutrients for brain development

For some students whose families experience food insecurity or hunger, the only consistent meals they eat may be the ones they receive at school. As a result, many students experience hunger on the weekends.

In 2008, the Montana Food Bank Network piloted a weekend meals program through discretely placing meals in the student's backpacks while the student is out of the classroom for recess. The success of this pilot program has led to the statewide

growth of "Backpack Meals." Today, the Montana Food Bank Network partners with 131 schools to provide over 5,000 weekend "backpacks" for Montana children. Several food banks and schools have their own programs.

In Missoula, the Missoula Food Bank and Community Center provides weekend meals through their "Kids Empower Pack." In Great Falls, the Great Falls Community Food Bank provides meals to all Great Falls Schools through their "Backpacks4Kids" program. And in Helena, nearly 1,000 backpack meals go home every weekend through their "Kid Packs" program.

While "backpack meals" may be unique to each Montana community, a "backpack" will include enough food to replace the meals a child would receive in school (e.g., two breakfast options, two lunch options, two snack options, a can of fruit, and a can of vegetables).

Federal reimbursement is not available for the food provided by backpack programs. Most Montana backpack programs are run through food banks, food pantries, schools, and civic organizations that are already providing emer-



“Thank you for being a part of creating a **hunger-free community**. A community where kids don't have to fear the coming of the weekend because they aren't sure where or when their next meal will be coming. Thank you for helping to give these children **the gift of childhood** where they have enough food and nutrition to learn, to grow, and to play — you know, **kid stuff**.”

Bruce Day
Executive Director
Helena Food Share

Example Backpack

- 2 breakfast options
- 2 lunch options
- 2 snack options
- a can of fruit
- a can of vegetables

gency and supplemental food assistance for families in need. These groups are dependent on grants, donations, and fundraisers to cover their costs.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation began funding "backpack" programs in 2016.

In 2021, the Foundation awarded 84 grants totaling **\$525,000** to backpack programs.

Children experiencing hunger are more likely to have problems with memory and concentration because they do not have enough energy. The brain requires energy to function, and without the right nutrients, the brain cannot develop properly, resulting in long term effects on learning abilities.

By providing kids with the nutrients they need when they are away from school, they show up on Monday morning healthy and ready to learn.

ORGANIZATIONS in the following communities received 2021 Meals for Backpacks grants totaling \$525,000:

Anaconda	Bozeman	Corvallis	Frazer	Harlem	Kalispell	Lockwood	Pryor	St. Ignatius	Troy
Arlee	Browning	Cut Bank	Fromberg	Harlowton	Lakeside	Lodge Grass	Red Lodge	St. Regis	Westby
Ashland	Butte	Darby	Glendive	Havre	Lame Deer	Lodge Pole	Rocky Boy	Stevensville	Whitefish
Belt	Charlo	Deer Lodge	Gold Creek	Heart Butte	Laurel	Miles City	Ronan	Superior	Wolf Point
Bigfork	Columbia Falls	Drummond	Great Falls	Helena	Lewistown	Missoula	Shelby	Thompson Falls/	
Billings	Columbus	Florence	Hamilton	Hinsdale	Libby	Pablo	Shepherd	Plains	
Boulder	Conrad	Fort Benton	Hardin	Huntley Project	Livingston	Polson	Sidney	Townsend	

Educational Alliance: Partnering to inspire scholarship and innovation in STEM

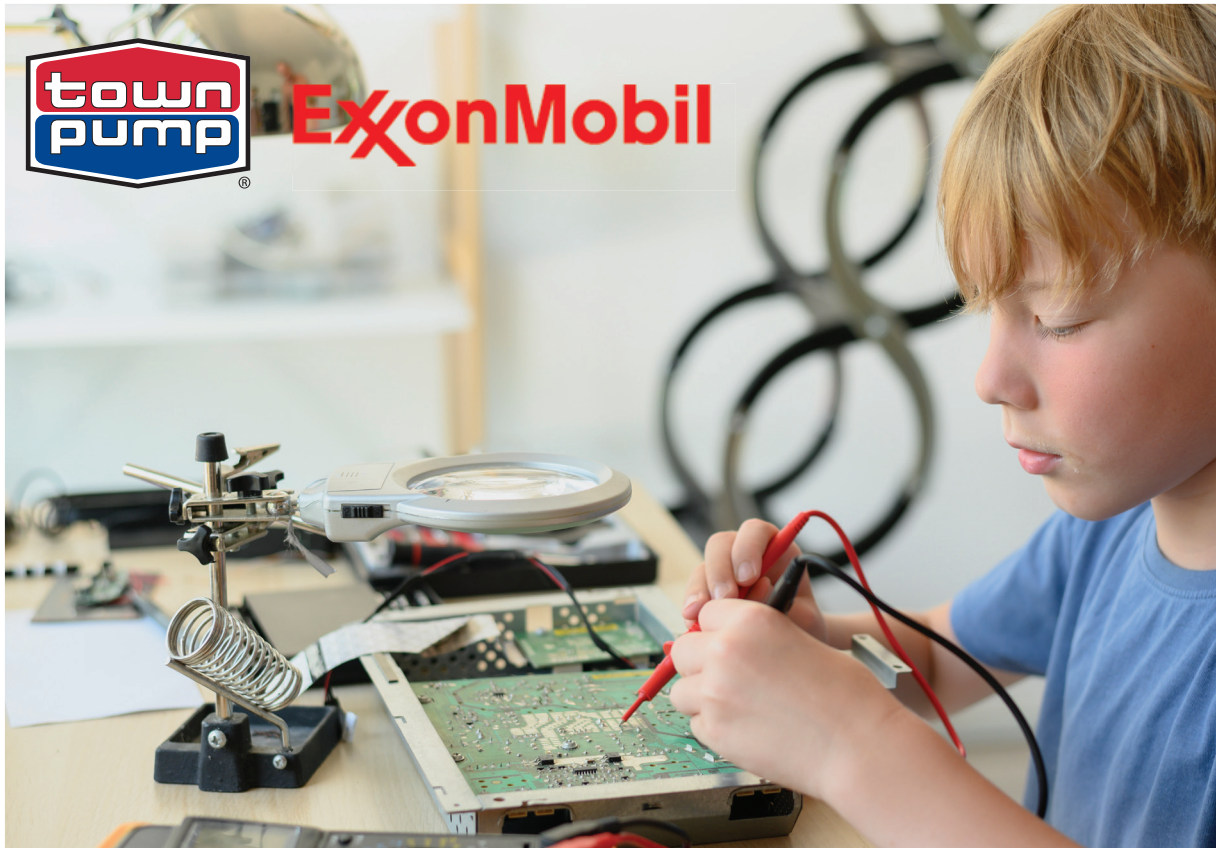
Education is the fundamental building block of individual opportunity and economic growth, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills, in particular, are critical. The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program invests in the future of our communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

Through Town Pump's more-than-45-year partnership with ExxonMobil, we help secure grants for Montana schools. These grants support STEM education within the communities we serve, allowing students to connect what they learn in the classroom with what they see in the real world.

In 2021, 76 Montana schools received \$500 grants for a total of **\$38,000**.

ExxonMobil Public & Government Affairs Representative Dan Carter, who is based in Billings, relayed its corporate philosophy, "The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is a nationwide collaborative effort between the company and branded wholesalers and retailers to fund math and science programs to schools in need. In Montana, ExxonMobil is honored to work with the Town Pump Charitable Foundation and its stores to support schools across the state so that they can truly create 'aha' moments for their students."

Our thanks to ExxonMobil for sharing our commitment to giving back to our Montana communities.



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Thank you for the **generous \$500 grant**.
The Mystery Science program's **higher-level thinking expectations** will reach more students and get them excited about science. The grant will be used to fund the subscription for our **entire student body**.

