

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 2024

I am just one person – Said 8 billion people.

by Bill Crane

Part of the power of Montana Shares is about making numerous people's small donations meaningful. People often think something like, "I have \$100 I want to share, but I want to support 10 nonprofits. That is not going to make any difference." However, their support is meaningful because it is added to other people's donations within Montana Shares, and then these are combined with fundraising efforts by the nonprofits themselves. **All donations make a difference, no matter the size.**

I often ponder change—who makes it, how it is made, and how it is not made. One way people make significant change is to simply do something every day for long periods of time. The second way is to do something that inspires others to join in your efforts. While one person doing something can achieve amazing results, I think the real power is in inspiring others to join you. **The one sure way to fail is to say you are just one person and therefore cannot create change.** With that in mind, I am sharing a few stories. Enjoy learning about the Forest Man, the Gangsta Gardener, and Living Lands & Waters.

Forest Man of India

Jadav Payeng, known as the "Forest Man of India," is a remarkable example of how one person's dedication to nature can change the world. It all began in 1979 when Jadav, a teenager at the time, noticed severe soil erosion and the death of wildlife on a barren sandbar along the Brahmaputra River in Assam, India. He realized that the land was losing its vitality due to deforestation, and with it, local wildlife was disappearing.

Determined to make a difference, Jadav started planting trees, one sapling at a time. Without support or resources, he planted bamboo and other indigenous trees along the sandbar. He continued this laborious task daily, nurturing each young plant and protecting the growing forest from the elements and grazing animals.

As the years went by, Jadav's persistence began to bear fruit. What started as a few trees grew into a dense forest spanning 1,360 acres—larger than New York's Central Park. The forest is now home to a variety of wildlife, including elephants, tigers, deer, and countless species of birds. It has become a haven of biodiversity in a region that was once devoid of greenery.

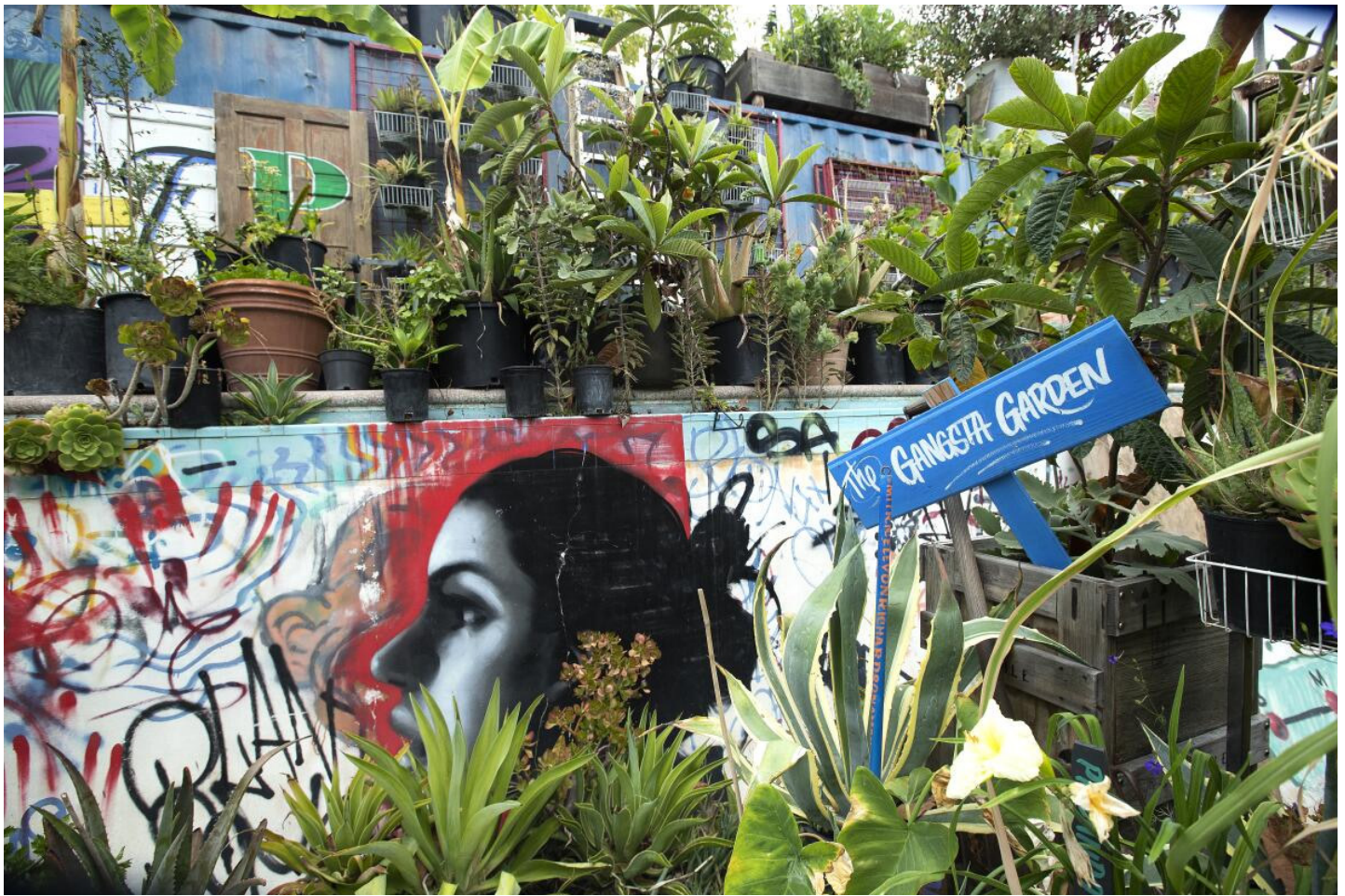
Jadav's story is a powerful reminder that small, consistent efforts can lead to extraordinary outcomes. His forest did not appear overnight; it grew slowly, nurtured by Jadav's determination and patience over more than 40 years. He



