

montana sharesreport

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

Fall 2021

THE SAME, DIFFERENT AND AMPLIFIED

We are all tired of hearing and talking about Covid. This disease has dominated the last year and a half of our lives. Sadly, it is not going to change. So, let's ignore it for a while.

What is going on outside of that lense? The short answer is the **same as always**. In the nonprofit world, everything that was needed before, is still needed. In some cases, our members have had to pivot and change a little on what services they supply and how they provide those services. In other cases, the need has been significantly amplified.

People are still dealing with cancer and getting the support they need for that journey. Good work Cancer Support Community of MT and Camp Mak-A-Dream. History will decay and be lost forever unless preservation is continued. Well done Montana History Foundation. Veterans continue to deal with issues that need support. K9 Care Montana and Montana Supporting Soldiers are there for them. Now more than ever, we need good local news reporting. Thank you, Montana Free Press. We can still get outside and enrich our

souls with nature. Montana Wildlife Federation, Wild Montana and Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument help us access nature.

Montana Food Bank Network and Great Falls Community Food Bank are dealing with amplified needs due to increased demand for services. NeighborWorks Montana is adding more services to help people stay in their home and not be evicted.

This is an incomplete list. All of our member groups have stories and needs. These are simply examples of how need stays constant in almost all aspect of our society. We need your help the same as always. Actually, we probably need your help a little more this year. During the first year of Covid, people rallied and gave. As Covid has drug into a second year, more people are getting jaded and disengaging. Rather than disengaging, we need to dive deeper in our resolve to get our society moving forward even when we see no end in sight for the pandemic.

**You are more important now than ever.
Be safe and stay well.**

The Article I Resisted Writing by Bill Crane

It started with the delay of this annual report because our auditor was hospitalized with Covid. Then a friend died in his forties with kids. Then, I lost an old friend and mentor. Then, one of my closest friends' wife passed away. Finally, a couple of days ago, one of my best friends died of Covid. Statistically, since 4 people I knew have died, there should be 400 people I know who have gotten it and survived. I doubt if I really even know 400 people.

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." has always seemed like a weak platitude. Had you asked me what I thought of it three years ago, that would have been my answer.

This is attributed to James Dean and I put the longer version on page five. It actually has the roots of several well-known sayings in it.

However, we need to update the last two sentences for our times. "Love as if you'll live forever. Treat every interaction with others as if it will be your last."

No matter what came before, a fight as a final act or harsh words will be what gets carried forward after someone's passing.

When I last saw my friend, his parting words were, "I love you brother," my treasure to carry forever.

memberstories

Impact statements give you a quick look at an issue and a solution. The following impact statements from our members demonstrate their work throughout the state. *(denotes new member groups)



Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

As labor shortages are affecting container shipping and semi truck deliveries, local food systems are becoming more and more important. AERO is a statewide, grassroots membership organization dedicated to building a resilient Montana since 1974.

We do this through on-the-ground, make-a-difference programs that support sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and environmental quality for all Montanans. We're developing resilient communities across the state powered by nourishing, values-based food systems, by bringing folks together to build sustainable systems right where they live. aeromt.org



AniMeals

In the United States, an estimated ten million animals are abandoned to shelters every year. Many of the shelters & rescue groups who house & feed these animals are struggling daily. The purpose of AniMeals work is to supplement the food needs of organizations so they can focus their money on medical needs & operational costs. animeals.com



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana

The pandemic has challenged our kids and our families. These challenges have caused us to be nimble and creative in our work. Our mentors and kids now meet virtually in a myriad of ways that they had not before. While schools were closed, we hand-delivered learning packages to our kids and these interactions at their homes deepened our relationships. Working together with our mentors to solve pandemic related challenges has likewise deepened our practices. So, while we would not wish for COVID-19, we will be a stronger and more robust organization for it.