Mrs. Selig Forsyth Public Schools

SCHOOLS receiving grants totaling \$38,000 included:

Lincoln Elementary - Anaconda	Whittier School - Butte	Conrad Elementary - Conrad	Kessler School - Helena	Ramsay School - Ramsay
Fred Moodry Middle School - Anaconda	Kennedy Elementary School - Butte	HC Davis Elementary - Cut Bank	Jim Darcy School - Helena	K William Harvey Elementary - Ronan
Ridge View Elementary - Belgrade	Emerson Elementary School - Butte	Anna Jeffries Elementary - Cut Bank	Smith Elementary School - Helena	Shelby Elementary School - Shelby
Big Timber Elementary School - Big Timber	Butte High School - Butte	O D Speer School - Deer Lodge	Helmville School - Helmville	Superior Elementary - Superior
Boulder Elementary School - Billings	Hillcrest Elementary School - Butte	Parkview School - Dillon	Cornelius Hedges School - Kalispell	Thompson Falls Elementary School - Thompson Falls
Arrowhead Elementary School - Billings	East Middle School - Butte	Dillon Middle School - Dillon	Garfield School - Lewistown	Three Forks Elem School - Three Forks
Bonner School - Bonner	Margaret Leary School - Butte	Radley Elementary School - East Helena	Libby Elementary School - Libby	Cecelia Hazelton School - Townsend
Boulder Elementary School - Boulder	West Elementary School - Butte	Ennis School - Ennis	B A Winans School - Livingston	W F Morrison School - Troy
Hawthorne School - Bozeman	Meadowlark School - Chinook	Eureka Elementary School - Eureka	Lolo Elementary - Lolo	White Sulphur Springs Elementary - White Sulphur Springs
Chief Joseph Middle School - Bozeman	Frank Brattin Middle School - Colstrip	Forsyth Elementary School - Forsyth	Woodman School - Lolo	L A Muldown School - Whitefish
Longfellow School - Bozeman	Pine Butte Elementary School - Colstrip	Sacajawea School - Great Falls	Garfield Elementary - Miles City	Whitehall Elementary - Whitehall
Emily Dickinson School - Bozeman	Ruder Elementary School - Columbia Falls	Roosevelt Elementary School - Great Falls	Jefferson School - Miles City	Northside School - Wolf Point
Irving Elementary School - Bozeman	Glacier Gateway Elementary - Columbia Falls	Hamilton Middle School - Hamilton	Lowell School - Missoula	
Hawthorne Elementary School - Bozeman	Columbus Middle School - Columbus	Washington School - Hamilton	Russell School - Missoula	
Vina Chattin Elementary School - Browning	Columbus Elem School - Columbus	Hardin Primary - Hardin	Plains Elementary School - Plains	
Browning Elementary - Browning	Meadowlark School - Conrad	Sunnyside School - Havre	Linderman School - Polson	

Summertime reading benefits Students all year long

Each summer, libraries across Montana host summer reading programs designed to promote, encourage, and support reading.

The benefits to readers in a summer reading program include encouraging life-long reading habits, stimulates interest in the library and reading, exercises the brain over the summer, provides a great summer activity, and helps prevent the summer slide in a child's reading skills. Reading is a fundamental skill and a gateway to success in life.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation's Keep Kids Reading program was designed to offer financial assistance to libraries across Montana which offer a summer reading program.



The grants could be used for books, prizes, snacks, staffing and other materials needed for a successful program.

A successful summer reading program takes hard work and commitment on the part of librarians, library staff, and volunteers. These individuals have provided an opportunity for children to sharpen their reading skills while enjoying the amenities of our local libraries.

They are truly Montanans helping Montanans.

Cut Bank Summer Readers with prizes they won through reading

Photo Credit: Glacier County Library-Cut Bank @GlacierCountyLibrary on Facebook

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

townpumpfoundation.com/reading

ORGANIZATIONS receiving 2021 Keep Kids Reading grants totaling \$76,000:

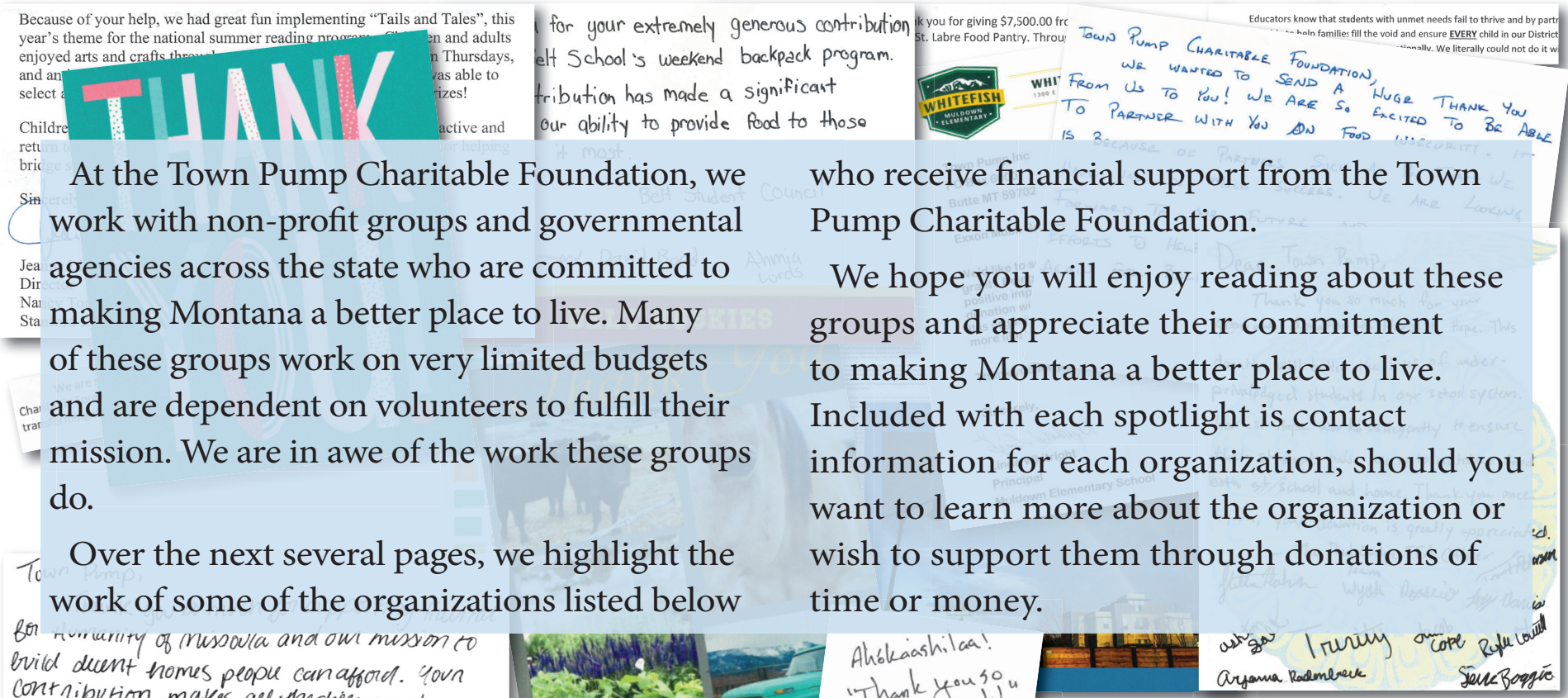
Beartooth Elementary School
Belgrade Community Library
Big Horn County Library
Billings Public Library
Bitterroot Public Library
Boulder Community Library
Bozeman Public Library Foundation
Broadwater School & Community Library
Broadwater Social Services Committee
Butte Silver Bow Public Library
Carnegie Public Library - Big Timber
Chief Dull Knife College
Chouteau County Library Foundation
Columbia Falls High School
Columbia Falls School District

Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc.
Conrad Public Library
Daniels County Library
Darby Community Public Library
Dillon Public Library
Drummond School & Community Library
Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools
Ekalaka Public Library
Fallon County Library, Inc.
Friends of Madison Valley Public Library
Friends of the Bicentennial Library of Colstrip
Friends of the Big Sky Community Library
Friends of the Bridger Library
Friends of the Lewistown Public Library

Friends of the Liberty County Library
Friends of the Meagher County-City Library
Friends of the Roosevelt County Library
Friends of the Thompson Falls Library
Friends of the Whitehall Community Library
George McCone Memorial County Library
Glacier County Library Memorial Foundation
Glasgow City-County Library
Glendive Public Library
Great Falls Public Library
Harlem Public Library
Harlowton Public Library
Havre-Hill County Library Foundation
Hearst Free Library - Anaconda
Imagine IF Library Foundation
LaMotte School

Lewis & Clark Library
Lincoln County Library Foundation (Libby)
Lincoln County Library Foundation (Troy)
Livingston - Park County Library
Livingston School District - East Side School Library
Manhattan Community Library
Miles City Public Library
Mineral County Public Library
Missoula Public Library - Lolo Branch
Moore School
North Lake County Public Library
North Valley Public Library - Stevensville
Park City School Library
Philipsburg Area Community Library
Prairie County Library

Radley Elementary School- East Helena
Red Lodge Carnegie Library
Richey Public Library
Sidney-Richland County Library
Stanford Library Guild
Stillwater County Library
Sunburst Branch Library
Toole County Library
Twin Bridges Public Library
United Way of Yellowstone County
Valier Public Library
Wedsworth Memorial Library - Cascade
West Shore Community Library
West Valley School - Kalispell
Whitefish Library Association
William K. Kohrs Memorial Library



At the Town Pump Charitable Foundation, we work with non-profit groups and governmental agencies across the state who are committed to making Montana a better place to live. Many of these groups work on very limited budgets and are dependent on volunteers to fulfill their mission. We are in awe of the work these groups do.

