Seven New Members

We had seven new nonprofits join Montana Shares this year! Here is a quick introduction to each of them.

**Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument**- works to protect and preserve the Missouri River Breaks landscape through education, on the ground projects and advocacy.

**K9 Care Montana**- provides the highest quality service dogs at no cost to our nations wounded warriors and children facing autism. They also provide customized outdoor activities for wounded warriors as well as special needs children and their families in a relaxing therapeutic setting.

**Montana Discovery Foundation**- brings the student to the mountain and the mountain to the student through conservation education and interpretive services for all ages.

**Montana Generational Justice**- protects Montanans with dementia and low income seniors by preparing estate planning documents to prevent exploitation and fraud, creating peace of mind for generations.

**Montana Natural History Center**- promotes and cultivates the appreciation, understanding and stewardship of nature through education for people of all ages.

**Montana Restoration Foundation (formerly Original Governor’s Mansion Restoration Society)**- keeps Montana history alive through the restoration of it’s beautiful buildings and the distribution of educational materials to Montana schools. Through preservation work and educational programs, future generations can relive the past, discover history, and experience Montana’s rich cultural heritage.

**NAMI Montana**- One in five families are affected by serious mental illness. NAMI provides them with a voice.

NAMI Montana is dedicated to improving the lives of all of those affected with serious mental illness. They have educational classes and ongoing support groups for people with mental illness and their families. The classes provide information on mental illness, treatments, and resources for families and loved ones who have a mental illness. The on-going support groups help them discover they are not alone in the fight against mental illness.
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 2016/2017 campaign. We were thrilled to be able to provide funds supporting our members totaling over $278,790. 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.

**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.

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Montana Shares 23rd Annual Raffle!
Ticket sheet included—don’t miss out on these awesome prizes!

Last year’s raffle brought in over $21,460 for Montana Shares core budget!

This year’s raffle continues the 23 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. The Grand Prizes include a King Suite stay in Helena, $100 Downtown Helena gift card, both an Orvis and Cabela’s Rod and Reel combo, On Broadway, Amazon, Big Dipper, Taco del Sol, Town Pump and VISA gift cards, plus more. Check out the 27 incredible prizes of terrific items donated by generous businesses and friends in support of our work and our members.

Money 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 tickets with your check to get a chance at these prize packages and help support Montana Shares.

The drawing will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017. You need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by mail and will be posted two weeks after the drawing on our website, www.montanashares.org.

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 2017. 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.

Sign up for email updates at www.montanashares.org. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mtshares
Thanks to our funders 😊

This newsletter is made possible in part thanks to a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana grant for our communication plan. Thank you BCBSMT for helping us reach donors across the state. The 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 $31,536.10 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. Van’s Thriftway customers have donated over $20,000 through the on-going Round Up for Montana Shares program. The few cents generated from rounding your bill up to the next whole dollar adds up quickly.

41 member groups serving the people of Montana

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