

# montana sharesreport

Newsletter from Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout Montana

Summer 2014

## Montana Shares 20th Annual Raffle!

**Ticket sheet included—don't miss out on these awesome prizes!**

**T**his year's raffle continues the 20 year tradition of fine prizes sure to please their winners. There are experiential trips and dinners as well as art, food baskets and outdoor gear. Would you like a night's stay at Sanders Bed and Breakfast or Helena's Great Northern Hotel? A \$110 gift certificate to Fred's Mesquite Grill in Butte? How about a Cabela's Rod and Reel combo or a Monte Dolack print? Check out the 28 incredible prize packages of terrific items donated by generous businesses and friends in support of our work and our members.



Donations collected from the raffle help Montana Shares' program services budget, which in turn, helps us support our members in

the ongoing work to invest in Montana's human, animal, cultural and natural resources.

Mail in your raffle ticket with your donation to get a chance at some of these prize packages and help support Montana Shares.

Our member groups help by obtaining wonderful prizes that make up our raffle. Their acronym is noted after the prize description. The drawing will be held Saturday, September 6, 2014. You need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by mail and will be posted within two weeks thereafter on our web site, [www.montanashares.org](http://www.montanashares.org).



## Volunteers of the Year Award

Every year we award Volunteer of the Year. This year we proudly recognized Dave Cooper with Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. Dave is also the Treasurer of the Montana Shares' Council. Here are his answers to a few questions I ask to get to know him even a little better.

*Q. As our Treasurer, we know you have a vast knowledge of Microsoft Access and Excel. What are your hobbies and what have you been learning lately?*

A. My primary hobby is woodworking. Since moving to Montana, I have had space to set up a woodworking shop. Initially I took a cabinet making class and learned from various magazines. Recently, I took a class on inlays and am currently building a gate-leg table incorporating what I learned. I also took a veneer



Dave Cooper and Bill Crane

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## Why Montana Shares?

I get asked all the time why I do the volunteer work that I do. While Montana Shares is something I do as part of my job at NeighborWorks, I also truly believe that being a part of Montana Shares is important to NeighborWorks, and important to me personally. When I look at the organizations that are part of Montana Shares, I see what makes Montana special—the outdoors and wilderness, culture and music events and activities, good health care, assistance to people with food and services, support for education and local foods, alternative energy, and assistance for our beloved 4 pawed friends. NeighborWorks fits in to this because we help people have a home in which they can live and be stable. Having a home matters for our Montana residents and the richness that all of the Montana Shares members provide in our state is much better for those who have a safe and decent place to live.

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### Things to do today:

1. Get Up
2. Be AWESOME
3. Go back to bed

Yes. Clip this out and stick it to your mirror or computer!

When I look at the list of organizations, I can't choose just a small handful of organizations to donate to. I want to donate to all of them! The beauty of Montana Shares, is that I CAN. Through my workplace donations, I can be part of the success of all of these organizations and contribute to their activities. By being part of the membership, I get a chance to learn more about each organization and what they do.

Thank you for all that you do,  
*Maureen Rude*, Council Chair

## Volunteers of the Year Award (continued from page 1)

class, but have not yet selected a project. I also enjoy volunteering for our local fire department, which I joined about five years ago.

*Q. What is your background in nonprofit work?*

A. While living in Ohio, my wife and I formed a nonprofit organization that provides wildlife rehabilitation and conservation education. We operated that organization for seventeen years and it is still going strong twenty-five years after it was formed. My focus was on designing and constructing housing for the animals and managing the business operations. We also helped to form a state organization to provide education for rehabilitators and help build a strong relationship with state wildlife officials. Utilizing my professional training, I have assisted a wide variety of nonprofits in their strategic planning efforts.

*Q. What made you pick Montana after you retired?*

A. Prior to moving to Montana, we spent our entire life in flat-lands of the midwest. As we started planning for retirement, we focused on the northwest and wanted

acreage and to be in or near mountains. We also wanted a log house and were fortunate enough to find that combination here.

*Q. When you moved to Montana, One of the first things you did was join Montana Shares as an At-Large members. Why was that important to you?*

A. Through our wildlife rehabilitation, we became members of the local Shares organization. When we moved here, I was semi-retired and wanted to continue my involvement with nonprofits and knew the good work that Montana Shares did. I also saw Shares as a good way to learn about area nonprofit organizations.

*Q. How about one more little tidbit to get to know you a little better?*

A. My wife and I are both dog lovers. We bought our first dog less than two weeks after we were married. Over the past forty four years, we had one three-day period when we did not have at least one dog. We currently have two dogs, a Scottish Terrier and an Airedale.

**This year we celebrate Dave, as well as ALL of our volunteers. Thank you!**

# Thanks To These Montana Employers

The following employers included Montana Shares in their giving campaigns last year for their employees and/or were special event sponsors. We appreciate their willingness to give expanded choices in giving to their employees. Employees appreciate the convenience of payroll deduction for their charitable donations and the convenience of learning about a wide array of nonprofits at their office. Our campaign isn't complete without the huge generosity of individuals outside of workplaces who also donate through Montana Shares to our members. Those individuals, employees and the employers who generously match the individual contributions have helped Montana Shares during our 2013/2014 campaign. We were thrilled to be able to provide funds supporting our members totaling over \$297,000. If your workplace is not on this list and you want the convenience of "giving at the office" don't hesitate to contact the Shares office or any of the members to discuss how we can make that a reality this fall.