transformed a barren sandbar into a thriving ecosystem that not only supports wildlife but also helps mitigate the impacts of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and stabilizing the riverbank.

Jadav Payeng's story is an example of how one person's unwavering commitment can turn a small act into a legacy.

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The Gangsta Gardener

Ron Finley, famously known as the “Gangsta Gardener,” is transforming the concrete jungle of South Central Los Angeles, one seed at a time. What started as a small act of defiance has grown into a movement that is redefining urban spaces, empowering communities, and promoting healthy living. His journey from a frustrated resident to an internationally recognized urban gardening activist shows the power of planting not just seeds, but hope and resilience.

In 2010, Ron Finley decided to plant a vegetable garden on the narrow strip of land between his sidewalk and the street—an area known as a “parkway.” In South Central LA, where fresh produce is scarce, this simple act was revolutionary. Finley was tired of seeing vacant lots, liquor stores, and fast food chains dominate the neighborhood, while residents had limited access to nutritious food. He envisioned turning neglected spaces into lush, productive gardens that could feed the community and bring beauty to the streets.

But the city didn’t share his vision. Ron was quickly cited for gardening without a permit. Instead of backing down, he fought back, rallying support from neighbors and local advocates. His efforts led to

a change in LA city policy, allowing residents to legally grow food on their parkways. Since then, Ron has become a champion of “guerrilla gardening,” a practice of planting food and flowers in unexpected urban spaces without waiting for permission. His approach is about more than just growing food—it’s about reclaiming the land and empowering communities to take control of their health and environment. His motto, “Plant some shit,” captures the direct, hands-on philosophy that drives his movement.

Ron’s gardens are more than patches of vegetables; they are spaces of education and empowerment. He teaches people how to grow their own food, emphasizing that gardening is a form of self-sufficiency and resistance against a system that neglects low-income communities. He runs workshops out of his “Gangsta Garden” in Los Angeles, teaching everything from composting and soil health to cooking and nutrition.

