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**Montana Communities Raise More Than \$640,000
For Local Nonprofits on Give Local Day**

Helena, Mont., (May 7, 2015) – The results of Give Local in Montana are in and organizers are thrilled. During the one-day event, local community foundations led efforts in their communities to raise more than \$640,000 for local nonprofits across the state. More than 370 nonprofits benefitted from over 6,800 donations.

The May 5th event was a 24-hour crowd-funding event that used local and incentive funds to empower and equip people in Montana to invest in their communities and give to the organizations they care about most. More than 100 community foundations throughout America participated, making it one of the biggest giving days in history. Here in Montana, five local community foundations led Give Local efforts in their communities including Flathead, Glendive, the Bozeman area, Helena and Missoula.

“Last year, the Missoula Community Foundation took the initiative to join the Give Local movement and we made the commitment to support them as a major funder and sponsor,” said Mary Rutherford, Montana Community Foundation President and CEO. “It was a tremendous success and we decided to take the lead in organizing and sponsoring a much larger Give Local effort across Montana partnering with local community foundations. We are thrilled with the turnout and participation of so many Montanans. Our hope is that the program will continue to grow year after year, building momentum and raising money for the charitable organizations that are so vital to our local communities.”

In 2014, communities participating in Give Local America raised more than \$53 million for local communities. This year, Give Local America raised more than \$68 million.

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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 \$74 million in assets and administers more than 800 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](#).