Bike Walk Montana

Bike Walk Montana is taking our programs and projects online, through digital meetings, improved website and embracing that, as a state wide organization, we have always had to do "Montana distancing". The increased use of trails and shared use of paths during the pandemic has heightened how society sees active transportation as a necessity, not just an amenity. Our youth and seniors are two classes of our population that rely more and more on nonmotorized traffic. Please help keep them safe. bikewalkmontana.org



Bridgercare

Due to the pandemic, Bridgercare's patient services landscape has changed dramatically. During the initial weeks of quarantine, we had several patients experience ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, and even an appendicitis. Even when they were in significant pain, these individuals feared being exposed to the virus and avoided going to the E.R. or an urgent care at all costs. However, they did feel safe reaching out to Bridgercare, as we don't treat COVID-19 patients. Because they trusted us, we were able to safely bring them into the clinic and diagnose their pain. We also pivoted quickly to telehealth visits and were able to serve most patients from March through July in the safety of their own homes. People in our region have counted on Bridgercare to provide care during this unprecedented time and, with your support, we will continue to do so. bridgercare.org



Camp Mak-A-Dream

"What started out as one camp in 1995 for 46 campers has turned into 17 different camps and retreats in 2020. Over the years, as specific needs were identified, we created programming to meet those unique needs, such as our sessions for brain tumor survivors, sessions for siblings (children and teens who aren't sick themselves but someone in their family has or has passed away from cancer) and long weekend retreats for women with cancer. In 2018, we added a Family Camp (we had 3 in 2019) and in 2019 we added a Caregiver Retreat. We partner with medical professionals across the country to help identify gaps in services and how Camp Mak-A-Dream might be able to help fill those gaps. campdream.org



Cancer Support Community Montana

Hundreds of Montanan's are served annually through the programs and services CSCMT provides, all free-of-charge to our participants. All programs offered by CSCMT are research-based and provide tools and connection to live well with, through, and beyond cancer. We serve anyone impacted by cancer – survivors, family, caregivers, friends, if you have been impacted, we are here for you. cancersupportmontana.org



Disability Rights Montana

Montanans living with disabilities want to be included in everyday living and need access to appropriate support and services. DRM actively works to make local communities more physically accessible. DRM also advocates to bring support and services to your community and to protect your right to live, receive an education, work, and recreate in your local community. disabilityrightsmt.org



Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

We advocate for local history and promote civic engagement. History provides inspiration and enables people to discover their connection to the past.

As we look to the future, we will continue to preserve our meaningful places, documents, artifacts, images, and stories. There is a place for everyone in history and we invite you to discover your place at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula. fortmissoulamuseum.org



Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument

Since our incorporation, the Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument have stood strong as defenders of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and as a voice for conservation in central Montana. We have fought against those who wanted the monument's protections repealed and have successfully spoken out in support of impactful preservation of Montana's unique and beautiful Breaks landscape. This year the Friends and the monument will both turn 20. It's been a long road to get here, but the monument and the Friends are alive and well. The road to this point was paved by hard work and dedication from many Montanans and conservationists. In 2021, we're going to celebrate the monument and that hard work and dedication! missouribreaks.org



Great Falls Community Food Bank

Our partnership with more than 65 agencies has allowed Great Falls Community Food Bank to distribute 1.4 million pounds of food in the last two years alone. This means underprivileged children can learn on a full stomach; recently laid off workers can feed families while they seek work; and seniors won't have to choose between vital medicine and food. The pandemic has brought food scarcity to the forefront of too many families lives. greatfallsfoodbank.org



Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (HOV) provides a service to nearly 3,900 animals through all HOV programs (including SNAP Clinic). In addition, HOV offers a host of programs and services to the community to help connect people and pets. Special adoption programs include fee waived adoptions for military veterans and seniors through the Pets and Vets and Companion Cats for Senior People programs. The Warriors with Heart program matches disabled veterans with shelter dogs who will be trained as service animals.

HOV offers training courses for puppies and adult dogs, as well as one-on-one consultations on behavioral issues. In an effort to help control the feral cat population, HOV's Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) offers free and reduced fee surgeries for feral and semi-feral cats. HOV's Humane Education Program provides no cost presentations to the community, focusing on the humane treatment of and positive interaction with animals. The Pet Pals Summer Camp offers children the opportunity to learn about and experience the special bond between humans and animals. heartofthevalleyshelter.org



Holter Museum of Art, Inc.