The impact of Ron’s work is tangible. Families who once had no choice but to buy processed foods now harvest fresh fruits and vegetables from their neighborhoods. Children are learning the joy of planting a seed and watching it grow.

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Entire communities are discovering that they can take pride in their environment and their health. Beyond the local community, Ron's message has resonated globally. He has been invited to speak at TED Talks, inspiring millions with his story and challenging people everywhere to rethink how they use the spaces around them. He advocates for cities to use vacant lots, abandoned properties, and other neglected areas to grow food, emphasizing that growing food is a fundamental right.

In Ron Finley's own words, "Gardening is the most therapeutic and defiant act you can do, especially in the inner city. Plus, you get strawberries." His vision of turning food deserts into food sanctuaries has sparked a movement that extends far beyond Los Angeles, inspiring guerrilla gardeners around the world to reclaim their cities one plant at a time.

Ron Finley's story is a reminder that change can start small—with a single seed, a patch of dirt, and the determination to make a difference.

Living Lands & Waters

Chad Pregracke grew up along the Mississippi River near East Moline, Illinois. As a teenager, he spent much of his time working on the river, whether it was fishing, harvesting mussels, or working as a barge hand. During this time, he became increasingly aware of the pollution along the riverbanks—old tires, plastic bottles, barrels, and all sorts of discarded waste that were piling up in the water and along the shores.

In the late 1990s, he decided that something needed to be done about the state of the river. At just 23 years old, Chad began removing the garbage himself. He approached businesses and organizations for sponsorships and support, and with their backing, he set out on a mission to clean the Mississippi River. He started by using a small boat, manually collecting trash from the riverbanks and piling it onto his boat.

What made Chad's efforts so compelling wasn't just the scale of the problem he tackled, but the way he inspired others to join him. His passion for cleaning up America's rivers caught the attention of local media and communities. Soon, volunteers began to join him in the cleanups. As more people became involved, he founded Living Lands & Waters in 1998, turning his solo project into a large-scale river cleanup organization.

Under Chad's leadership, Living Lands & Waters grew to include a fleet of barges

and boats dedicated to river cleanups. He organized hundreds of cleanup events along major American rivers, including the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, and Missouri rivers. Thousands of volunteers have joined the effort over the years, removing millions of pounds of trash from the nation's waterways. In addition to removing garbage, Living Lands & Waters conducts educational workshops and tree planting events, spreading awareness about the importance of protecting freshwater ecosystems.

By 2023, Chad's organization had removed more than 12 million pounds of trash from America's rivers and hosted over 1,200 community cleanups, involving thousands of volunteers from all walks of life. These efforts have revitalized polluted waterways, improved habitats for wildlife, and helped restore pride in the health of rivers for countless communities. The scale and impact of this work are astonishing, considering it all started with Chad's decision to take tangible action on his own.

Chad's approach was entirely action-driven from the start. He saw a problem and set out to fix it directly, using his own hands to make an immediate impact. This tangible approach inspired people because they could see the direct results of their work.

Chad's efforts were compelling because they brought together diverse groups of people who wouldn't ordinarily engage in environmental actions. Families, local businesses, schools, and even corporations participated in his cleanups, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and community pride.

His story illustrates how a single individual, through sheer determination and a willingness to get his hands dirty, can mobilize thousands and leave a lasting impact on the environment.



