RAFFLE vs COVID

Bill Crane, Executive Director

To start simply. We are okay.

Many City, County, State, and Federal employees continued working from home or with other safety precautions in place. We do not know what long-term effect that “Shelter in Place” will have on workplace giving for Montana Shares. Because of this uncertainty we are going to focus more attention on our raffle than we have ever done in past. We are doubling down on the raffle and hoping for a new record. First, we have created a new pricing level, 18 tickets for $100.

Second, page two is devoted to the new form for the new pricing level.

Several of you will receive a $1200 Stimulus check from the CARES Act. Does it mean that much to you? I know lots of people NEED this check. I know lots of people didn’t need them but are buying new televisions, phones and computers. I also know lots of people have continued to work and really didn’t need this money. If you fall into the latter camp, maybe you want to spend some of it supporting the nonprofits in our communities. We will put it to good use.

Shares Continues to Grow - Record Number of Members

We had three new groups join Montana Shares, Montana Free Press, Spay Montana, and Windhorse Equine Learning.

Montana Free Press fills the investigative reporting gap created by the decline of statehouse news bureaus and diminished corporate investment in watchdog journalism. They do this by cultivating well-informed sources, studying arcane bureaucratic processes, seeking out dark corners of major institutions, digging deep into data, and holding those in power accountable to the people. Their journalism appears in newspapers throughout Montana.

Thousands of adoptable companion animals are euthanized each year due to overpopulation. Spay Montana targets underserved communities and native nations around our state for people in need of assistance to spay or neuter their companion animal. Their spay/neuter events are designed to educate and involve large parts of the communities as they come together to address the tragic consequences of pet overpopulation.

Youth are under tremendous pressure to achieve and fit in. Anxiety is the primary mental health disorder among teens. Windhorse Equine Learning helps youth learn about themselves and find strategies to help them navigate the challenges of growing up by spending time with and learning from horses. In surveys of youth in their summer camp programs, 85% noted significant increases in confidence and self-esteem.
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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 $39,269 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 $26,100 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.

46 member groups serving the people of Montana  * New Members

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$50 gift certificate to Tamarack Brewing in Missoula & Lakesides. (BBBSMT)
$100 Visa gift card. (MTU)

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Camp Chef® Explorer 2-burner camp stove. Great for cooking at the campsite, tailgate, and more. 60,000 BTUs 14"x32" cooking surface, 29" cooking height, heavy-duty detachable legs—collapsible for easy transport. (tank not included) (K9CM)
A $100 Albertsons/Safeway gift card. (KM)
A $100 Cabela’s gift card. (MNHC)

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Butte package includes a $50 gift certificate for a bicycle shuttle from Linked Adventures, a $50 gift certificate from Front Street Market in Butte, a bottle of Orphan Girl Bourbon Cream Liqueur and a gift bag of Sturdy Girl skin care products. (BWMT)
A basket of cycling related items a jersey, water bottle, biking socks and more. (CMAD)
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REI’s flexilest low chair and Passage trekking poles. (MWA)

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Basket filled with holiday decorations. (MSM)
“Rock Shelter” a 20” x 26” numbered transparent watercolor framed print by Professional Artist and Biologist Erica H. Craig. (MA)
A blanket with MHF logo on it, a Carnegie book, popcorn/snacks, and a gift card for an in-home movie/television rental. (MHF)

PRIZE PACKAGE #2
One night lodging in a King Bed Suite for 2, including full hot breakfast, at and donated by Comfort Suites Airport in Helena. (DRM)
$50 Premium seating tickets to the November 2020 performance of Queen City Ballet Company’s The Nutcracker, and a 20 inch Nutcracker souvenir doll. Enjoy an outing with friends or family to this professional ballet performance. (QCBC)

PRIZE PACKAGE #4
$100 gift certificate for Mackenzie River Pizza. (GFCFB)
$100 gas gift card. (MCCRRN)
$100 gift card to Dragon Fly Goods with stores in Bozeman and Great Falls. This wonderful boutique gift shop has unique men’s and women’s clothing, Montana items, and so much more. (MCCRRN)

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A $100 gift certificate to Izazak Restaurant and a $25 gift certificate to Headhunters Fly Shop both in Craig. MT. (MWCC)
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PRIZE PACKAGE #14
Vapour Organic Beauty basket includes their most popular formulations and colors featuring Plumping Lip Gloss, Multi-Use Blush, Nourishing Foundation, Skin Fix, Illuminator Trick Stick, and SPF On the Go Foundation. (MMP)
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Enter to win one of the 33 fabulous prizes, including 14 prize packages!
Ticket Prices $10 per ticket, 3 tickets for $25, 6 tickets for $40 or 18 for $100!

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Montana Shares, PO Box 883, Helena, MT 59624

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Wait, there’s more!
You could win ONE of these gift certificates!

- $100 Lowes gift card (MRF)
- $100 Patagonia gift card (PF)
- $100 Home Depot gift card (MLSA)
- $100 Amazon gift card (MCRRN)
- A $100 gift card to Dinners Done Right in Helena. (LCHS)
- $100 gift card to Montana Club with locations in Missoula, Great Falls, Kalispell and Billings (MCRRN)
- $100 gift card to Logjam Presents, they are a concert promoter with venues in Missoula and Bozeman (MCRRN)
- Gift certificate good for any one pair of Tony Lama Boots from Murdoch’s Ranch & Supply. Not redeemable for cash. Valid in-store only at any Murdoch’s location. No special orders. (M4HF)

Drawing will be held on Friday, September 18, 2020

This is a charitable raffle benefiting Montana Shares.

If you need more tickets go to our website and print them at www.montanashares.org

Thanks to all the businesses and friends who donated prizes to the Montana Shares 2020 raffle.

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