The Holter Museum of Art is focused on expanding its reach into the community through avenues that bringing the healing power of art to everyone. The Holter teen programs serve at-risk area youth to help combat the stresses and programs of our community's teens through Art for Survival and ATAC. The Holter Healing Arts Program partners with St. Peter's Health to bring free arts education, art supplies, and projects to the medical community to provide holistic healing while address the need for low cost, prescription free alternatives for treating anxiety, depression, and other illnesses. The Holter is making massive changes to our facility to keep art in our lives, while staying safe. holtermuseum.org



Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

There are many long-term challenges to the building of a just, non-violent, and sustainable global culture. But each challenge is also an opportunity for each of us personally and all of us collectively. The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center offers us the tools of education, reflection, dialogue, relationship and action to meet that challenge both in times of crisis and in the ongoing work of peacemaking. jrpc.org



K9 Care Montana

Established in 2009, K9 Care Montana, Inc. provides service dogs at no cost to Montana wounded veterans, first responders, and children challenged by autism. During the service dog training, we incorporate customized outdoor activities to better understand some of the recipient's day to day challenges. Our goals and objectives remain the same: bettering the lives of our recipients through the incorporation of a service dog. k9caremontana.org



Last Chance Community Pow Wow

Last Chance Community Pow Wow hosts an annual pow wow celebration to empower and honor our youth by preserving our distinct Native American cultural and spiritual traditions. The pow wow and other cultural activities that take place throughout the year always incorporate our youth and instills pride among our local Native population, especially our youth in helping them to choose healthy lifestyles. lastchancepowwow.com



Lewis & Clark Humane Society

The Lewis & Clark Humane Society is the tri-county area's only animal shelter. We provide care for the homeless, abandoned and surrendered animals who need a temporary place, caring people, food, water and medical care on their pathway to a new home. In 2019, shelter staff and volunteers provided care to over 1,600 animals. lchsmontana.org



Missoula Medical Aid

This year--2020 to 2021--we are doing primarily emergency food relief. The Covid pandemic, and Hurricanes Ita and Iota have devastated the economy and caused widespread hunger. Through our partners, we are getting food to hundreds of people a day. missoulamedicalaid.org



Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc.

With nearly 3,200 adult volunteers working with over 19,000 4-H youth in Montana, these volunteers donate well over 200,000 hours in planning and conducting exciting activities. Economic impact of this volunteer service equals approximately 3 million dollars and is equivalent to over 105 full time staff positions.

While many organizations concentrate on problems of youth or seek to change their behavior, 4-H embraces positive youth development. 4-H youth are able to identify their interests, set goals, and work with positive adult role models and other young people who share their passion and interests. Focusing on the strengths and talents of youth, 4-H engages them in a structured system of learning, by setting goals and measuring success. By challenging kids and providing them with the tools and resources needed, 4-H helps them learn, grow and prosper. montana4h.org



Montana Association for the Blind, Inc.

An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 Montanans are blind or "visually impaired." The Montana Association for the Blind actively advocates on behalf of equality and opportunity for all blind and low vision Montanans statewide. The MAB also provides programs that teach and develop skills critical to maintaining independence and employment or to pursue educational and vocational goals. In addition, the MAB's eleven local chapters across the state reach out to newly blinded Montanans to carry the message of hope and self-determination to every blind Montanan and their families and friends. mabsop.org



Montana Audubon

Native grasslands are declining throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Unsurprisingly, research shows that 70% of grassland bird species are declining, including common species like meadowlarks. As habitat continues declining, Montana's intact grasslands become increasingly critical to native species. Strategic land conservation, communication between conservation partners, and targeted research are needed to reverse this trend. Montana Audubon works to protect and conserve these native grassland habitats. mtaudubon.org



Montana Discovery Foundation

We believe that education and recreation opportunities on National Forest Lands should be accessible. We provide opportunities in all seasons for people of all ages to learn about and enjoy YOUR public lands. montanadiscoveryfoundation.org



Montana Free Press

Montana Free Press fills the investigative reporting gap created by the decline of statehouse news bureaus and diminished corporate investment in watchdog journalism. We 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. Our journalism appears in newspapers throughout Montana. montanafreepress.org



Montana Food Bank Network, Inc.