Annual Report

2023 Financial Report

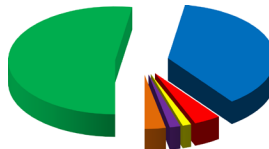
Revenue - \$280,307

■ Collected Contributions to Members..	\$199,963
■ Fundraisers	\$25,995
■ Dues	\$19,750
■ Other Income	\$34,599



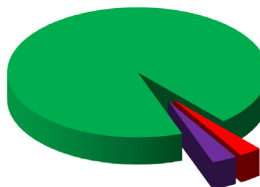
Expenses - \$303,406

■ Distribution to Members	\$159,475
■ Personnel	\$113,089
■ Accounting	\$12,286
■ Rent	\$3,984
■ Printing	\$4,894
■ Other	\$9,678



Organizational Program, Administration & Fundraising Percentages

■ Program Expenses -	94%
■ Fundraising Expenses -	3%
■ Administrative Expenses -	3 %



Accountability and Disclosures

Montana Shares is audited annually and meets the national standards for workplace giving federations set by Community Shares USA. For 2023 fiscal year, our IRS Form 990 reflects a low 6.79% 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 \$134,603 for campaign year 2024 and \$172,630 for campaign year 2023. 100% of campaign contributions stay in Montana. Fifteen percent is withheld from collected contributions for program support. 9% 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 - 2024-2026

President - Dr Roch Turner
Vice President - Kelley Willett
Secretary - Michelle Rogers
Treasurer - Dave Cooper
Past President - Shaun Tatarka

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

Dave Cooper, Helena 5/25

Council members Individual (representation) (term ends)

Nikki Andersen (WorldMontana) (5/26)
Dave Cooper (At Large) (5/25)
Callie Houck (Heart of the Valley) (5/25)
Bill Mathews (MT Food Bank Network) (5/26)
Michelle Rogers (NeighborWorks MT) (5/26)
Dr Roch Turner (Montana College Attainment Network) (5/25)
Kelley Willett (Montana Trout Unlimited) (5/25)



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communitysharesusa.org


Montana Nonprofit Association
mtnonprofit.org



Montana Nonprofit Association

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.



Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

In 1950 MT produced 70% of its own food. Today, that number is down to 3%, recklessly low. AERO is putting all its resources, expertise and experience as a 50 year-old problem-solving nonprofit to get 33% Montana-grown food on ALL Montana plates by 2033. Our focus is building consumer demand, MT market channel access, and community resources, networks, and knowledge. Together, we can do this. aeromt.org



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana

We believe that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. Most children served by BBBS are low-income and face challenges at home and at school. Local and national data suggest that 2-3 hours per week of thoughtful, caring, respectful mentoring increase self-confidence and trust in community members, while decreasing truancy and use of drugs and alcohol. We empower children.



Bike Walk Montana

With increasing population in Montana and increasing environmental concerns, it is more important than ever to make active transportation a natural part of our culture and included in any transportation related discussion. Bike Walk Montana is the only statewide organization actively pursuing these goals. bikewalkmontana.org



Bridgercare

Bridgercare serves more patients than any other reproductive healthcare clinic in the state of Montana. Serving people of all genders, the clinic provides reproductive and sexual healthcare on a sliding fee scale. Bridgercare runs a sexual education program that offers medically accurate, culturally competent, and developmentally appropriate information. Throughout the pandemic, Bridgercare has provided and expanded services to ensure that everyone has access to compassionate care through this unprecedented time. bridgercare.org



Butte Spirit Center

The Butte SPIRIT Home is a state licensed ASAM Level 3.1 substance use disorder (SUD) recovery home in Butte that serves up to 8 men at a time with case management, peer support, and clinical counseling. We were founded by people in recovery, for people in recovery, and our entire staff is made up of people with lived experience in overcoming SUD. buttespirit.org



Camp Mak-A-Dream

What started out as one camp in 1995 for 46 campers has turned into 17 different camps and retreats for over 800 participants each year. 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 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 & beautiful Breaks landscape. 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. greatfallsfoodbank.org



Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (HOV) provides a service to over 3,000 animals a year 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. 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. heartofthevalleyshelter.org



Holter Museum of Art, Inc.