1st Liberty Federal Credit Union, Great Falls  
ACLU of MT Foundation, Helena  
American Federal Savings, Helena  
Billings Public Schools  
Bison Engineering, Inc., Helena  
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital  
Bozeman Public Schools  
Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, Missoula  
Butte Public Schools  
Butte/Silver Bow County  
Casne & Associates, Inc., Helena  
City of Billings  
City of Bozeman  
City of Helena  
City of Missoula  
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)-Statewide  
Community Food Co-op, Bozeman  
DA Davidson Companies, Statewide  
Disabilities Rights Montana, Helena  
ExplorationWorks, Helena  
Four C's, Butte  
Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, Helena  
Great Falls Orthopedic Associates  
Great Falls School District No. 1  
Guthals, Hunnes & Reuss, P.C., Billings  
Helena Community Credit Union  
Helena School District No. 1  
Holter Museum of Art, Helena  
Jefferson County  
Jefferson County Public Schools  
Junkermier, Clark, Campanella, Stevens, P.C.,  
Great Falls

Lewis & Clark County  
Lewis & Clark Humane Society, Helena  
Lewis & Clark Library, Helena  
MEA-MFT, Statewide  
Missoula County  
Missoula Public Schools  
Montana Audubon, Helena  
Montana Credit Union Network, Helena  
Montana Interactive, Helena  
Montana Nonprofit Association, Helena  
Montana Shares, Helena  
Montana State University-Billings  
Montana State University-Bozeman  
Montana State University - Great Falls  
Montana Wilderness Association, Statewide  
Mountain West Bank, Statewide  
National Center for Appropriate Technology  
(NCAT), Butte  
National Institute on Money in State Politics,  
Helena  
NeighborWorks, Great Falls  
Northrop Grumman, Helena  
NorthWestern Energy, Butte  
Off the Beaten Path, Bozeman  
Pioneer Technical Services, Helena & Butte  
Real Food Market & Deli, Helena  
Rocky Mountain Development Council, Helena  
Rural Employment Opportunities (REO),  
Statewide  
Saturn Resource Management, Helena  
Shodair Children's Hospital, Helena

St. Peter's Hospital & Clinics, Helena  
State Employees' Charitable Giving Campaign  
(SECGC), Statewide  
Student Assistance Foundation of MT,  
Statewide  
University of Montana - Helena  
University of Montana - Montana Tech, Butte  
University of Montana, Missoula  
University of Montana Foundation, Missoula  
Valley Bank of Helena  
Van's County Market, Bozeman  
Van's Thriftway, Helena  
Western Montana Mental Health Center,  
Missoula

Plus the many individuals throughout the state who are giving outside a workplace and businesses that support Shares and our members through special events including our annual raffle. All are appreciated and welcome.

Montana Shares is a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Our members promote, protect and preserve our state's human, animal, cultural and natural resources. They work on issues concerning women, children, families and seniors, health and hunger, the environment, arts and culture, education, domestic and wild animals, social justice and human rights. The purpose of Shares is to work with and on behalf of our members to promote and support their programs, provide training, technical assistance, consultation and financial support on a year-round basis and, thereby, to help them expand and diversify their programs that serve Montanans. Contributions received at Montana Shares further serve to accomplish these purposes.

## Council Officers - 2014-2016

President- Maureen Rude  
Vice President- Stephanie McDowell  
Secretary- Kate Mclvor  
Treasurer- Dave Cooper  
Past President- Mary Wright

## Montana Shares at-large members and term ends Working on behalf of all members of Shares:

Jan Donaldson, Helena, 4/16  
Dori Skrukud, Butte, 9/14  
Mary Wright, Helena, 5/15

## Council members Individual (representation) (term ends)

Nikki Andersen (ExplorationWorks) (9/15)  
Dave Cooper (Helena Area Habitat for Humanity) (5/15)  
Jan Donaldson (At-large member) (9/15)  
Nancy Lee (Komen Montana) (9/15)  
Stephanie McDowell (bridgercare) (5/15)  
Kate Mclvor (Cooperative Health Center) (9/14)  
Betsy Mulligan-Dague (Jeannette Rankin Peace Center) (9/15)  
Maureen Rude (NeighborWorks MT) (9/16)  
Dori Skrukud (At-large member) (5/15)  
Mary Wright (At-large member) (5/15)

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## Thanks to our funders

This newsletter is made possible in part thanks to printing from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana. Real Food Store gives customers the choice of getting ten cents for reusing a bag or donating it to Montana Shares. Since its inception this program has generated \$25,285 in donations to Shares. Thanks to Laughing Water, all the staff and all the customers who re-use their bags and donate the savings to Montana Shares. This is a creative way for small change to make big change – in many ways. This efforts has kept hundreds of thousands of plastic bags from being used!!!

## 35 member groups serving the people of Montana

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| Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)                             | Lewis & Clark Humane Society                   |
| American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific                            | Mai Wah Society                                |
| AniMeals   | Montana 4-H Foundation                         |
| A.W.A.R.E., Inc.   | Montana Association for the Blind              |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana  | Montana Audubon                                |
| Bridgercare  | Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network |
| Cancer Support Community Montana (formerly Cancer Family Network of Montana) | Montana Food Bank Network                      |
| Cooperative Health Center, Inc.  | Montana Meth Project                           |
| Disability Rights Montana  | Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force                 |
| ExplorationWorks   | Montana Watershed Coordination Council         |
| Great Falls Community Food Bank, Inc.  | Montana Wilderness Association                 |
| Heart of the Valley, Inc.  | Montana Wildlife Federation                    |
| Helena Area Habitat for Humanity   | NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Foundation            |
| Holter Museum of Art   | NeighborWorks Montana                          |
| Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center                                       | Queen City Ballet Company                      |
| Komen Montana  | Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc. (REO)     |
| Last Chance Community Pow Wow  | Student Assistance Foundation of Montana       |
|  | Youth Connections Coalition                    |