Over the next several pages, we highlight the work of some of the organizations listed below

who receive financial support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

We hope you will enjoy reading about these groups and appreciate their commitment to making Montana a better place to live. Included with each spotlight is contact information for each organization, should you want to learn more about the organization or wish to support them through donations of time or money.

Additional grants awarded in 2021 - totaling \$805,850

Anaconda	Anaconda Community Foundation Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. Pintler Pets	Butte	Orphan Girl Children's Theatre The Butte Literacy Program The Mother Lode Theatre United Way of Butte & Anaconda	Helena	Helena Symphony Helena YMCA Lewis and Clark Literacy Council Mending Waters Montana Montana History Center Montana Veterans Foundation Options Clinic Prickly Pear Fireworks The Alex Foundation The Angel Fund Vigilante District - Boy Scouts of America Alano Club of Kalispell, Inc. Flathead Warming Center Greater Valley Health Center Human Therapy on Horseback Samaritan House Youth Dynamics Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley Laurel American Legion Auxiliary Laurel Hometown Troops Laurel Montana Community Foundation, Inc. Lavina Public School ASPEN Friends of the Community, Inc. Marion School Boys & Girls Club of Missoula County Brain Injury Alliance of Montana Center for Music by People with Disabilities Families First Learning Lab Foundation for Community Health Garden City Harvest Habitat for Humanity Missoula Missoula Aging Services Missoula Education Foundation	Missoula	MOR4Kids Mountain Home Montana Red Willow Learning Center River of Life Ministries Soft Landing Missoula St. Paul Lutheran Church Watson Children's Shelter YWCA Missoula Braach Shepherds 4 Veterans, Inc. Church on the Move Plains-Paradise Senior Citizens Association Red Lodge Area Community Foundation Red Lodge Senior Club Essential Eats SAFE Harbor Roundup Evangelical Bible Church Northern Transit Interlocal Youth Dynamics, Inc. Firewood Bank of the Ruby Valley Sheridan Wrestling Club Lake County Community Support Coding for Kids Stevensville Garden Club STOKE CASA of Montana Homeward for Heroes K9 Care Montana, Inc. Leadership Montana Montana Association for the Blind Montana Cattlemen's Association Foundation Montana East-West Shrine Game Montana Hope Project No Kid Hungry Montana - DPHHS Producer Partnership
Belgrade	Belgrade Senior Center	Carter	Chouteau County Cancer Support Group				
Belt	Belt Food Bank	Columbia Falls	Badrock Fire & QRU				
Big Timber	Four Winds Ministries	Culbertson	Roosevelt Memorial Healthcare Foundation				
Billings	Adult Resource Alliance Angela's Piazza Chinook Horses GFWC Billings Junior Women's Club Children's Foundation Gratitude in Action Horses Spirits Healing, Inc. Newman PTA P.E.A.K.S.	Deer Lodge Dillon	Town of Culbertson Powell County High School Beaverhead Community Wood Bank Ministry, Inc. New Hope Pregnancy Support Center of Dillon Tobacco Valley Board of History Town of Fairfield Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department	Kalispell			
Boulder	Boulder River Carousel & Amusements, Inc.	Geraldine	Geraldine Community Ambulance				
Bozeman	Bozeman High School Children's Museum of Bozeman, Inc. Family Promise of Gallatin Valley Greater Gallatin United Way HAVEN Montana Independent Living Project Sage Gardeners Action, Inc. Butte Central Catholic High School Butte Rescue Mission Butte-Silver Bow Council on Aging Career Futures, Inc. Child Bridge, Inc. Connecting for a Cancer Cure I-15 / I-90 Search Rescue MainStreet Uptown Butte Montana Tech Foundation New Hope Pregnancy Clinic	Glendive Great Falls Hamilton Havre Helena	Friends of Makoshika Makoshika Wellness, Inc. Alliance for Youth, Inc. Electric City Lions Club Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic Kelly's Closet Sunburst Unlimited, Inc. United Way of Cascade County YWCA - Great Falls Laundry Love Hamilton Sapphire Community Health Havre Lions Parents Swim Club Plant A Seed READ Career Training Institute Florence Crittenton Home & Services Helena Public Schools	Lakeside Laurel Lavina Livingston Marion Missoula			
						Philipsburg Plains Red Lodge Rocky Boy Ronan Roundup Shelby Sheridan St. Ignatius Stevensville Townsend Statewide	

Homeward for Heroes; honoring heroes with healing

BY RENATA BIRKENBUEL

Healing takes on a very Montana flavor when Homeward for Heroes, a unique nonprofit program for veterans, embarks on one of its week-long journeys touring old mines and ghost towns between campfires.

Town Pump Charitable Foundation donated toward Operation Disconnect to Reconnect.

Operation Disconnect to Reconnect is an Old West Montana Trek that Dan Reese and Laura Reese organize from Kalispell. Spouses, law enforcement, firefighters and first responders are also welcome.

“These participants will not only be enjoying Montana’s history, but it will facilitate our mission. Our goal is to get them to open up on their hardships and create a bond with others,” said Dan Reese, adding that settings include key campsite campfires in remote locations.

“Being a 20-year veteran myself, I have noticed that veterans trust veterans. We will share our service-connected hardship (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) experiences with each other,” added Dan, a 20-year military vet himself and Sergeant first class in the Montana National Guard.

Last July, Town Pump helped HH guide 23 veterans—women and men, ages 19 to 75—on a 10-day trip to “disconnect to reconnect” in what the Reeses dub the Old West Montana Trek.

Traveling by caravan in their own vehicles, vets followed the Reeses’ lead Jeep. They started in the Bitterroot Wilderness and hit Lost Trail Pass, Bannack State Park, Elkhorn State Park, Nevada City, Virginia City, Butte, Wicks Tunnel near Boulder, Helena ghost towns and toured the Old Prison in Deer Lodge.

The group finished at Herd 2 Human Ranch Equestrian Center, an equine-assisted therapy partner located in

Clinton, Montana that helps vets and first responders alleviate PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

“We like to network with other nonprofits as much as possible,” said Laura.

Town Pump covered fuel costs, food,



Laura and Dan Reese, Founders of Homeward for Heroes

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activities, and some camping fees at national forests or Bureau of Land Management sites.

“That’s in a nutshell how Town Pump helps us,” said Laura. “With rising gas prices, it really helps us fund our gas. That’s a huge help for us.”

Last summer’s fires,

however, rerouted the trekkers a bit.

“It was fairly hot, and the fires took us in different directions,” said Laura. “It’s a short summer season, but we do as many as we can in Montana.”

As for savory campfire food, HH provides gift cards, based on a governmental per diem, to participants.

“Everybody has different dietary



A Trek group gathered in Elkhorn City, MT

Photo Credit: Homeward for Heroes

“

What we are doing **is helping** and it is **because of organizations like yours** that believe in our mission. It is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you card from
Homeward for Heroes**

Heroes, continued

needs,” she said. “We have dinner together when we are camping, but people can provide their own food, as well. Nothing is paid out of pocket by them.”

Homeward for Heroes has existed since 2015, but the nonprofit status started in 2018, when funders began backing the treks.

“We were shelling out of our own pockets before,” said Dan.

On top of five treks per year, including Moab, Utah, for hundreds of vets, the Reeses also offer crucial meet-and-greet events around Montana for thousands.

Their goals are to help vets cope with PTSD, suicide prevention and reintroduce them back into society after traumatic deployments.

“We try to surround veterans with other vets on treks as an extended family so no one fights their battles alone,” said Laura.

Last year, in the Flathead Valley alone, the Reeses and their board of directors helped prevent 15 suicides among vets “just by reaching out.”

Dan understands their plight, as he served eight years as an active-duty United States Marine, four years in active-duty U.S. Army and eight years in the National Guard. He experienced dangerous upris-

ings in the Philippines and Desert Storm and twice deployed to Afghanistan.

“My inspiration was for everything that I’ve been through and fellow soldiers that I’ve lost,” he said. “I’ve wondered, ‘What was the difference between them and me? Why was it them and not me?’ I had an epiphany, sitting at the campfire. With that, we started doing Homeward for Heroes with some close friends before we were a nonprofit.”

One Navy corpsman, disabled and suf-



We had **\$3,000** in the checking account at the time... So **Town Pump** made this possible.