At the Holter Museum of Art, we aspire to be a beacon of artistic excellence through innovative exhibitions, inspiring creativity in our educational programs, and forging meaningful connections between artists, artworks, and our community. Committed to showcasing both established and emerging artists, we aim to be a vibrant hub that celebrates the power of art, in all its forms and expressions, to transform lives. 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 2023, shelter staff and volunteers provided care to over 1,700 animals. lchsmontana.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. We provide programs that teach and develop skills critical to maintaining independence and employment or to pursue educational and vocational goals. In addition, the MAB's nine 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 CASA/GAL Association

As the trusted voice for abused and neglected children, Montana CASA/GAL supports a strong network of volunteers and professionals who tirelessly advocate for their best-interest and well-being. Our collaborative efforts within the justice and child welfare systems ensure that the best interests of each child remain at the forefront of every decision. We invite everyone to join in the fight against child abuse and neglect. montanacasagal.org



Montana College Attainment Network

Founded and organized around the Lumina Foundation's Goal 2025, which seeks to increase postsecondary completion by sixty percent in the year formerly mentioned, the mission of the Montana College Attainment Network (MCAN) seeks to increase college attainment and graduation rates in the state for all Montanans with specific focus on individuals from underserved communities. We do this by collaborating with our members and affiliates who tirelessly serve students. mtcollegeattainment.org



Montana Food Bank Network, Inc.

Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) is Montana's only statewide food bank and member of Feeding America. MFBN distributes food to over 360 partners that include community food banks, pantries, senior centers, shelters and schools to end hunger in Montana. MFBN's hunger relief programs include BackPack, Mail-a-Meal, Hunters Against Hunger and Retail Food Rescue. MFBN advocates for long-term policy solutions to strengthen public nutrition programs and address the root causes of hunger. mfbn.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 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 2022, MLSA helped empower over 12,137 clients and their family members to achieve greater financial stability, and live safer, healthier lives. 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. Montana counties are reporting increased Meth usage in drug testing and violent crimes. With schools and activities shuttered, Montana teens are vulnerable to Meth use and we have a captive audience consuming our content now more than ever. montanameth.org



Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force

Since 1996, Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force has provided Spay/Neuter care for 67,475 dogs and cats throughout Montana, specifically helping people who could not afford surgery or even to keep their pets otherwise. It is especially important to offer support now, when the economy is so challenging. Shelters are full and this is how we help lower pet overpopulation. montanaspayneutertaskforce.org



Montana Supporting Military

Many of our deployed troops receive few, if any, care packages. That is devastating to their morale. Other troops do not have access to needed supplies. MT Supporting Military fills that need with personalized care packages and cards of support. We receive care package items and cards from caring individuals and groups across Montana. We also provide guidance and support for families of deployed troops. 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. 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. 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



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. queencityballet.com



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

2023 we did nearly 5,200 spay neuter procedures in 30 communities and Native Nations. We traveled over 6000 miles between early April through mid November. We treated and vaccinated over 900 animals in our Wellness Clinics and treated everything from mange, flea's broken teeth, wounds, broken bones. We did a little over 7000 vaccinations. In 2023 we completed our 96,000th spay neuter surgery over a 15 year span. 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. alithrive.org



Trust Montana

Home ownership and farm ownership are out of reach for many Montana families. Trust Montana can change that by investing in homeownership and farmland projects to buy down purchase price for Montanans, and stewarding properties long-term to ensure they remain affordable from one buyer to the next. trustmontana.org



Wild Montana

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



WorldMontana

World Montana annually welcomes over 170 upcoming business and government leaders from Asia, Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe to study Montana-focused insights and approaches to agriculture, education, human rights, governance and the environment. worldmontana.org



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- _____ Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
- _____ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana
- _____ Bike Walk Montana
- _____ Bridgcare
- _____ Butte Spirit Center
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Every year Montanans and individuals beyond our borders donate to support the work of Montana Shares in a variety of ways. This year's raffle, with 18 prize packages, raised \$22,391. Thank you to our hard-working members, staff, our council and friends for your help and support. Thank you one and all! The winners of the 2024 raffle drawing were notified following the 9/11/24 drawing and their names are posted on our web site. Visit montanashares.org home page, go to Fundraising then Annual Raffle for the raffle results.