One in nine Montanans, and 1 in 6 Montana children, struggle with hunger today. The Montana Food Bank Network reduces hunger by acquiring and distributing food to 346 network partners, educating the public, and advocating on behalf of people in need. mfbn.org



Montana History Foundation

The History Foundation leads the state in making grants to local organizations interested in saving and interpreting Montana's heritage. We help save historic buildings and cemeteries from disappearing. We help make artifacts accessible to the public and assist communities in preserving the legacy of their elders. We do this through grant making, educational programs, and by partnering with other organizations to preserve our history. mthistory.org



Montana Legal Services Association

MLSA helps ensure access to justice by providing free non-criminal legal aid for people struggling to make ends meet. Donations like yours support MLSA in providing legal information, forms, legal advice, and full legal representation throughout our state. In 2019 alone, Montanans downloaded 12,623 legal forms and MLSA handled 4,164 cases, helping low income Montanans to achieve greater financial stability, and safer, healthier homes. mtlsa.org



Montana Meth Project

Our engagement has never been stronger. Our prevention message is reaching teens and we are the leading, most trusted resource on Meth prevention, with Montana leading states like Georgia and Colorado in teaching the Meth Prevention Lesson while their population is 5.5 and 10 times that of ours. For the first time, we called upon aspiring teen and established filmmakers from around the United States as we gathered 140 submissions for a national 30-second commercial competition centered on the theme "Life or Meth". This engaging competition garnered 25.6 million impressions in only three months through social media, shares, and a small mix of traditional advertising. montanameth.org



Montana Natural History Center

The Montana Natural History Center engages people of all ages with science and nature-based education. Over 20 unique programs for children and adults allow participants to think creatively, solve problems and interpret information. The goal is to foster a connection to nature so people will develop a sense of stewardship and appreciation for Montana's incredible flora, fauna and landscapes for generations to come. montananaturalist.org



Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force

Since 1996, and after four years of careful planning since 1992, Task Force has helped spay and neuter 64,000 dogs and cats for people who couldn't afford the procedure. This is done not by showing proof of need but in a dialogue with each pet owner or person trying to help reduce animal overpopulation. A \$50 certificate program has been created for during the Pandemic. montanaspayneutertaskforce.org



Montana Supporting Military

This has certainly been a challenging year for MT Supporting Military in supporting our deployed troops. We have not been able to hold our annual fundraisers, and donations are way down. These issues result in us being low on care package items, and funds for postage. We had to cut back on care packages. Care packages are a huge morale booster for troops, knowing that folks back home are thinking of them. We sent patriotic cards made and written by several people around the state. As more Montana troops deploy, we will do all we can to let them know Montana supports them. mtsupportingmilitary.org



Montana Trout Unlimited

Montana Trout Unlimited conserves and protects Montana's coldwater fisheries. Abundant healthy trout populations produce positive environmental and economic benefits, and impact entire ecosystems, from grizzly bears to eagles. Angling also contributes nearly \$300 billion to the economy in Montana every year. Through education, conservation and advocacy, MTU is protecting our treasured rivers and streams for the next generation of grizzly bears and anglers. montanatu.org



Montana Watershed Coordination Council

Our land and water resources are vital to Montana communities, providing rural and urban areas with drinking water, food and fiber, recreation opportunities, fish and wildlife, and economic development. Across the state, however, we are challenged with complicated issues that threaten these resources. The Montana Watershed Coordination Council provides resources and support that ensure our watersheds and our communities thrive for present and future generations. mtwatersheds.org



Montana Wildlife Federation

The Montana Wildlife Federation gives a voice to hunters, anglers, and other conservationists in order to safeguard our fish and wildlife, land and water, and public access. MWF works to support the rights of everyone who hunts, fishes, or just enjoys the opportunity to see and experience wildlife in our state. montanawildlife.org

NAMI Montana



NAMI Montana is dedicated to improving the lives of all of those affected with serious mental illness. We have education 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 people with mental illness. Support groups help them discover they are not alone in the fight against mental illness. namimt.org