Laura & Dan Reese
Co-Founders
Homeward for Heroes

fering from PTSD, did not talk on his first HH trek. On his second trek, he slowly opened up, then by his third trek, he was talking.

A typical trek begins with a light-heart-

ed introductory campfire. The days include building and traveling, campfire rules and sharing activities in which vets write down personal demons and toss them into the fire. They also release balloons into the night that symbolically help them release burdens.

“We kinda build on it all week,” said Dan, who personally has walked in on fellow soldiers’ suicide attempts. “When you get into some of these PTSD triggers, it can be very scary, so we put rules out there for them to follow. We don’t record it. It’s all about that deep bond and trust.”

The July trek drew many more vets than during the 2020 pandemic, when only nine participated. The latest adventure was the second time Town Pump donated to the program.

Growing in popularity, the trek lists filled up in three days last spring.

“We had \$3,000 in the checking account at the time,” said Dan.

“So Town Pump made this possible,” added Laura.

Additional donations from the Whitefish Community Foundation and anonymous matching donors, HH raised \$6,200 in one day for the 2021 trek.

Staying reconnected remains a



A group of Trekkers at Bannock, MT
Photo Credit: Homeward for Heroes

main goal, as Homeward for Heroes invites all trek alumni to a bigger reunion next year.

The monthly meetings in the Flathead give vets a place to go for the holidays, too.

“We cook, we sit around the campfire, we do various activities, for Thanksgiving and Christmas,” said Laura. “We cook for 20-something vets. We open that to as many veterans who want to go.”

Calling from the Mojave Desert recently, the Reeses are all in. Recently they took part in a Warriors Run for Veterans, a vehicle-driven fundraiser separate from Homeward for Heroes.

“By sharing these trouble memories with each other, it will start the healing process and create a bond. By end of our trek, we will have made new friends to lean on in a time of need,” said Dan.



Trek Downtime at West Cameahwait Campground, Dillon MT

Photo Credit: Homeward for Heroes

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Transportation is Lifeline on the Hi-Line



For folks in Northcentral Montana who need a breezy, easy, free way to get around, Northern Transit Interlocal of Shelby on the Hi-Line provides crucial bus transport to those in need.

"The funding we receive from Town Pump is solely used for the operational cost of the transit," said Transit Coordinator David R. Irvin.

During the past 11 years, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has donated **\$27,500** to the no-cost, public transportation entity, a not-for-profit, independent organization.



NTI lead driver, Randy Shepherd, with summer driver Damon R. Irvin, son of NTI's Executive Director (and Montana Tech student)
Photo Credit: NTI

All routes and rides come at no cost, but passengers have an option to donate.

The most popular route from Shelby to Great Falls logged 8,031 rides in fiscal year 2021.

In the same time frame, the route from Shelby to Kalispell logged 4,874 rides. Altogether, local rides to and from Browning, Conrad, Cut Bank, Shelby, Sunburst, Sweetgrass and Valier drew 3,867 rides.

Irvin attributes passengers traveling to medical appointments in Great Falls and Kalispell for the busiest routes.

"However, this past year we had a major increase in ridership from Canadian citizens going from Great Falls to the Sweetgrass Border," he added.

Open to the general public, NTI draws mainly from the 25-to-40 age group. Retired folks, deemed "Medicare travelers," who may travel from Great Falls to the Canadian border – perhaps to buy less-expensive medications—also comprise the largest rider demographic.

Northern Transit Interlocal, a partnership of Toole County Transit, Glacier County Transit and Pondera County Transit, was founded in 2007. It has provided over 75,000 rides since then, including a record 16,123 rides in 2019.

The Montana Department of Transportation primarily funds NTI and its partners. Local governments, corporate donations and passenger donations also fund the no-cost transportation to the general public.

"NTI has grown considerably since 2007 and continues to improve upon the service it provides our local communities," said Irvin, who came on board as executive director in 2016.

Awarded the Montana Transit of the Year in 2018 and in 2020, NTI uses joyful slogans: "Enjoy the Ride" and "Get



NTI facility with the new concrete driveway which was installed last year with Cares Act funding
Photo Credit: NTI

on the bus/Leave the driving to us!"

"NTI employees take pride in what we do and love to help the communities we serve," said Irvin. "We take safety first and in our 13 years of service there has never been an accident with passengers on board. We have a very supportive board of directors that work with me, so



NTI is very thankful for companies like Town Pump who give back to their communities. Without corporate donations, we would not be able to provide no-cost transportation to the many people in our area who so desperately need our services.

David R. Irvin
Executive Director - Northern Transit Interlocal

we all understand what goals we have for the future of NTI with growth. No matter who and where we serve, you will get first class transportation from NTI."

COVID put a wrench into numbers, as NTI experienced a 54% reduction in ridership from April 2020 to January 2021. The pandemic shut down the busi-

ness for two full weeks in April 2020, but since then NTI logged 19,372 rides.

"However, since January 2021 to the current date, we are seeing an 18% rebound in ridership. I believe we could be back to a normal ridership in another years' time."

NTI employs nine transportation drivers and 11 workers total.

Deb Brandon, a former Toole County commissioner, and Page Nagy, former transit coordinator, were instrumental in getting NTI off the ground. Since Irvin boarded, he has boosted Internet technology to make it easier for passengers to decipher the schedule and secure reservations online.

Irvin said NTI is one of many public transportation companies in Mon-

tana that uses a similar business model.

"In my opinion, NTI is unique with the ways we have been able to reach out to people, so they understand how our system works. We continue to improve upon ways passengers can understand how our no-cost transportation can assist them."

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Bus Routes & Schedules
General Info:

northern.rural-transit.com
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Town Pump Charitable Foundation

Beefing up funding for The Producer Partnership

Livingston rancher, beef producer and multi-tasker Matt Pierson took questions while shoveling gravel to pour cement for The Producer Partnership, Inc.'s new upcoming beef processing plant at his Highland Livestock ranch, located 12 miles east of town.

"This will be the first federally inspected, fully purchased and operated non-profit processing facility in the US," said Pierson, the sound of gravel hitting its target over the phone call.

The modular plant, scheduled for set-up by the end of December, is a dream come true for Pierson, his wife Kris Pierson and partner Dan Walker – leaders of an all-volunteer five-member nonprofit board, whose ultimate mission is to help end hunger throughout Montana.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation donated **\$30,000** to The Producer Partnership that will make a big dent in processing the donated meat.

"Not bad for an organization founded

only nine months earlier," said Pierson. "Since the beginning of February 2021, we have received, processed, and distributed over 20,000 pounds of meat, supported by generous operating cost donations."

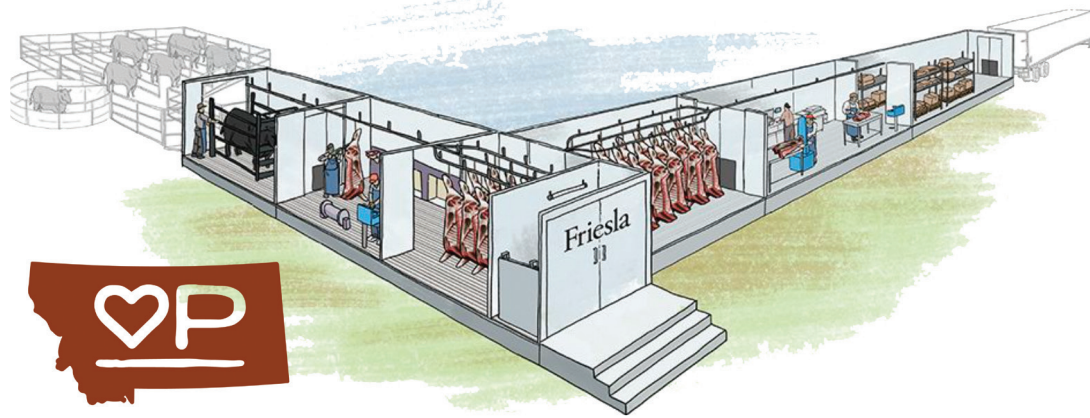
The new USDA-approved, local plant will allow the organization to process on-site its own beef, rather than outsourcing it to other processing plants, which can get expensive.

"Creating a local, USDA-approved nonprofit facility bolsters our work, but does not compete with other small Montana-based processors," said Pierson.

All the hamburger then is donated locally and to the Montana Food Bank Network. The Livingston Food Resource Center was the first recipient.

Generous ranchers donate their "cull" cattle to the cause, then The Producer Partnership facilitates the processing of the meat.

"The donated \$30,000 is to help for processing, so we use that money," Pierson said. "We've already used most of it up on processing. We have not stopped



processing animals, even though we're building this (plant)."

