

“BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY”

NEWSLETTER OF THE MUSSELHELL VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - 2020



Musselshell Valley Community Foundation

Musselshell Valley Community Foundation is a local 501(c)3 charitable foundation dedicated to enhancing the vitality of the communities in the Musselshell River valley in central Montana.

Thank you Donors!
Here are our 2020 Grant Recipients!



Roundup Memorial Healthcare Stop the Bleed

\$3,600 to Roundup Memorial Healthcare for the Stop Bleed Clinic supplies.

Teddy Blue Abbot Monument



Musselshell Valley Historical Museum

\$2,500 for a new 3-D topographic diorama display.



Northern Treasures

\$1,487.69 for store improvements like shelving and a thermal pouch laminator.

Friends of the Library

\$3,105 for a Microfilm machine.

New This Year!

High School Community Enhancement Grant Opportunity

In order for students to see the important role that grants play in our current economy and to understand how to fill out grant applications, MVCF is providing a grant opportunity to a high school group project that will benefit our community. We look forward to seeing what projects students feel are important!

These applications are due in January 2021.

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Letter from the Chair

2020 Greetings!

2020 has been a year of changes and challenges from COVID to the Bobcat Fire and longtime board members retiring.

The success of the Musselshell Valley Community Foundation to create lasting change in our community for the last 23 years due largely to the vision, dedication, and love of community of past board members. In this year of changes, long time board members Monty Sealey, Mark Rosebush and Mike Morgan retired from the Foundation. We will dearly miss their humor, dedication and expertise. Those of us who have taken up the mantle of carrying on the mission of MVCF recognize a mere thank you in a newsletter is only a small way to acknowledge the gratitude we all feel for the work that has been done before us. Thank you to all the past members who put their heart and soul into building MVCF so that there is an permanent endowment for the benefit of charitable projects in the Musselshell Valley.

The event of COVID-19 has been a challenge as we all learn to adjust to social distancing and virtual meetings. We were not able to hold our annual charitable giving fundraiser in May and our favorite annual summertime event RIDE was canceled due to the pandemic. Being the eternal optimists we all are, we are working and looking forward to both events in 2021. Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page, the newspapers and Panther Radio. Cont’d on page 5.

Contact MVCF at 406-320-1171

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How to Apply for Grants in 2021

Grants for up to \$13,000 will be available during the 2021 Grant Cycle.

The five areas for consideration are:

Youth Activities

Community Education

Natural Resources/Recreation

Cultural Development

Community Enhancement.

You can download the application from our website at mvcommunityfoundation.com, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

MVCF has four grant cycles in a year with the applications due the first of February, May, August, and November.

MVCF does not have a set amount for each application due date, if we have great applications and want to give the available funds we may not have four cycles. Your donations to MVCF make it possible to fund important projects and organizations in our community.

Healthcare Worker Appreciation

This Christmas MVCF invites you to honor our local healthcare workers.

MVCF will have a tree at Christmas Stroll (next to the Chamber of Commerce booth) where you can **hang a \$10.00 gift card** for an employee at Roundup Memorial Healthcare. We encourage you to purchase your gift cards from local business in Musselshell County. This is a way to show your appreciation for our healthcare workers and to stimulate our local economy. You may also drop off your donation or card at **1st Security Bank from now until December 15th**.

All cash donations will be used to purchase additional gift cards.



CHARITABLE BEQUESTS: A LONG-TERM AFFORDABLE PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF) came into being in 1997. The Foundation's creation was inspired by a few community members who were impressed with the success of the Central Montana Community Foundation, based in Lewistown, whose ability to secure donations from their larger community to build a growing endowment (capital fund) yielded increasing returns to invest in the community.

Thanks to you, over the last 23 years the endowment fund has grown to almost \$350,000. The interest on the fund now generates close to \$14,000 annually to support competitive grant requests from community-based organizations. With your continued support we can grow the endowments' value to \$1,000,000, allowing up to \$50,000 to be invested every year in Musselshell County.

From 2010 to 2060, approximately \$123 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in Montana. If just 5% of this wealth was permanently endowed and just 5% distributed each year, it would mean a potential \$307 million in annual grants to keep our state the place we love to call home. For Musselshell County this number could likely fall between 2 and 3 million dollars, thus, generating annual returns close to \$150,000 to invest in the County. Recognizing this long-term opportunity for our community, the Foundation Board has embarked this year on a planned giving campaign to invite you to make charitable bequests to the Foundation.