NeighborWorks Montana



NWMT provides a range of housing-related support to individuals and families who need help overcoming the issues of high housing costs, coupled with low wages that are prevalent in our state. Housing that Montanans can afford is an important economic engine, bringing stability to communities and the workforce – home is where jobs go to sleep at night. nwmt.org



Pride Foundation

Every 2 out of 5 youth experiencing homelessness identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ). We also know that approximately 89% of all youth experiencing homelessness are youth of color. Understanding the disproportionate impact on our communities, Pride Foundation is proud to be a part of the Executive Committee working on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project with a Housing and Urban Development planning grant to explore solutions with leadership from youth experts. pridefoundation.org



Queen City Ballet Company

Queen City Ballet Company affords students and the public the experience of high-quality, professional ballets with guest artists, lighting, costumes and sets. QCBC contributes to a vibrant cultural community. A dancer that aspires to a career in ballet can receive the experience and education in the arts to prepare for a career in dance. The Company offers scholarships for performance fees and summer incentives with QCBC. queencityballet.com



Raise Montana (formerly Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

Raise Montana is actively engaged in statewide advocacy efforts focused on early childhood education and supportive resources for Montana's children and families. RM offers statewide training for early care and education professionals in an effort to build a quality early care and education system that is accessible to all Montana families.

mtchildcare.org



Rural Employment Opportunities, Inc. (REO)

Rural families who work seasonally have limited income and resources and struggle to maintain economic stability.

Rural Employment Opportunities helps limited-income Montanans and their children with emergency assistance and access to education, employment, and job-training activities that lead to year-round employment, improved family income, and greater economic security.

reomontana.org



Spay Montana

We have an extremely small update for 2020, however we are looking forward to resuming our normal clinic schedule in 2021. Currently we have over 35

communities to schedule. Due to Covid 19 we will be doing the offspring of the offsprings this coming year and most likely for the next following three years. They can outbreed us so quickly.

spaymontana.org



Thrive*

Helping families start and stay healthy is the most effective deterrent to child abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, delinquency, and numerous other issues facing society. All families need information, support, and resources at some point. Thrive works to communicate that need by meeting families where they are at and annually serves over 6,000 children and families through our five home grown preventative programs. allthrive.org



Wild Montana (formerly Montana Wilderness Association)

Only 3% of Montana's wilderness is protected under the Wilderness Preservation System. Through grassroots organizing, public education, and our Wilderness Walks programs, Montana Wilderness Association encourages citizens to become advocates for the protection of crucial wildlife habitat, clean watersheds, and the preservation of our states most unique and beautiful resources - our wild and public lands. wildmontana.org

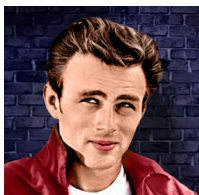


Windhorse Equine Learning

Windhorse Equine Learning programs build confidence and alleviate anxiety in the youth we serve. In surveys of youth in our programs, 85% note significant increases in confidence and self-esteem. In 2020, our first class solely for teens with anxiety yielded very positive results: all but one student (86%) experienced dramatic reductions in anxiety. Anxiety is the primary mental health disorder among teens and has been made worse by the stress of the Covid-19 pandemic. Windhorse will continue to provide this class as part of its core programs in 2021. windhorseequinelearning.org

Life is short, break the rules
(they were made to be broken)
Forgive quickly, kiss slowly
Love truly, laugh uncontrollably
And never regret anything that makes you smile.
The clouds are lined with silver and the glass is half full (though the answers won't be found at the bottom)
Don't sweat the small stuff,
You are who you are meant to be,
Dance as if no one's watching,
Love as if it's all you know,
Dream as if you'll live forever,
Live as if you'll die today.

James Dean



What some of your 2020 donations look like.



26 First-time Homebuyer Classes

9047 Pounds of Food Distributed



16,095 S'mores & Campfire Supplies for Cancer Family Camp**



1711 Meals Provided

179 Spay/Neuters
279 Pets Adopted
4370 Pounds of Dog Food



This does not include \$151,426 for supporting veterans, birds, history, legal assistance, mental health, environment, sustainable agriculture, cultural events, art, childcare, promoting peace, drug prevention, healthcare, and more.

**Okay, it may not have all been spent on s'mores. It did support families living with cancer.



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Thank you!