As of November, The Producer Partnership's ongoing capital campaign had raised nearly \$2 million of a \$2.2 million goal to cover the operations budget for the new processing facility, he said. A long list of donors big and small appears at ProducerPartnership.com.

"Last year, we turned away more live animals than I'd like to admit because we couldn't find and kill and process date, so we were forced to go to an expensive processor out of state. I knew we needed something of our own to reduce processing fees, insure we could process animals on demand, and if we truly want to end hunger in Montana, at least with hamburger, we needed our own processing plant."

The Montana Food Bank Network next takes the reigns.

"Then we recover the donations when ready and use our statewide distribution network of over 150 statewide community pantries, shelters, and senior centers, who then insure it is getting to those truly in need," said Brent Weisgram, MFBN vice president/COO.

Currently, Producer Partnership contracts with federally inspected processing plants, including Yellowstone River Beef

in Williston, ND, which he called "awesome."

"Within the next month, we'll begin the long process of putting (the plant) together. The best way to think of it is as a giant Lego set. It will have the capacity of doing 15 head of cattle per day and it will be a multi-use facility -- everything from a goat to a bison. We have processed some other animals, but getting them in to these other facilities due to hunting season is pretty much impossible."

Pierson, a fifth-generation cattle ranch-



This protein is **so important** and provides tremendous nutritional value found in Montana grown and raised, **high-quality**, beef and pork which otherwise they **would not be able to afford**.

Brent Weisgram
Vice President / COO
Montana Food Bank Network



Left to right: Stacey Brown, Billings Family Services director; Kris Pierson and Matt Pierson, co-founders of The Producer Partnership
Photo Credit: The Producer Partnership

er, had an epiphany in 2020, when the COVID pandemic created shortages of beef in local grocery stores and the local food pantry.

He envisioned a way to solve the local food shortage problem, eventually transforming The Producer Partnership into a

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Transforming Veterans' lives with equine therapy

Nonprofit co-founders and married partners Paul Gatzemeier and Barb Skelton founded Horses Spirits Healing, Inc., in 2014. Gatzemeier said that their accredited equine therapy program is one of only two in Montana.



Town Pump Charitable

Foundation has provided financial support to Horses Spirits Healing on nearly an annual basis for quite some time.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation donated \$4,000 to Horses Spirits Healing in 2021.

Horses Spirits Healing planned to use the funding specifically for equine-assisted activities and therapy sessions, many for veterans suffering from PTSD—who comprise a big percentage of clients.

Vets' family members, including spouses and children, plus first responders and community members, round out the clientele.

"As far as I know, we're the only center of significance that does equine therapy on the scale that we do it. We're the only ones that do it for veterans, as far as I know," said Gatzemeier, a retired energy executive, an owner of Intermountain Equestrian Center, and president of HSHI.

Intermountain Equestrian Center, 7256 Highway 3 in Billings, houses the nonprofit. It is located nearly 7 miles northwest of town.

Reportedly, about 200 premiere accredited equine therapy centers exist throughout the United States, including the Billings one and one in Bozeman.

In 2020, a total of 57 veterans completed the estimated 1,200 equine-assisted

sessions that follow an active-participation model.

"Total sessions for 2020 were about 10% higher than our total sessions for 2019," said Gatzemeier.

A key ingredient to the success of HSHI is the crew of volunteers who donate time, energy and expertise to the therapy program.

In the 12 months making up 2020, they conducted 650 veteran volunteer sessions and about 1,000 family sessions. Veteran family members participated in about 50 of those. Veteran family members often include children or grandchildren.

According to early estimates, Gatzemeier expected 2021 clientele to increase about 40 percent above the 2020 partici-

pant numbers.

Having started the Intermountain Equestrian Center in 1999, Gatzemeier and Skelton rented the facility to a local private college for equestrian classes for 20 years.

"We built the facilities to meet their growth as it occurred," he said, as the nonprofit increasingly became interested in therapeutic riding.

The nonprofit eventually joined the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship and offer a credential for instructors. Currently three certified instructors work for them.

The typical first three sessions follow a step-by-step procedure:

The client meets the horse, learns how

to groom it and learns the horse's language, then proceeds to an individualized, participant-driven program with hands-on activities and instructor-set functional goals.

"We don't have therapists or counselors," said Gatzemeier. "There are people way more suited for that than we are. What we do is equine activities with faculty, horses and instructors – and if you need a therapist, you have to bring your own. In the case of our veterans, they are referred through the Veterans Administration and they have psychiatrists, counselors and all that."

The program services Yellowstone County and eight adjacent counties.

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Garden City Harvest food security project

For 25 years, Garden City Harvest in Missoula has partnered with like-minded organizations to stem food insecurity in Missoula County.

Town Pump Charitable Foundation recently donated \$7,500 for the Garden City Harvest Food Security Project.

The Food Security Project tends four neighborhood farms and 10 community gardens, sprouting 400 garden plots to “make this food accessible for everyone,” said Jean Zosel, executive director since 2011.

“That’s only two of our four programs. I know Town Pump has been a big supporter of food banks, and since COVID hit, there have been so many people struggling to put food on their tables. Town Pump was happy to give it.”

The Town Pump donation is earmarked primarily for the neighborhood farms, but Garden City Harvest’s roots dig deep and far: it also maintains seven school gardens for a popular Farm-to-School program, plus a Youth Development Program in which at-risk teens re-



GARDEN CITY HARVEST

define themselves as farmers.

About 40% of GCH’s operating budget comes from individual contributions, about 25 percent from grants, and another 35 percent from program income generated from garden plot rentals, summer camps, and veggie sales, said Zosel.

Since its business calendar revolves around the growing season, GCH hopes to raise \$80,000 by the end of the year.

“We would love to blow \$100k out of the water, but we will see,” she said. “There’s always kind of this mad scramble at the end of the year—and it’s been kind of a mad scramble this past year with COVID, but it all goes back into the

ground and into people’s mouth.”

Garden City Harvest impacts a wide range of partners in the community: discounted and subsidized mobile farm stands at senior centers and Head Start, Soft Landing Missoula, Missoula YWCA and the Meadowlark Domestic Violence Shelter, recipients of season finale produce.

Garden City Harvest distributes between 140,000 and 150,000 pounds of food per year on a sliding fee scale, based on market rate. Community gardens alone grow 100,000 pounds of food annually for individual families.

“All of this food is grown for the com-

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I know Town Pump has been a **big supporter of food banks** and since COVID hit, there have been **so many people struggling** to put food on their tables.

Town Pump was happy to give it.

Jean Zosel
Executive Director
Garden City Harvest

munity in one way, shape or form,” Zosel said. “We do a lot of good things to meet people where they are. One-hundred percent of the edible food goes back into the community.”

“We connect with over 20,000 people a year with our work; it’s got a huge impact. We’re quietly doing our work and I think we surprise people with that.”

Up to 70% of gardeners, typically from low-to-moderate income households, qualify for a sliding fee scale, scholarship or payment plan. Vegetable subscriptions and Community Supported Agriculture boxes are available. Waiting lists for community gardens fill up fast.

“We ask people to come personally to our farms to ... pick up your share of veggies each week. That way, you get to know your farmer, how your food is grown and enjoy some green space.”

Garden City Harvest leads a robust food distribution network, partnering with All Nations Health Center, Mountain Home Montana, drug and alcohol abuse recovery centers and rehabilitation homes.

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Meadow Hill Community gardener waters her plot

Photo Credit: Athena Photography

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About one dozen therapy horses—whose beautiful mugs are posted on the HSHI website at horsesspiritshealing.org—work the program.

“The horses are pretty neat and individually chosen,” said Joan Grauman, a HSHI board member, grant writer, community volunteer and long-time nonprofit expert. “They’re chosen for their dispositions.”

Testimonials abound from veterans who have found “healing to empowerment” success via the HSHI program.

“Working with the horse requires trust which comes with awareness and good communication,” said one retired military vet. “The skills that the HSHI personnel impart to me has helped me be more outgoing and comfortable.”

Importantly, HSHI offers all veterans – no matter their experience – the opportunity to connect with horses.

“The time that I get to spend out at Horses Spirits Healing is something that I don’t think I could get elsewhere,” said another veteran. “The staff and everyone out there will make you feel that you belong there. The time that I get to spend out there with my daughter is helping me reconnect and to learn how to be in the moment with

her and just have some fun. I also volunteer and it gives me a sense of purpose again... it is a place for me to go and feel a part of something.”

“It is this simple, non-judgmental interaction that helps alleviate wounds, both seen and unseen,” reads the website.

