Montana Shares 22nd Annual Raffle!

Let’s Raise $30,000 This Year!

Last year’s raffle brought in over $23,800 for Montana Shares core budget! This fundraiser is key to funding our core budget. We are going to raise $30,000 this year. If you have not participated in the raffle before, please buy one page of tickets. If you have bought a sheet before, please buy two. You can either photocopy the enclosed one or download a printable version from our web site. Let's knock this out of the park!

This year’s raffle continues the 22 year tradition of fine prizes sure to please their winners. There are fun trips, dinners, art, food baskets and outdoor gear. The Grand Prizes include a stay at Helena’s Great Northern Hotel, a Cabela’s Rod and Reel combo, Town Pump and VISA gift cards, and much more. Check out the 30 incredible prizes 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 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 tickets with your donation to get a chance at some of these prize packages and help support Montana Shares.

The drawing will be held Saturday, September 10, 2016. You need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by mail and will be posted within two weeks on our web site, www.montanashares.org.
Two New Members

We had two new nonprofits join Montana Shares this year, Montana History Foundation and PRIDE Foundation. Here is a quick introduction to each of them.

Montana History Foundation - Preserves Montana history by making grants to mount exhibits, restore buildings, collect oral history and save historic cemeteries across the state.

The Montana History Foundation is the only charitable foundation in the state solely dedicated to funding projects preserving Montana’s unique and important history. Without our help, historic buildings disappear, collections and artifacts become inaccessible to the public, and the memories and life experiences of our elders are lost forever. Since 2012 the Foundation has raised and granted over $458,000 for 119 projects in 60 communities and 44 counties across the state from Libby to Lima to Sidney.

PRIDE Foundation - Committed to expanding opportunities and advancing full equality for LGBTQ youth, adults, and families across the Northwest through investments in organizations and student leaders.

Nearly ninety percent of LGBTQ students experience harassment and/or bullying at school. Approximately forty percent of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ and of those forty percent, approximately seventy percent report being rejected by their families when they came out. Pride Foundation is poised to invest and help build the capacity of local non-profits dedicated to addressing these issues as well as other critical issues facing the LGBTQ community in Montana.

Since 2002, Pride Foundation has awarded $130,000 in scholarship funds to 42 LGBTQ and/or allied student leaders in Montana—supporting them as they strive to achieve their educational dreams. Since 1993, Pride Foundation has invested $403,537 in organizations throughout Montana to support and connect local leaders and organizations working to expand opportunities and provide support and resources to LGBTQ youth, adults and families around the state.

Dine Out with MS

For those of you that live in or near Helena, the Dine Out with Montana Shares is still going strong. Here is the schedule for 2016. Please come out and join us for dinner and a portion of your bill goes to Montana Shares!

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A percentage of proceeds on these dates, all hours, dine in or take out, benefits Montana Shares in their work on behalf of Montana Nonprofits.
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 2015/2016 campaign. We were thrilled to be able to provide funds supporting our members totaling over $294,700. 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
Bison Engineering, Inc., Helena
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Statewide
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Bozeman Public Schools
Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, Missoula
Bridgercare, Bozeman
Butte Public Schools
Butte/Silver Bow County
City of Billings
City of Bozeman
City of Helena
City of Missoula
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)-Nationwide
Community Food Co-op, Bozeman
DA Davidson Companies, Statewide
Disabilities Rights Montana, Helena
First Interstate Bank, 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
Hi-Line Home Programs - Havre
Jefferson County
Jefferson County Public Schools
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 Shares, Helena
Montana State University-Billings
Montana State University-Bozeman
Montana State University – Great Falls
Montana Wilderness Association, 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
Opportunity Bank of Montana, Helena
Pioneer Technical Services, Helena & Butte
Real Food Market & Deli, Helena
Rural Employment Opportunities (REO), Statewide
Shodair Children’s Hospital, Helena
Siemens, Bozeman
St. Peter’s Hospital & Clinics, Helena
State Bar of Montana, 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, Western
University of Montana Foundation, Missoula
Valley Bank of Helena
Van’s Thriftway, Helena
University of Montana Foundation, 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.
Thanks to our funders 😊

Round Up for Montana Shares at Van’s Thriftway in Helena has raised over $17,000. Thank you to Van’s and their customers for Rounding Up! **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 $29,742.30 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!!!

### 39 member groups serving the people of Montana

- Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
- AniMeals
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana
- Bike Walk Montana
- Bridgercare
- Camp Mak-A-Dream
- Cancer Support Community Montana
- Disability Rights Montana
- ExplorationWorks
- Great Falls Community Food Bank, Inc.
- Heart of the Valley, Inc.
- Holter Museum of Art
- Humanities Montana
- Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center
- Last Chance Community Pow Wow
- Lewis & Clark Humane Society
- Mai Wah Society
- Missoula Community Access Television, Inc.
- Montana 4-H Foundation
- Montana Association for the Blind
- Montana Audubon
- Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network
- Montana Food Bank Network
- Montana History Foundation
- Montana Legal Services Association
- Montana Meth Project
- Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force
- Montana Supporting Soldiers
- Montana Trout Unlimited
- Montana Watershed Coordination Council
- Montana Wilderness Association
- Montana Wildlife Federation
- NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Foundation
- NeighborWorks Montana
- Pride Foundation
- Queen City Ballet Company
- Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc. (REO)
- Susan G Komen Idaho Montana
- Youth Connections Coalition