MONTANA SHARES 2021/2022 PLEDGE FORM

- ____ Montana Shares (for work with its members)
- ____ 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
- ____ Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter
- ____ Holter Museum of Art
- ____ Jeannette Rankin Peace Center
- ____ K9 Care Montana
- ____ Last Chance Community Pow Wow
- ____ Lewis & Clark Humane Society
- ____ Missoula Medical Aid
- ____ Montana 4-H Foundation
- ____ Montana Association for the Blind
- ____ Montana Audubon
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- ____ Windhorse Equine Learning
- ____ Undesignated

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Annual Report

2020 Financial Report

Revenue - \$356,401

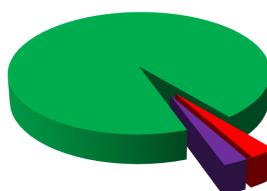
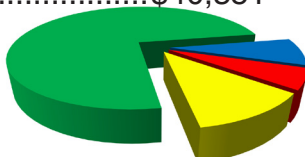
■ Collected Contributions to Members..	\$266,863
■ Fundraisers	\$28,663
■ Dues	\$20,524
■ Other Income	\$40,351

Expenses - \$364,630

■ Distribution to Members	\$226,833
■ Personnel	\$101,908
■ Accounting	\$11,182
■ Rent	\$6,025
■ Printing	\$3,645
■ Other	\$15,037

Organizational Program, Administration & Fundraising Percentages

■ Program Expenses -	95%
■ Fundraising Expenses -	3%
■ Administrative Expenses -	2 %



New member applications accepted this winter

If you know a nonprofit interested in applying to participate as a member of Montana Shares in the 2022-2023 campaign, have them contact the Shares office for the criteria, requirements and application packet. Deadline: March 1st 2022.

Organizations must have a current 501(c)(3) IRS tax exemption and agree to work toward the Shares' mission, vision and values. There is a list of requirements and an application process posted on our web site. This ensures our donors are supporting solid, accountable nonprofits working to make Montana a better place to live. If accepted, they will be able to participate in Montana Shares' public and private workplace campaigns.

Accountability and Disclosures

Montana Shares is audited annually and meets the national standards for workplace giving federations set by Community Shares USA. For 2020 fiscal year, our IRS Form 990 reflects a low 5.1% fundraising/general management expense compared to revenue. Our IRS 990 and audited financial statements are posted on our web site. We hold our members to accountability standards as well, so the donors and employers can be confident that the contributions are supporting the causes intended and are being well managed.

Donors pledged \$229,606 for campaign year 2021 and \$242,836 for campaign year 2020. 100% of campaign contributions stay in Montana. Fifteen percent is withheld from collected contributions for program support. 8.66% of our pledges were uncollectible. Member organizations pay annual dues based on a percentage of funds received. They commit to actively working with Shares to open and grow workplace giving campaigns. Members help Montana Shares with our work. Based on their involvement, they receive designated pledges plus a proportional share of undesignated pledges based on our member-approved policy.

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 - 2020-2022

President - Nikki Andersen
Vice President - Kelley Willett
Secretary - Darbie Hess
Treasurer - Bernie Ongoy-Franks
Past President - Dave Chadwick

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

Nikki Andersen, Helena 5/22
Carissa Beckwith, Helena 5/22
Dave Cooper, Helena, 5/23
Darbie Hess, Helena 5/22
Mary Wright, Helena, 5/23

Council members Individual (representation) (term ends)

Nikki Andersen (At-large member) (5/22)
Carissa Beckwith (At-large member) (5/22)
Dave Cooper (At-large member) (5/23)
Bernie Franks-Ongoy (Disability Rights MT) (5/22)
Darbie Hess (At-large member) (5/22)
Bill Mathews (MT Food Bank Network) (9/22)
Kim McKearman (Camp Mak-A-Dream) (9/23)
Michelle Rogers (NeighborWorks MT) (5/22)
Ann Rupert (Bridgcare) (5/23)
Kelley Willett (Montana Trout Unlimited) (5/23)
Kelsey Dalton Watts (L&C Humane Society) (5/22)
Mary Wright (At-large member) (5/23)



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