Among the programs matched to individual needs and goals are therapeutic riding, equine-assisted learning, equine-facilitated psychotherapy, and equine-adaptive activities that include roping, driving, packing, jumping, barrel racing, equine Frisbee and soccer, trail, modified skijoring, and color guard.

The suicide rate for veterans is three times the national rate and 1.7 times the state rate. Montana is the state with the highest number of veterans per capita, and third highest suicide rate in the nation. Organizations addressing these pressing issues in Montana are a vital part of Town Pump Charitable Foundation’s focus on helping our fellow Montanans.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

horsesspiritshealing.org
facebook.com/horsesspiritshealing



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Roots Off Reserve gardener with her rainbow chard harvest
Photo Credit: Phillip Herberger Photography

“We’re just trying to make this food accessible to everyone; that’s the goal. But we’re always looking for gaps to fill. GCH is not something your average community has, but this is kind of unique to Missoula and Montana. For us to be a nonprofit and we’re operating these farms and growing all this food, teaching kids, welcoming at-risk teenagers with their first jobs and getting volunteers for our vegetable program – it’s other ways to get food to people.”

The COVID pandemic proved especially tricky, but GCH persevered.

“Last year we just really felt the weight of that to get that food out to people,” she said. “We do 20,000 pounds of food to the Missoula Food Bank and 5,000 pounds to The Poverello Center.”

Zosel oversees a staff of 31 at 20 sites around town. Most employees are seasonal, but five are year-round workers.

“Keeping everyone healthy was key last year,” she said. “I felt really lucky that our staff are such dedicated, hard-working folks.”

Over 300 donors fund the programs. Garden City Harvest’s last capital campaign,

from 2016 to 2018, raised \$2.8 million to build a permanent, heated home office and community space on the 1657 River Road farm, merely one of several properties the nonprofit owns.

Garden City Harvest aims to connect gardeners and build community in positive, healthy, meaningful ways.

“It’s a lot harder to hate someone if you know them,” she said. “Everybody comes at it from a different place.”

Josh Slotnick, one of the Garden City Harvest co-founders, a Missoula County commissioner and University of Montana environmental studies professor, helped create a vital food mission that Zosel and her staff generously continue to share with other towns, cities and initiatives.

“Because we’ve been doing this for 25 years, we’ve figured some things out, so we’re happy to share,” added Zosel. “We’ve grown into this and we realize how important it is.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

gardencityharvest.org
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statewide network of farmers and ranchers working to end hunger in Montana.

In 2020 alone, after Pierson and friend conjured the idea for the nonprofit, 28 donor-producers and the Produce Partnership processed 138 animals, generating 53,345 pounds of donated meat to those experiencing food insecurity.

“We’re hitting the high time of the year... the end of the year when people start culling off their animals. Everything goes into the food bank; everything we do will help with the holidays.”

On top of those stunning numbers, a total of 64 individuals, foundations and corporations contributed \$150,794 in

cash, covering all the costs of animal processing for the year.

The Producer Partnership processes custom beef orders, too, and sells directly to the consumer.



Beef Packaged & Ready to Go

Photo Credit: The Producer Partnership

“That’s the farm-to-plate business model that we work with,” said Pierson.

Partnerships with several key players in the beef industry bolsters the organization’s gravitas: Northern Ag Network, Montana Beef Council, American Farm Bureau and the Montana Stock Growers Association endorses the unique operation.

Meanwhile, a

building firm north of Seattle is constructing the modular unit, eventually moved to Livingston for set-up sometime during the holidays.

Pierson, who serves as president of The Producer Partnership board alongside Vice President Walker, Treasurer Kris Pierson and board members Scott Kesler and Anne Buckley, foresees great production in the near future.

“We hope to start processing our donated livestock by the end of 2021. Phase One of our processing plant will have the capacity to process up to 300 animals per month, easily meeting the protein needs of all Montanans served by the Montana Food Bank Network,” said Pierson.

As for production, The Producer Part-

nership had secured 22,822 pounds of hamburger as of mid-November leading up to the holidays to provide Montana Food Bank Network, located in Missoula.

“Our second-year stretch goal is provide the MFBN with 106,700 pounds of hamburger for the entire year,” he said. “Under the current processing fee (\$3 per pound), it will cost \$320,000 to process all this meat,” he said.

Deep in the middle of the holidays, hunting season and winter, Producer Partnership and dedicated donors – such as Town Pump – volunteers, board directors, producers and collaborative processors provide much-needed food for Montanans struggling with food insecurity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

producerpartnership.com
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Town Pump awards \$52,000 employee and family member scholarships

Each year, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation provides scholarships for active team members, their children, step-children and grandchildren.

Students must be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year Montana college or university.

Maximum eligibility for recipients is four years.

In 2021, 26 students each received **\$2,000** grants for their academic studies.

The grants may be used for tuition, books, supplies and other education expenses.

Everyone at Town Pump wishes these students a productive college experience.



2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WERE:

Wyatt Biggers	Rylee Jo Gonzales	Andrew Johnson	Holden Sampson
Karry Bowman	Mercedes Hagen	Baily Ann Johnson	Jenna Sanders
Claire Britton	DeLaney Hinman	Tatum Kirschenheiter	Megan Udeck
Tyler Brockman	Kassady Hinman	Kathryn Manson	Mackinzie Wilson
Jasmyne Crawford	Jenna Hodges	Danika Murphy	Alivia Wixsten
Natalie Dulac	Brook Holland	Hannah O'Dell	
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2021 TOTAL AWARDED
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They serve as the “eyes and ears” of the judge, gathering relevant information about the child and the family. They make recommendations to the judge regarding what is in the child’s best interest.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation provides annual grants to CASA/GAL to support their programs.

In 2020, 914 Montana volunteer advocates helped 2,253 Montana children—donating 38,124 hours of their time. Additional volunteers are needed as there are over 1,000 children waiting for an advocate.

CASA/GAL volunteers are compassionate, objective, self-motivated individuals from the community who are trained to speak on behalf of abused and neglected



children. After completion of an application with references, an interview with program staff, a complete criminal and child abuse registry check is performed on each applicant. After the applicant attends training, the volunteers are sworn in by a juvenile court judge, and adhere to strict confidentiality and professionalism throughout their appointment.

The CASA/GAL advocates for the child—giving them a voice in court, eval-

uates the child’s situation through an objective lens, identifies resources and services for the child, and ensures the rights of abused and neglected children are being protected and the child’s best interests are being met. The volunteer CASA/GAL is often the one constant in a child’s life during the time the child is in care.

With over 1,000 children in Montana waiting for an advocate, volunteers are needed. Each case lasts two years on average and requires about 10–15 volunteer hours per month.

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Donations keep volunteer EMT and ambulance services equipped



Grasshopper Valley VFD EMS Team (Polaris, Montana) demonstrates their new full body vacuum mattress, which allows for full-body restraint including head & neck.
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First response for medical emergencies in many rural Montana communities are handled by volunteer QRUs (Quick Response Units), Volunteer EMTs and ambulance services.

Many of these organizations receive little or no support from local govern-

ments, depending instead on donations and community spaghetti fundraisers to purchase needed equipment and supplies.

Organizations like these often delay purchasing such needed items as high-visibility jackets, pagers, radios,

tablets, ambulance upgrades, safety gear, medical packs, automatic external defibrillators (AED), CPR training equipment, turnout gear, chest compression equipment, or other minor equipment.

Dear Town Pump Foundation -

Thank you so very much for the generous donation for supplies with the Golden Valley County Ambulance! I am thrilled to be the recipient of your grant, and owner of 2 medical bags + AED!

This is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely -

Rena Koubka

In July 2021, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation awarded \$550,000 in grants to 78 QRUs and volunteer EMT and ambulance services.

