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**Montana Community Foundation Announces
New Board Members and Officers**

Helena, Mont., (November 13, 2014) – During the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) held November 7, 2014, the board elected several new officers and board members.

Six new board members were elected to three-year terms, bringing the total board to 13 members. The new board members include Laura Brehm of Missoula, an independent philanthropy consultant; Kelly Bruggeman of Billings, the Vice President and Executive Director of the First Interstate BancSystem Foundation; Barbara Byrne of Great Falls, a Montana rancher; Casey Lozar of Helena, the Director of the State Tribal Economic Development Commission for Montana; Tawnya Rupe of Emigrant, the Mountain Sky Guest Ranch Fund Director at the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation; and Scott Pankratz of Missoula, the co-founder and Executive Director of Ecology Project International.

“We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new board members,” said MCF President and CEO Mary Rutherford. “This group brings a diverse background, incredible talent and most importantly, their personal commitment to strengthening philanthropy for the future of Montana.”

In addition to electing new board members, officers were elected to lead the board for the next year. These include Chair Mary Craigle of Helena, the Census & Economic Information Center Bureau Chief; Vice Chair Cynthia Woods of Billings, an estate and tax attorney with a private practice; Secretary Brian Patrick of Great Falls, the Director of Business Operations at Great Falls Public Schools; and Treasurer Dale Woolhiser of Missoula, the First Vice President – Investments with UBS Financial Missoula.

“The work the Montana Community Foundation has accomplished under the guidance of outgoing Board Chair Dan Clark is a tribute to his dedication to philanthropy,” said new MCF Board Chair Mary Craigle. “We would also like to give our sincere thanks to retiring board member Mike Gustafson. For the past seven years, he has done a remarkable service for MCF and under his chairmanship, guided the Investment Committee decisions which resulted in steady returns.”



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About Montana Community Foundation

Montana Community Foundation's mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, the Foundation manages more than \$74 million in assets and administers more than 800 philanthropic funds that make grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. The Foundation 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.

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