

2025 has been a year of dynamic growth for Pro-Life Bitterroot (our 501c3 nonprofit), Bitterroot Mommy & Me (our pro-life pregnancy center), and Montanans for Life (our 501c4 lobbying arm).

We draw strength from our faith in God, who lovingly shapes each life according to *Psalm 139:13 "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb."* 

Your prayers and financial support are vital to our mission of providing compassionate care and resources that empower women to choose life for their babies.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025:

- Educational seminars and guest speakers, pg. 2
- New Pregancy Center in Hamilton, pg. 3
- Safe Haven Baby Box Missoula, pg. 4
- AMAZING turnout at Hamilton LifeChain, pg. 4
- Legislative wins, pg. 5









# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:



#### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Montanans for Life, ProLife
Bitterroot and Bitterroot Mommy
& Me engage in educational,
charitable, and legislative
efforts to affirm the inherent
dignity and right to life of every
human being, from the moment
of conception to natural death.
Through our efforts, we strive to
inspire compassion, facilitate
healing, and create lasting
change to develop a culture of life.

## **KEY PROGRAMS OVERVIEW**

- **ProLife Bitterroot**: Provides pro-life education, works to install Safe Haven Baby Boxes, and coordinates LifeChain, an annual prayer event.
- **Bitterroot Mommy & Me**: A new pro-life pregnancy center serving the Bitterroot Valley.
- **Montanans For Life**: Lobbies to create a culture where all humans are valued from the moment of conception until natural death.

## **EDUCATION**

5 Live seminars 3 Guest Speakers
4 MT Cities

#### ProLife Bitterroot developed and hosted a number of educational events in 2025, including:

- "What Do the Bible and Science Say About Children in the Womb?" with Samuel Green of Reason for Life.
- Volunteer Orientation and Workbook for Bitterroot Mommy & Me staff.
- Trauma-informed volunteer workshop by Denisha Workizer of Reclaimed Story.
- Our own "What Does CI-128 Mean For You?" Seminar was conducted in three locations with great reviews.
- "Legislative Training for the 2025 Session" Co-written and presented by our Chair and Patrick Webb of Montana Family Foundation in Helena, as well as online.
- "Physician-Assisted Suicide in Montana" virtual event with Jessica Rogers of Patients Rights Action.

"I've been testifying for years, and <u>still</u> learned a lot - I didn't expect to learn so much!" - Legislative Training Attendee, Helena "The legal and Scriptural information was so detailed!" -Attendee, "What Science and the Bible Say About Children in the Womb" - Victor "Excellent information that was presented well! Wow!" -Attendee, "What Does CI-128 Mean to You?" - Stevensville **Born in February of 2025,** Bitterroot Mommy & Me was initially set up to provide non-medical, life-affirming support services which include post-abortive healing and options counseling, as well as resources such as diapers, maternity clothes, and baby clothing up to 5T. With the closure of Missoula's CareNet, we are taking bold steps in faith to expand Bitterroot Mommy & Me to include medical services such as ultrasound and pregnancy testing. Bitterroot Mommy & Me was launched in 2024 on an appointment basis, and in early 2025 opened a boutique with regular hours at the Neely Center in Victor. We are very thankful to the Church of the Nazarene for providing us space at their Neely Center. We have outgrown this space and are excited to announce we have just moved to a larger place at 1967 N. 1st St. in Hamilton!



Over 80% of moms who see their baby on an ultrasound choose LIFE!

## **TESTIMONY:**

Mommy & Me has helped my family through giving us diapers and wipes when we have been in a bind, as well as some infant and toddler clothing, for which I am so grateful! I was also able to talk with another mom who was working...at Mommy & Me about an issue going on with my infant son. Because she had the same experience, she was able to share and give me insight and a contact to address the issue. I have been very thankful for the help I have received and am excited about Mommy & Me being in our community. My hope and prayer is that it will thrive and grow here! - Mama S





**Diaper**Giveaways

Trained
Volunteers

Volunteer Hours

#### WHAT IT TAKES: THE MEDICAL TRANSITION

- Professional Legal and Medical Guidance: National Institute of Family and Life Advocates
   (NIFLA <a href="https://nifla.org/medical-clinic-conversion/">https://nifla.org/medical-clinic-conversion/</a>) will lead us through the conversion to a
   medical center and provide all the necessary legal and medical guidelines. Though there is a
   significant cost, this essential guidance provides key resources for successful transition and
   avoidance of legal pitfalls.
- Medical Professionals: Bitterroot Mommy & Me will need to secure a medical director, nurse-manager, sonographer, etc. These professionals will be trained to share the gospel as they oversee all aspects of the center.
- Larger Facility: Thankfully, our new location has space to accommodate these added medical services. With the larger facility comes increased expense, so we will need the support of the churches and the community to maintain our pro-life medical pregnancy center.



## LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain 2025, an event for, by, and with the community was held October 5th. Life Chain is an peaceful, prayerful public annual witness organized by pro-life groups across the USA, Canada and now, other countries to advocate for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Participants congregate on sidewalks for one hour, holding signs with messages such as "You are loved", "Pregnant? You are not alone" and silently pray for an end to abortion and for those affected by it. Elke West, our Life Chain Coordinator, did a wonderful job organizing the event. We thank all who participated in Life Chain along Hwy 93 in the Bitterroot Valley! There is something profoundly moving about seeing pro-life warriors peacefully praying and displaying impactful signs as cars drive by. We are a beacon of light, inspiring passers-by to join the movement that advocates for life in Montana!