ORGANIZATIONS receiving grants totaling \$550,000 included:

Absarokee - Absarokee Rural Fire District
Anaconda - Georgetown VFD/QRU
Baker - Fallon County
Belt - Belt Volunteer Ambulance Service
Big Timber - Sweet Grass County Search & Rescue
Broadus - Powder River First Responders, LTD
Boulder - Boulder Ambulance Service
Bozeman - Fort Ellis Rural Fire Corporation
Butte - I15-90 Search and Rescue
Charlo - Charlo-Moiese Volunteer Fire Department
Chester - Liberty County Ambulance
Chinook - Blaine County Ambulance 1
Choteau - Teton County EMS
Circle - Redwater Valley Ambulance Service
Clancy - Clancy Volunteer Fire Department
Columbia Falls - Columbia Falls Firefighters, Inc.
Columbia Falls - Badrock Fire & QRU
Columbus - Columbus Rural Fire District #3
Conrad - Pondera County Ambulance
Cooke City - Cooke City - Silvergate Emergency Services

Corvallis - Corvallis Quick Response Medical Unit
Culbertson - Roosevelt Medical Center EMS
Dayton - Chief Cliff Volunteer Fire/QRU
Denton - Denton Ambulance Service, Inc.
Dillon - Beaverhead County Search & Rescue
Ekalaka - Dahl Memorial Healthcare Ambulance
Ennis - Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation
Fort Benton - Memorial Ambulance of Fort Benton
Gardiner - Gateway Hose Company
Geraldine - Geraldine Community Ambulance
Glasgow - Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital Foundation
Glendive - City of Glendive Ambulance
Glendive - Dawson County Search and Rescue Team, Inc.
Grass Range - Grass Range QRU, Inc.
Grass Range - Cheadle Volunteer Fire Dept.
Hinsdale - Hinsdale Ambulance Service
Hot Springs - Town of Hot Springs
Jefferson City - Jefferson City VFD
Joliet - Joliet Emergency Services
Kalispell - West Valley Rural Fire District

Kalispell - Smith Valley Fire District
Lakeside - Lakeside QRU, Inc.
Laurel - Laurel EMS
Lavina - Golden Valley County Ambulance
Libby - Libby Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.
Libby - Fisher River Valley Fire Service Area
Libby - Lincoln County Sheriff Department
Lincoln - Lincoln Volunteer Ambulance Service
Miles City - Custer County Firefighters Association
Missoula - Missoula County Search and Rescue
Montana City - Montana City VFD
Opheim - North Valley EMS, Inc.
Park City - Park City Ambulance
Polaris - Grasshopper Valley Volunteer Fire Company
Poplar - Northeast Montana Health Services
Rexford - West Kootenai Fire Protection Company
Richey - Town of Richey Volunteer Ambulance Service
Rudyard - Hill County Ambulance
Scobey - Daniels County Emergency Services
Seeley Lake - Seeley Lake Rural Fire District

Shepherd - Shepherd VFD/QRU
Sheridan - Ruby Valley EMS
Sidney - Richland County Ambulance Service
Stanford - Judith Basin County Ambulance
Stevensville - Stevensville Rural Fire District
Superior - Superior VFD
Superior - Superior Area Ambulance Service
Thompson Falls - Thompson Falls Ambulance
Three Forks - Three Forks Ambulance
Townsend - American Legion Post #42
Troy - City of Troy
Victor - Victor Volunteer Rural Fire District
Whitefish - City of Whitefish Fire Department
Whitehall - Jefferson Valley EMS & Rescue
Winifred - Winifred Ambulance
Winnett - Winnett Volunteer Fire Department
Wise River - Wise River Volunteer Fire Company
Wolf Point - Northeast Montana Health Services



Spreading Christmas Cheer to more Montana families

In 2021: 220 grants @ \$500 each were awarded

Toys and warm clothing for children, diapers and formula for newborns, warm gloves and hats for the homeless, food baskets, and hygiene items are just a few of the items our Montana neighbors receive at Christmas due to the efforts of many groups and volunteer organizations that sponsor or adopt an individual or family during the holidays.

For fifteen years the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has provided funds to

these community groups to help in their fundraising efforts.

This past Christmas, 220 - \$500 grants were awarded across Montana to make Christmas brighter for our friends and neighbors.

Over the past fifteen years \$1.2 million has been donated to volunteer organizations to assist them with making Christmas brighter for our fellow Montanans.

Since the inception of the Adopt A Family program,

\$1.2 million
in grants have been awarded.



Thank you for allowing Immanuel Lutheran Church to be a part of your charitable giving. The Service Committee and several members of the church are busy securing items for several families to help their holidays be less stressful. With gratitude - thanks for all you do for Montana's families.

Immanuel Lutheran Church



ORGANIZATIONS receiving grants totaling \$110,000 in 2021 included:

Adventure Cycling Association - Missoula
 American Legion Auxiliary - Silver Bow County Unit 1
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 27 - Missoula
 Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Head Start
 Angels in Camo - Great Falls
 Apostolic Resource Center, Inc. - Belgrade
 ASPEN - Livingston
 Avon Grange #125 - Anaconda
 AWARE Early Head Start - Billings
 Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Florence
 Beaverhead Development Corporation
 Belgrade Community Library Foundation
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sky Country
 Big Hearts & Open Arms, Inc. - Eureka
 Big Sky Optimist Club of Billings
 Big Sky Senior Services - Billings
 Bikers for Kids in Need Great Falls
 Bill Carroll VFW Post 9040 Auxiliary - Dillon
 Billings Activity Program
 Billings Food Bank
 Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown
 Bozeman Health Foundation
 Broadwater Rodeo & Fair Association
 Butte 4C's
 Butte Rescue Mission
 CASA of Park and Sweetgrass Counties
 CASA/GAL of Gallatin Valley Program, Inc.
 Cathedral of St. Helena
 Central Montana Family Planning
 Central Montana Spirit of Christmas
 Chief Joseph Auxiliary Unit #135 - Lolo
 Choteau United Methodist Church
 Community Youth Initiative - Dillon
 Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc.
 Conrad/Brady Christmas Giving Tree
 Dandelion Foundation - Great Falls
 Danny Berg Memorial Christmas Dinner- Great Falls
 Dena Tibbits - Babb
 Dillon Lions Club
 Dillon Main Street, LLC
 District 4 HRDC - Havre
 Domestic & Sexual Violence Services of Carbon County
 DPHHS Child & Family Services - Billings
 East Helena Schools
 East Middle School Student Council - Butte

Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center
 Essential Eats Missoula
 Eureka Shop with A Cop
 Evergreen Rebekah Lodge #86 - Laurel
 Family Outreach Bozeman
 Family Outreach Butte
 Family Outreach Helena
 Family Promise of Greater Helena
 First Choice Home Health - Bozeman
 First Congregational Church UCC - Great Falls
 First Presbyterian Church
 Flathead Warming Center
 Free Cycles Missoula
 Fresh Life Church - Billings
 Fresh Life Church - Bozeman
 Fresh Life Church - Butte
 Fresh Life Church - Great Falls
 Fresh Life Church - Helena
 Fresh Life Church - Kalispell
 Fresh Life Church - Missoula
 Fresh Life Church - Polson
 Fresh Life Church - Whitefish
 Friends of Jaycee Park - Dillon
 Friends of the Community, Inc. - Livingston
 Friends of the Sun River Valley Helping Hands - Simms
 Friendship Center of Helena
 Front Range CASA/GAL - Conrad
 Gallatin Valley Lutheran Fellowship - Belgrade
 Glasgow High School
 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - Butte
 Good Samaritan Ministries & Thrift Store - Helena
 Grace Fund - Butte
 Gratitude in Action - Billings
 Great Falls Police Protective Association
 Great Falls Rescue Mission
 Greater Impact - Bozeman
 Halfmoon Highlanders 4H Club - Columbia Falls
 HAVEN Bozeman
 Havre Eagles Club
 Helena Sunrise Rotary
 Hellgate Elementary School - Missoula
 Hi Line Home Programs, Inc. - Glasgow
 Hi-Lines Help for Abused Spouses - Conrad
 Hope Lutheran Church - Bozeman
 Immanuel Lutheran Church - Missoula

Interact Club of Butte
 Intermountain Children's Home - Helena
 Jill Hamry - Butte
 Joliet Middle School
 Katherine L Gillispie, LCSW, BCBA, PLLC - Missoula
 Knees Community Club - Brady
 Kruzin' 4 Seniors, Inc. - Absarokee
 LaMotte School - Bozeman
 Liam's Wish - Miles City
 Libby Area Business Association
 Libby Montana Pregnancy Care Center
 Lincoln County Community Health Center
 Manhattan Presbyterian Church
 Meagher County Senior Center - WSS
 Miles City Foster Care Project
 Miles City Soup Kitchen
 Milltown Moose Lodge #2714 - Missoula
 Missoula Family YMCA
 Mountain Brook Ladies Club - Kalispell
 Mountain View Homemakers - Eureka
 Native American Children's Association - Red Lodge
 NeighborWorks Great Falls
 New Hope Lutheran Church - Great Falls
 New Hope Pregnancy Center - Butte
 NW MT Association of Realtors - Kalispell
 Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church - Helena
 Out of the Wilderness - Billings
 P.E.O. Chapter AW - Cut Bank
 Pad for Paws Foundation - Helena
 Paradise Valley Giving Tree
 Parenting Place - Missoula
 Park County Health Department
 PIECE, Inc. - Bozeman
 Plains Bible Chapel
 Pleasant Valley Homemakers Community Assistance - Monarch
 Plymouth Congregational Church - Helena
 Poverello Center - Missoula
 Powell County High School
 PureView Health Center Pharmacy - Helena
 Reach Higher Montana - Helena
 Rebuilding Together Yellowstone County
 RiverStone Health Foundation
 Rocky Mountain Packers 4H - Clinton
 Rossiter Elementary School - Helena
 Rotary Club of Butte

