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**Montana Community Foundation Opens Missoula Office**

**Helena, Mont.**, October 27, 2015 – The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announced today it has opened a new office in downtown Missoula located at 110 W. Front Street in the historic Florence Hotel building. The office was opened in response to the growing demand for MCF's services and represents their second location, adding to their main office in Helena. The Missoula office is home to the Montana Office of Gift Planning and the Women's Foundation of Montana, both important components of MCF. The Missoula Community Foundation has also relocated to share this new space.

"Over the last year and a half, we have seen tremendous growth in philanthropy in Montana and the need for our services," said Mary Rutherford, MCF President and CEO. "As a statewide organization, this is another major step toward better serving our constituents by having a physical location in another community. Like our office in Helena, the Missoula office gives donors, charitable organizations, professional advisors and others a place to meet with our staff in person to discover how we can help them and in turn, help Montana."

The work accomplished, relationships and presence MCF has in Missoula County are significant. Over the past 20 years, MCF has provided approximately 1,500 grants and scholarship awards in the area totaling more than \$3.2 million. MCF has worked with more than 800 individual and organizational donors representing approximately \$8.8 million in donations. There are currently a total of 47 charitable funds at MCF with a combined balance of more than \$4.5 million represented by interests in Missoula County.

An open house will be held for the new office on Friday, November 6 from 5-8 p.m. coinciding with Downtown Missoula's First Friday event. The new office can be reached at (406) 541-7407.

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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 \$35 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](http://www.mtcf.org) or call (406) 443-8313, and find us on [Facebook](#).