#### **2025 ATTENDANCE**



27
Churches



370

**People** 

From former legislator Brad Tschida: "My son was coming back to Missoula from the East Fork of the Bitterroot and said there was an AMAZING turn out of people along Hwy. 93 nearly the entire length of Hamilton... I send you my deepest gratitude and would ask you to pass that gratitude along to the other warriors who staunchly defended life. Blessings, Brad Tschida"

## SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

Thanks to the generosity of an amazing couple, we have purchased a 'Safe Haven Baby Box' which will be located at Fire Station #1 at 625 E. Pine St. in Missoula. A Safe Haven Baby Box allows a safe. compassionate and legal surrender of a an illegal newborn, thus preventing abandonment, or worse, death of the infant. Once a baby is placed in a box, an alarm signals onsite trained fire department personnel, who immediately retrieve the baby from the box and transfer the baby to the hospital for evaluation and care.

Safe Haven Baby Box (<u>shbb.org</u>) offers a 24-hour hotline for mothers in crisis to answer any questions and provide guidance on how to safely and legally surrender the infant, ensuring both the well-being of the mother and safety of the infant. We pray the use of a Baby Box is a last resort option.



**Your voice of the voiceless in Helena and beyond,** Montanans for Life was able to support several life-affirming legislative bills and oppose those that would kill the innocent.

- We worked directly with legislators to craft two bills which are now laws (HB 723 and HB 476).
- We actively supported fourteen other bills and provided testimony against several others that we opposed.
- During the 2025 Legislative Session, Representative Randyn Gregg worked with our organization to draft Montana House Bill 476, and saw it through until it became law. This new law **establishes** a \$160,000 grant program for up to eight baby boxes. These boxes are in addition to the baby boxes in Billings and Missoula.
- We also worked with Representative Lee Deming to draft HB723 and saw it through until it became law. This new law establishes annual reporting requirements for infants born alive after abortions.
- **Defund Planned Parenthood**: Montanans For Life is working with Senators Tim Sheehy and Steve Daines, as well as other pro-life leaders to defund Planned Parenthood nationally. **Through our combined efforts, Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood have been stopped for one year**, resulting in the closure of many abortion clinincs. We continue to seek long-term solutions, because **taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for other people's abortions**.

#### Your donations help us pay for:

- Travel expenses for our voluneteer lobbyist
- Printing
- Communications

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16 Life-affirming bills we supported

- **2** Bills we helped to craft that are now law
- **4** Bad bills we actively opposed
- **22** Total number of bills we supported or opposed in the 2025 Session
- **15** Average number of volunteer hours per bill

Your donation of \$150 sends a lobbyist to Helena for one day

#### 2026 Goal:

Develop an internship program for college students who are interested in engaging with the political process.

## **FUNDRAISING 2025**

Our Second Annual Celebrate Life Montana banquet, sponsored by ProLife Bitterroot and Montanans for Life, is an annual event that celebrates the Dobbs Decision, and raises funds to continue to create a culture of life in Montana, serve God and save babies. This year the event was held at Light of the Valley Church and included a BBQ dinner provided by the St. Francis Knights of Columbus, Live Dessert and Gun Auctions and a Silent Auction, Music by Leah West and Jayne Bauer. Speakers included Montana State Sen. Theresa Manzella, U.S. Sen. Steve Daines and Sen. Tim Sheehy, Denisha Workhizer and Frank Pavone. Thanks to all the churches and ministries, sponsors and donors who contributed to making this special occasion a huge success!





Diaper Drive/Giveaway: Marie Hischier directed her annual community Diaper Drive during the month of October and blessed Bitterroot Mommy & Me with truckloads of diapers, baby wipes, and diaper rash cream. We collected these items at Churches throughout the valley and at the Super 1 Grocery in both Stevensville and Hamilton. Our churches and community were incredible, generously donating thousands of diapers in every size, baby wipes, and diaper rash cream. In abundantly stocking addition to **Bitterroot** Mommy & Me with diapers, wipes, and cream for months to come, we are also conducting huge diaper giveaways for community families in need, with distribution stations in Darby, Hamilton, Florence, and Missoula.

## Thanks to our donors and sponsors!







# What Part Do You Play in Protecting Life?

Please give careful thought and prayer as to how God would have you help in this mission. We need prayer warriors and volunteers to join us in this fight. And financial support from our churches and community is vital. That is why we are asking you to consider a financial gift to support our work. For those who want to unite with our mission in a long-term partnership, we are seeking monthly donors. Monthly donors add strength to our organization and enable us to plan and budget in a more robust way.

To make your donation, you may visit our secure website at: <a href="https://www.MontanansForLife.com">www.MontanansForLife.com</a> or complete and mail the enclosed envelope.

To ensure your gift counts for 2025, please make your donation by December 31st, 2025.

## **Ready to Give?**

Yes! I'll be glad to support lobbying efforts that work to create a culture where all life is valued, from the moment of conception until natural death!



Scan this code for a secure link to donate directly to Montanans for Life. Due to IRS laws, these donations are *not* tax-deductible.





Yes! I value educational and missional efforts in my community. Let me help support moms and babies, showing they can trust God to supply all their needs.



Scan this code for a secure link to donate directly to our tax-deductible non-profits, ProLife Bitterroot and Bitterroot Mommy & Me.















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#### YOUR MONTHLY GIFT PROVIDES THESE ESSENTIALS:



**\$75** provides a month of diapers & wipes for one child.



**\$100** gives a postpartum recovery package to one mom.



**\$250** helps us bring free ultrasounds to moms in need.





### **Save The Date:**

Our Third Annual Celebrate Life MT Fundraising Banquet will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 27<sup>th</sup></u>, <u>2026</u>. Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life will be here to keynote this year! You won't want to miss it!

