Congratulations, you have retired! You deserve it. However,...

We don’t want to lose you. Your donations through Shares and workplace giving are cherished. How can we help make giving easy? Here are a few ways you can continue to support the nonprofits you love after you no longer have access to workplace giving.

Monthly giving via credit card or e-check: Using our secure online giving web site, you can pick which groups you wish to continue supporting, how much you want to donate each month and you are done. It will process automatically each month for a period of one year.

One time annual donations: There are two ways to make an annual gift. One is you can fill out the designation slip in our fall newsletter. The other option is to go to our web site and make an annual donation there. You can make the donation online using the secure giving or download the brochure and mail it in with a check.

Donated stocks: If you have a highly appreciated stock, or a low performing stock you want to get rid of, we can accept stock donations.

Donor-Advised funds: A donor-advised fund is a charitable giving vehicle administered by a public charity created to manage charitable donations on behalf of organizations, families, or individuals. Often you have to request a minimum donation of $500 from your donor advised fund. If you want to support multiple groups with that $500 minimum, Shares can help. You can donate the $500 to Shares and send a request of where you want it to go.

Real Estate Donations or Real Estate Bargain Sales: You may have real estate you want to liquidate. We can help. We can accept real estate donations. A Bargain Sale lets you sell a property to a nonprofit for an undervalue price and take a tax deduction for the full appraised price. This works well if you have a buyer who is interested in the property at a price lower than asking price.

Planned Giving: Hopefully you have prepared a will. Is Shares part of it? Please think about a bequest to Montana Shares.
Montana Shares 24rd Annual Raffle!
Ticket sheet included—don’t miss out on these awesome prizes!

Last year’s raffle brought in $24,790 for Montana Shares core budget!

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 Friday, September 14, 2018. You need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by mail and will be posted two weeks after the drawing on our web site, www.montanashares.org.

This year’s raffle continues the 24 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 Prize packages include prizes like an overnight stay in Billings, Helena, Bozeman, and Whitefish. $100 Gift cards from Cabelas, On Broadway, Town Pump and VISA. Check out the 24 incredible prizes of terrific items donated by generous businesses and friends in support of our work and

The Hawthorn:
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 2017/2018 campaign. We were thrilled to be able to provide funds supporting our members totaling over $241,197. 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  
Amgen Foundation  
Benefits, Great Falls  
Bison Engineering, Inc., Helena  
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Statewide  
Bozeman Health  
Bozeman Public Schools  
Bridgercare, Bozeman  
Butte Public Schools  
Butte/Silver Bow County  
Casne & Associates, Helena  
Child Care Connections, Bozeman  
Child Care Resources, Missoula  
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  
Four C’s, Butte  
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  
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 Agriculture, Helena  
Montana Credit Union Network, Helena  
Montana Interactive, Helena  
Montana Legal Services, 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  
NeighborWorks Montana  
Northrop Grumman, Helena  
NorthWestern Energy, Butte  
Opportunity Bank of Montana, Helena  
Pioneer Technical Services, Helena & Butte  
Real Food Market & Deli, Helena  
Rocky Mountain Development Council, Helena  
 Rural Employment Opportunities (REO), Statewide  
Siemens, Bozeman  
St. Peter’s Hospital & Clinics, Helena  
State Bar of Montana, Helena  
State Employees’ Charitable Giving Campaign (SECGC), Statewide  
Stockman’s Bank, Helena  
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  
Vanguard Charitable Donor Advised Fund  
Van’s Thriftway, Helena  
WIPFLI, LLP, Helena  

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 - 2018-2020
President-Dave Chadwick  
Vice President- Melinda Barnes  
Secretary - Darbie Hess  
Treasurer- Katherine Dalton  
Past President- Stephanie McDowell

Montana Shares at-large members and term ends Working on behalf of all members of Shares:
Dave Cooper, Helena, 5/19  
Darbie Hess, Helena, 5/18  
Debbie Spranget, 9/19  
Mary Wright, Helena, 5/19

Council members Individual (representation) (term ends)
Melinda Barnes (Bike Walk MT) (5/20)  
Katie Biggs (NeighborWorks MT) (5/19)  
Dave Chadwick (MT Wildlife Federation) (5/19)  
Dave Cooper (At-large member)(5/19)  
Katherine Dalton (Rural Employment Opportunities) (5/19)  
Darbie Hess (At-large member) (5/20)  
Bill Mathews (MT Food Bank Network) (9/19)  
Jerry McCarthy (MT Discovery Foundation) (9/19)  
Stephanie McDowell (Bridgercare) (5/19)  
Debbie Spranget (At-large member) (5/19)  
Kelsie Willett (MT Trout Unlimited) (5/19)  
Mary Wright (At-large member) (5/19)

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42 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
- Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula*
- Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument
- Great Falls Community Food Bank, Inc.
- Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter
- Holter Museum of Art
- Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center
- K9 Care Montana
- Last Chance Community Pow Wow
- Lewis & Clark Humane Society
- Mai Wah Society
- Montana 4-H Foundation
- Montana Association for the Blind
- Montana Audubon
- Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network
- Montana Discovery Foundation
- Montana Food Bank Network
- Montana Generational Justice Foundation
- Montana History Foundation
- Montana Legal Services Association
- Montana Meth Project
- Montana Natural History Foundation
- Montana Restoration Foundation
- Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force
- Montana Supporting Military
- Montana Trout Unlimited
- Montana Watershed Coordination Council
- Montana Wilderness Association
- Montana Wildlife Federation
- NAMI Montana
- NeighborWorks Montana
- Pride Foundation
- Queen City Ballet Company
- Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc. (REO)
- Susan G Komen Idaho Montana

* New Members