Ruby Valley Giving Tree - Alder
 Sacred Heart Circle - Joplin
 Saddle Peak PTX - Belgrade
 Sagebrush Food Pantry - Shelby
 Saint Leo's Church - Lewistown
 Saint Mary Catholic Community - Helena
 Salvation Army - Helena
 Sanders County Coalition for Families
 Sanders County Dog Training Club
 See A Need Take Action - Ramsay
 Shop With A Cop - Butte
 Soroptimist International of Great Falls
 Soroptimist International of Hamilton
 Soroptimist of Dillon
 Southwestern Montana Family YMCA - Dillon
 St. Bernard Council of Catholic Women - Billings
 St. Mary's Church - Columbus
 St. Paul Lutheran Church - Cut Bank
 St. Vincent DePaul - Billings
 The Bridge - Belgrade
 Three Forks High School
 Three Mile Community Senior Center - Stevensville
 Tikum Olam Ministries, Inc. - Wolf Point
 TOPS MT 0414 Inverness - Hingham
 Townsend Rotary Club
 Toys for Tots - Anaconda
 Trinity Church - Bozeman
 Troy Christian Fellowship
 Twin Bridges High School
 Union Gospel Mission - Missoula
 United Congregational Church - Butte
 Venture Church - Bozeman
 West Mont - Helena
 Willing Workers Ladies Aid, Inc. - Gallatin Gateway
 Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
 Youth Dynamics - Statewide
 YWCA Helena





*“ Let me win.
But if I
cannot win,
let me be
brave in the
attempt. ”*



Special Olympics Montana: Through the Power of Sports

Special Olympics Montana is an athlete-centered, family-based, volunteer-driven and supported movement with 3,600 athletes registered in 121 programs from 65 Montana communities.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation continues its long-standing partnership with Special Olympics Montana as Premier Mission Partner of the Montana Law Enforcement Torch Run, Premier Sponsor of the State Basketball Tournament, Premier Sponsor of the Area Winter Games, and Platinum Sponsor of the State Summer Games.

Team members at Town Pump convenience stores, casinos and hotels support Special Olympics Montana

through the sale of \$5 MTN/Chevy Truck raffle ticket sales.

In 2021, team Town Pump sold a record-setting 37,310 tickets, raising **\$186,550** for the athletes of Special Olympics Montana.

The lucky winner of the 2021 MTN/Chevy Truck Raffle was Kandace Konola of Butte, who purchased the winning ticket at the Town Pump on Continental Drive in Butte. Congratulations, Kandace!



Kandace Konola with her MTN Chevy Truck

Photo Credit: Town Pump Staff

Town Pump team members will start selling 2022 MTN/Chevy Truck raffle tickets on February 1, 2022 and continue through March 31, 2022. Tickets can be purchased with cash, check or debit card.

Since 2006, Town Pump team members have sold 335,000 tickets, raising
\$1.675 MILLION
for Special Olympics Montana.

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Your support of Montana's most deserving athletes is
all-out incredible!
You are truly great people running a **truly great company** committed to making Montana the best!

Rhonda McCarty
Chief Executive Officer
Special Olympics Montana

Dear Mike,
 My name is Josh Anderson, and I am writing to thank you for making the special olympics Montana 2021 state-wide state summer games possible. I ~~can~~ competed in running events from Great Falls this year, but I can't wait to be in Bozeman in 2022! Special Olympics has changed my life! I thought I would share my bio with you to show you just how much! Please know what a difference you make for me and the other 3000 athletes across the state.

Josh

Don't miss the 2022 drawing

JOSH ANDERSON BIO

I was born and raised in Troy, Montana, and I have been a Special Olympics athlete for 20 years. I have competed in downhill skiing, sprints and long-distant cycling, swimming, and bowling. I was honored to be Special Olympics Montana's Athlete of the Year in 2015.

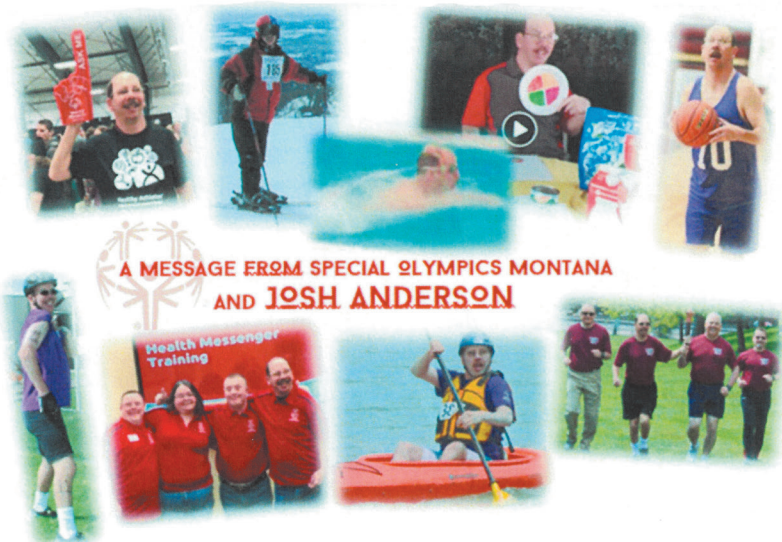
I was born with Trisomy 8-mosaic, which occurs in 1 out of every 400,000 births. My dad says I am a "one out of 400,000 kind of a guy."

I am a Special Olympics Health Messenger. I was trained in October 2019 and have enjoyed all the things I got to do last year in promoting health and fitness in Great Falls.

Special Olympics has really helped me train for life through sports, and it given me the opportunity to be a confident public speaker and leader and make some amazing friendships!

I work part-time at Special Olympics Montana as a receptionist, but with our office being closed due to Covid-19, I am now writing a lot of gratitude and thank you notes to our supporters and volunteers.

I am an avid reader, love dogs, and love Star Trek!



WIN A 2022 CHEVY SILVERADO

2ND: \$5,000 CASH PRIZE - TOWN PUMP

3rd: \$1,500 Gift Card - SCHEELS

4th: \$1,000 Gift Card - Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

5th, 6th, 7th: \$1,000 Gift Card - Town Pump

8th: 4 Tires Up To \$750 Value - Tire-Rama

9th: \$500 Gift Card - Bob Ward's Sports & Outdoors

10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th: 1 Pizza a Month for 1 Year - Montana Pizza Hut Stores

Town Pump commits to donating funds for 1,500 child car seats

Car Seat Program can help ease the burden for some Montana families

A properly sized and installed child car seat can save lives. When a car accident does occur, a car seat can reduce the risk of infant fatality by 71 percent.

Montana law requires that any child under 6 years old who weighs less than 60 pounds travel in an approved child safety seat in the car. The seat must be appropriate for the child's height and weight according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

It's generally not a good idea to use a secondhand or hand-me-down car seat.

A lot of new parents feel sticker shock when they shop for baby's first car seat. They can be expensive and often create a financial hardship for low-income families.

During the spring of 2022, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation will be offering grants to social service organizations and governmental agencies that provide free child car seats to low-income Montana families.

Town Pump is committed to donating funds for 1,500 child car seats.

Grant applications for Safer Start Montana will open on February 7, 2022 and run through March 18, 2022. Grant recipients will be notified in April 2022.



Local programs can help provide a safe beginning for Montana children.



Julie Endy with car seats provided by New Hope Pregnancy Center in Butte Photo Credit: Town Pump Staff

On the road to 2023 - 70 Years Serving Montanans

In 2023, Town Pump will celebrate 70 years of serving Montanans. We are grateful for the support of Montanans which has allowed us to grow.

"We also realize that what success we have had is due to having a good, unified team of family members and employees rather than because of one person acting alone."

-Town Pump Founder Tom Kenneally

While we are committed to reinvesting in our businesses, we are also committed to reinvesting in the basic needs of our Montana communities and neighbors. This commitment led directly to the founding of the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

As we approach our 70th Anniversary, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation will be awarding **\$700,000 in community grants** to support our fellow Montanans in order to commemorate the Town Pump Anniversary while furthering our commitment to our focus areas.

Details will be available on our website:

townpumpfoundation.com in late summer 2022.



"We are here for the long haul"