What is a bequest? In a bequest, you leave a designated amount, percentage, or some remainder of your estate to charity in your will. Bequests allow an individual or family to make a significant community investment that will not come due until the donor dies. And, if the donor chooses to later change the commitment, the bequest is relatively easy to revoke or amend.

In the coming weeks, you may receive a letter from the Foundation to explore this opportunity to make a bequest to help build the endowment for future generations. If you do not get a letter, yet are keen on helping move our planned giving campaign forward, please contact Bill Milton (billmiltomt@gmail.com), or Lisa Laliberte (lisalalibertemt@gmail.com).

MVCF Offers Fiscal Sponsorships for groups who wish to raise money for community improvement and enhancement, and who do not have the funds to apply for their own 501 (C) 3 status. Our fiscal sponsorship makes it possible for donations to be tax deductible.

Community Program Under MVCF’s Fiscal Umbrella



Arts and Culture-

Each year, Arts and Culture acts as host to the **Shakespeare in the Park** Series from Montana State University.

Sadly, this year’s even was canceled, but we will be looking forward to 2021. If you would be interested in helping to host the cast, provide food or just help promote this event, please contact Bill Milton.

Swimmers Forever-

Swimmers Forever was able to raise money to provide an evaluation of the indoor pool at the community center. Unfortunately the cost of renovations may be prohibitive. Swimmers Forever is currently evaluating options for moving forward.

RIDE -

RIDE is looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July in 2021. The committee is ready for a great weekend. We will start off on July 2nd with a parade, the sportsman’s Top Shot Competition and the evening’s entertainment will be Jason Larson opening for Hotel California. July 3rd will start off with the Mimosa Mile Fun Walk followed by the parade, Kids Kountry and RIDE Craft Bazaar. The night’s entertainment will be Lauren Mascitti and Joe Nichols. The evening will be finished with Fireworks. July 4th will be the annual Bird Walk sponsored by Arts and Culture, Cowboy Church and Buttons and Bows Rodeo. Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters we could not put this on without you. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Musselshell County Recovery Team-

Musselshell County Recovery Team was reactivated to respond to the Bobcat Fire. Working with protocols already in place, MCRT is able to direct donated funds to families who had significant losses in the fire.

Roundup Community Partners -

Roundup Community Partners (RCP) are dedicated to restoring a healthy commercial district, preserving historic structures and promoting community events while maintaining our authentic Western values and way of life.

In 2020 RCP members worked on many projects, but the highlight was that RCP facilitated conversations with Wells Fargo Bank leadership to enable the donation of the old bank building to the community. The School District accepted the gift on behalf of the community in June and a virtual tour of the building and its uses will be on RCP's Facebook page by the end of the year.

RCP spearheaded a collaborative effort with the Arts and Culture Committee and the Roundup Chamber to replace the RiverWalk signage and brochures. RCP has also been supporting the Central School developer to help move that project forward. Finance paperwork has been delayed by COVID, but the project is still a go and renovations are expected to start by the Spring of 2021. RCP's current collaborative project is to fund and construct Roundup's 1st Visitor Information Kiosk on

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Our community experienced another natural disaster with the Bobcat Fire in September. Musselshell Valley Recovery Team, an organization that responds to local disaster, was called into action to help affected community members. We are grateful for such a team of dedicated individuals whose purpose is to help fellow citizens who have been affected by natural disasters and we are proud to be their fiscal sponsor.

The work we do at MVCF and the groups we sponsor have a positive impact on local organizations and the future of our community.

If you are interested in becoming part of the community you can give directly to MVCF by:

- Become a member \$20.00 membership fee.
- Donating to the MVCF Endowment through the website www.mvcommunityfoundation.com
- Contact us regarding charitable annuities and legacy giving (all donations are tax deductible and some qualify for a 40% Montana Tax Credit)

How Could Giving Benefit You?

What if there was a way to get up to a \$10,000 credit on your taxes?

What if we told you by getting this credit, you'd not only benefit yourself but also benefit Montana?

And what if we told you Montana is one of just a few states to offer a credit like this?

What is the Montana Endowment Tax Credit?

