BROADWATER COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION

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Who We Are & What We Do..... our story began a long time ago when folks were in need of medical care due to mining, logging, agriculture and just plain living accidents. This was 'in the day' when horses pulled logs in the forest, freight wagons and various farming equipment. Accidents happened! In this era it was a woman's nature to take care of the home AND to take care of those injured, sick and the babies that came along. The Townsend Community determined that one home should be chosen as a known place to provide needed medical care. As time went on and the community grew, a professional hospital with properly educated doctors and nurses was established and the hospital continued to evolve to include a Long-Term Care wing (to take care of those who took care of us) and an Ambulance service.







First 'hospital' was in this home

First Professional Hospital Building

Billings Clinic - Broadwater

Medical Equipment & Medical Care are expensive, and that is where we come in.... the Broadwater Community Health Foundation was formed to help the hospital offset some of these medical expenses as they relate to Better Medical Equipment to provide the Best Care and Comfort for the patient while under their care. In 1989 the foundation received our IRS non-profit 501(c)3 status. In recent years we have expanded our organization Umbrella & Reach, to better support other healthcare needs that arise in Townsend and/or Broadwater County. Our organization grew to include the Circle 100 Club, Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund and the Legacy Project; each having their own set of rules, guidelines and financials to work within. Read more information about these in the following pages of this newsletter.

Annual Benefit Dinner..... each year the foundation selects a Special Project to fund with proceeds from our Annual Benefit Dinner. This year we have chosen the *Emergency Medical Technician Training project*. The goal is to train six additional people thereby strengthening the emergency medical service capacity in Broadwater County by increasing the number of qualified EMT's.

Join Us September 6th..... Bunkhouse Bar at Toston 5pm to 7:30pm.....



BBQ Tri-Tip or Ribs, Loaded Baked Potato, Caesar Salad, Roll and Dessert per plate. Enjoy **LIVE MUSIC** and try your luck at **50/50** and/or **Raffle Tickets**. Raffle items; 783 Remington 300 Win Mag Synthetic Stock Rifle, Lone Mountain Coolers three

different sizes full of goodies. 4 LUCKY Winners!!!!

PLAY HEADS & TAILS at the BBQ!

You could win a
Mossberg Patriot
Woodstock
7mm-08 rifle

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Presale Adult BBQ \$25
Presale Kids BBQ \$12
\$20 Raffle Tickets
at Townsend Mercantile
until September 3rd
after the 3rd Full Price
Tickets will be available at the
BBQ Adult \$30 & Kids \$15
\$20 Raffle Tickets

'Circle 100' club was established in 2012 as a fundraiser operating within the Broadwater Community *Health* Foundation. Since it's inception, 'Circle 100' members have provided ongoing financial and oral support to the local health facility. The hospital and long-term care center are essential for the local economy, everyday medical needs, and for allowing elderly residents to remain in the community. From 2012 to 2025 we have spent over \$100,000 to procure medical equipment & costs. For Example; the 2024 project was the purchase of a shuttle bus with a wheelchair lift to transport folks to medical appointments. For the 2025 project we installed two gazebos complete with outdoor furnishings so long-term care residents with an enjoyable outdoor space where they can sit and visit.





2024 Project - Shuttle Bus with wheelchair lift

2025 Installed Two furnished Gazebos – for improved Outdoor Space



Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund was formed in memory of Barb for all of her hard work, worry & prayers for the hospital. She was instrumental in helping to form the Broadwater Community Health Foundation and served as its President for a number of years. These Educational Funds provide scholarship monies to a graduating senior of Broadwater High School who is pursuing a career in the medical field. It is also used to assist current Broadwater Health professionals with any further courses or classes they take to improve the level of care given. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to Barbara Kirscher Education Fund; PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644

Memorial Donations a way to honor a friend or loved ones. When you send a tax-deductible donation to our Memorial Donation Fund, please remember to include the name of the person(s) you are honoring. You will receive a Thank You note and receipt for your gift.

Donation Fund is for those who would like to make a more generalized gift that is not 'ear marked' for a specific category. These tax-deductible funds can be used to service Special 'Immediate Need' Projects or simply to offset typical business expenses such as postage, paper, printer ink etc...

Legacy Project is a way for people to make gifts to the foundation from their estates. For example, the foundation can be named as a beneficiary of property, life insurance policies or retirement plans. Please contact your financial advisor for more information regarding Legacy Gifts.





Special Projects come along such as....

Broadwater Health Department.... our funds have purchased expensive shingle immunizations for folks in need who were not covered by Medicare or Insurance. Townsends schools.... we purchased hand sanitizing stations for the students to use at schools during COVID.

Broadwater Community Health Foundation achievements....

- Now here we are years later and Broadwater Community Health Foundation has directed <u>Over</u> <u>\$1MILLION</u> to the hospital for medical equipment to mention a few... Laryngoscope, Vera lift with belt, Analyzer for lab, Nurses call station, Power cots for ambulance, Lab Coagulation Analyzer, Medicine cart, Blood Bank equipment, EMT straps, Portable Xray machine, Ventilator, Specialized ER Beds, Rehab Equipment, EKG machine etc....and other items/supplies for the betterment of patient care.
- Circle 100 has donated \$100,000+ for purchases of medical facility items such as Automatic Handicap doors, Snowblower, Carpet Cleaner, Food Prep equipment, Roll-on Scale, Lab supplies, Bladder Scanner, Bus with wheelchair lift, 2 Gazebos etc ... and other needed supplies.
- S Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund has disbursed almost \$5,000 to Graduating High School Seniors in the form of Scholarship funds to pursue medical education. The fund has also disbursed \$5,000+ to hospital staff to help continue their education in various medical courses and/or classes to provide better care for hospital patients.

Help us Help you....

Become a 'Circle 100' club member.... we encourage every woman and man in Broadwater County to join us in supporting local health needs. Simply mail your tax-deductible annual donation check of \$100 to The Circle 100 Club; PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644

Keep Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund strong we encourage you to mail your tax-deductible donation in any amount to Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund; PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644

Become a BCHF member.... help us to improve the medical care in our community by purchasing better medical equipment and to provide the best care and comfort for our patients. Mail your \$5.00 membership fee (annual) to BCHF; PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644.

Legacy Project Gifts with so many variations of Legacy Gifts, we ask that you seek advice from your Financial Advisor. Contact us with any program questions you may have. Address them to BCHF; PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644.

Donations of any amount are *always appreciated* and can be mailed to us at PO Box 1215; Townsend, MT 59644. Let us know where you would like your donation to go; Circle 100, Barbara Kirscher Educational Fund, Special Projects or to the foundation to be used as needed.

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