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**Camp Mak-A-Dream Receives \$200,000 Anonymous Grant
to Complete New Wellness Center**

Helena, Mont., (August 26, 2015) – Camp Mak-A-Dream received a surprise grant for \$200,000 from a charitable fund at the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) supported by an anonymous donor(s). The fund is a charitable donor-advised fund dedicated to supporting worthy organizations and causes throughout Montana. Camp Mak-A-Dream is a charitable organization that provides cost-free Montana experiences in an intimate community setting for children, teens, young adults, women and families affected by cancer, as well as programs for children who have a sibling or a parent with cancer.

Camp Mak-A-Dream was in the process of raising funds to construct its new wellness center and was approximately \$156,000 short of their \$1,430,000 million goal. The 6,700-square-foot center is dedicated to helping courageous cancer survivors gain independence and live life to its fullest. It adds much-needed space to create new programs and expand current services, housing a teaching kitchen, a community room and more. The donor(s) had initially decided to make a \$100,000 grant, but when they learned how close the organization was to achieving their goal, they increased the grant by an additional \$100,000 to provide the full amount needed as well as some additional funding for the deserving organization.

“We are so thankful for this wonderful generosity,” said Laura Bianco Hanna, Executive Director of Camp Mak-A-Dream. “Camp isn’t just a retreat and respite from the daily grind, it is truly a place where campers, regardless if they are 6, 16 or 60, find they aren’t alone and that others know exactly what it’s like to walk in their shoes. From this experience they gain hope, confidence and a network of support that inspires them long after they return home. While we don’t know who the anonymous donor is, we want them to know their gift is going to make a huge difference in helping the people we serve.”

“The generosity of Montanans is something that continues to humble us here at MCF,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF President and CEO. “Camp Mak-A-Dream is an incredible organization here in our state that provides much needed and greatly appreciated services to those affected by cancer. We have been fortunate enough to make some enormous grants like this one, but we have also made many, many smaller grants. Whether it’s hundreds of thousands of dollars to complete a major project, or \$500 to buy a new freezer for a local foodbank, supporting local nonprofit organizations is making a positive and significant impact on the lives of Montanans.”

(Photo Link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/mvd61gg4vbxgqi/IMG_1073.JPG?dl=0)

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About Montana Community Foundation

Montana Community Foundation's (MCF) mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, MCF manages more than \$80 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. Since 1988, MCF has reinvested more than \$33 million in Montana through grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. MCF serves as a center for philanthropy in Montana, working with donors, charitable organizations and communities to provide simple and effective ways to give back to Montana. For more information and to learn how you can support Montana communities, visit www.mtcf.org or call (406) 443-8313. Find us on [Facebook](#).

About Camp Mak-A-Dream

Camp Mak-A-Dream offers cost-free, medically supervised Montana experiences, in an intimate community setting, for children, teens, young adults, adults and families affected by cancer. Since 1995, more than 6,000 participants from 49 states and six foreign countries have found hope, friendship, support and fun taking advantage of all the activities our 87 acre facility has to offer!