Formally known as the Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit, this opportunity offers you a credit of 40% of a qualifying planned gift's federal charitable deduction, up to a maximum of \$10,000, per year, per individual. It also allows a credit of 20% of a gift's federal charitable deduction for a direct gift by a qualified business up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

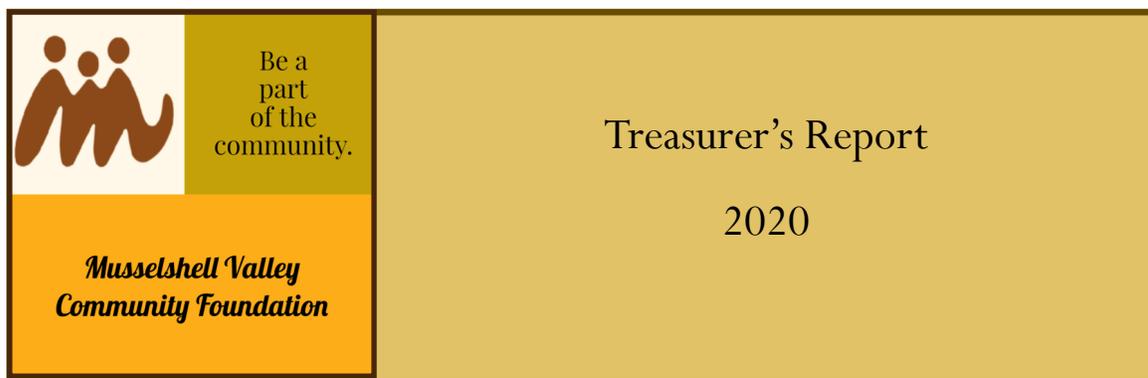
What is a planned gift?

Planned gifts (Planned Giving) are a way of giving that allows donors to maintain access to income during their lifetime, provide estate and tax planning tools, and build permanent wealth for Montana's charities, nonprofit organizations and local community foundations. Things like gift annuities, charitable trusts and some estate gifts all fall into this category.

What does this look like in the real world?

In one real-world example of a generous couple from Great Falls, their initial gifts over several years totaling approximately \$217,000 resulted in tax deductions and credits of nearly \$300,000. Imagine getting tax deductions and credits *greater* than your gifts and helping your favorite Montana charities at the same time. You can and we can help.

**Remember Our Grant Deadlines are the 1st of February, May, August and November!
Download the application at mvcommunityfoundation.com**



The Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF) is a 501(c) 3 organization. Donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible. As of October 30, 2020, cash assets for the Foundation were approximately \$445,342.53. The report is using data from MVCF’s October’s financial report. The following is a brief description of the value of the various funds held by MVCF.

MVCF Endowment Fund: The value of this fund is currently \$324,468.26. Our endowment fund is held and administered by the Montana Community Foundation (MCF), and it works like a savings account for the Musselshell Valley Community Foundation. Each year MCF transfers a portion of the interest and dividends back to our local Foundation for distribution to worthwhile projects in our area.

MVCF Administration and Special Projects Fund: At this time this fund is valued at \$59,112.79, this fund is used for paying bills, grants to organizations, reimbursable grants and special projects. In this fund \$13,901.80 is earmarked for qualifying grants for the 2021 year.

Arts and Culture Committee Fund (A&C): The Arts and Culture Committee is a committee of the MVCF. Dollars donated to this fund go directly towards providing artistic and cultural events to the Musselshell Valley. Most of the money raised in this fund is through A&C’s Patrons of the Arts Drive. The A&C fund is currently at \$6,504.31

Roundup Independence Days Extravaganza Fund (RIDE): The RIDE committee is the group that brings entertainment to Roundup during the 4th of July holiday. The RIDE fund is currently at \$37,088.89. This is enough to start off the new season with.

Roundup Community Partners (RCP): RCP has been working hard on bettering our community. They have recently updated several brochures that are placed around town. This group’s fund is currently at \$548.32.

Musselshell County Recovery Team (MCRT): This committee is essential for our community to help with our county disasters. The total amount available in this fund is \$16,684.95.

Swimmers Forever: This fund is currently at \$935.01.

--Darcy Dutton , MVCF Treasurer



Musselshell Community Foundation

Donations Nov. 2019- Nov. 2020

This list includes donors to MVCF and to all our fiscally sponsored groups, A&C, MCRT, RIDE, RCP and Swimmers Forever. Thank you all so much

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Growing the Endowment for future generations is the first priority of MVCF. Your donation will help support the community in the following five areas of emphasis.

- Community Enhancement
- Recreational and Cultural Development
- Youth Activities
- Natural Resources
- Community Education



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