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## **We're moving up!**

**MCF** is moving up the street to **1 N Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1**. Our new space is on the ground floor, which means better access and greater efficiency. In the process we're cleaning, converting to an electronic filling system, and installing an improved phone system. The best part is that we'll be easier to find without leaving our neighbors on the Gulch behind. Stop by and check out our new home!

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## Message from the President Montana Community Foundation Twentieth Anniversary

**T**his year is the twentieth anniversary of the Montana Community Foundation and it is a good time to look back and look forward. The Foundation began with \$16,000 and a grand idea about keeping Montana's wealth in Montana. The Community Development Corporation (the community foundation serving the Billings area) soon merged with the Montana Community Foundation boosting assets to over \$300,000. That was a long way from the "take-off" point of \$5 million (an arbitrary benchmark set with staying power and credibility in mind) and a long way from the over \$60 million under management before the recent market decline.

*Building assets is an important fuel driving our mission and will provide economic sustainability. However, coordinating the use of those assets in ways that will **make a lasting difference in the lives of Montanans** is where our passion lies.*

—Linda Reed, President/CEO

The first twenty years can generally be characterized as "survival." Looking through the Board minutes during the first 10 years, it is clear that the Board and staff were driven by the need to make the community foundation idea work here. They were clever, enterprising, and great advocates with national and regional foundations.

The Montana Community Foundation survived those early years living from one grant to the next. Now we're here to stay. Today we have the luxury of being selective about the work we do rather than reaching for every opportunity to build assets and earn administrative revenue.

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The Board is working through a strategic planning process and beginning to consider what activities the Foundation can best perform to help communities thrive through charitable work. They are discussing our relationship to nonprofits and Montana foundations generally.

As both a Montana Foundation and a nonprofit, the Montana Community Foundation is very different from our counterparts; we don't provide direct services and we aren't a grant making organization. Our grants are generally donor directed or at least programmatically restricted. Preliminary planning discussions indicate an inclination to become engaged in leadership; taking on critical and persistent issues at the community and state levels to bring lasting solutions.

In the end I'm confident our role will be about creating lasting impacts. Building assets is an important fuel driving our mission and will provide economic sustainability. However, coordinating the use of those assets in ways that will make a lasting difference in the lives of Montanans is where our passion lies.

Moving from asset building to problem solving requires us to make some hard decisions about what relationships we will take on in the future. However, we feel convinced that the changes that we are undergoing will yield permanent, positive change for Montana and its communities. ∞

**Linda E. Reed**

President/CEO

# Good Granting

## F.A.I.R. Community Foundation is Flourishing



*Rosebud Community Park*

**T**he most exemplary community foundations bring far more to their communities than just a permanent source of funding for worthy causes. The best community foundations use leadership to create sustainable partnerships that benefit the community as a whole. Our latest example of quality leadership is F.A.I.R. Community Foundation.

F.A.I.R. stands for **Forsyth, Angela, Ingomar, and Rosebud**, the four communities in northern Rosebud County that F.A.I.R. serves. The community foundation was established in 2006 with a \$25,000 gift from the estate of Swede Schlesinger and a matching grant challenge; if F.A.I.R. raises \$50,000 by 2011 the Swede Schlesinger Challenge Fund will match it with \$100,000. With two years to go, F.A.I.R. is about halfway to meeting the challenge.

Board member Marvin Quinlan says that F.A.I.R.'s success stems from its inclusiveness. F.A.I.R. is a membership organization with very reasonable dues—just \$10 a year. While F.A.I.R.'s generous donors usually give far more than that, the low membership fee allows everyone to take part in F.A.I.R.'s work. In just two years, F.A.I.R.'s membership has grown to include more than 230 individuals and businesses. "People are now seeing that we're building an endowment for the future," Quinlan said.

F.A.I.R. Community Foundation recently completed its second round of grants. Because the community foundation is new, it didn't have a lot of money to grant, but that didn't stop F.A.I.R. from choosing organizations that know how to make a big impact with a small amount of money. A main grantmaking focus was on renovating community centers in Ingomar and Angela. These centers are the hubs of each of the communities. They provide a place for people to stage community events, vote, and hold weddings and funerals. F.A.I.R. has given grants to both community centers for repair work and new amenities.

F.A.I.R. also awarded two consecutive grants to the Rosebud chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to support a community park in Rosebud. The first small grant provided funding for grass seed, hoses and sprinklers the FCCLA needed to turn the formerly vacant lot into a park. A second grant in April will be used to create a covered patio for picnics and celebrations.

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—F.A.I.R. board member,  
Marvin Quinlan

But F.A.I.R. has provided more than grants for the region. While undertaking its first grantmaking cycle, the board encountered several challenges. The four communities that F.A.I.R. serves only contain half a dozen nonprofits. "A lot of these folks had never written a grant before," Quinlan said. Taking a cue from Local Community Foundation Program Director Cathy Cooney, who held a series of grantmaking workshops for Local Community Foundations across Montana in 2008, the F.A.I.R. Community Foundation board held their own workshops on grantwriting and invited local nonprofits.

The results were outstanding. F.A.I.R. ended up receiving complete proposals for worthy projects, and the local nonprofits received real training in grantwriting that they used to apply for grants from other foundations. The Rosebud chapter of FCCLA went on to receive two additional grants supporting the Rosebud Community Park project: one from the Montana Community Foundation's Building Rural Communities program and one from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

"Creating strategic partnerships is a focus in our grant applications," Quinlan said. While the Rosebud Community Park began as a project of the FCCLA, the entire Rosebud community has helped to make it a success. Donations of trees, flowers, and a gazebo from local residents and businesses helped the park to flourish. A local Boy Scout troop built a nature trail, and first and second graders in Rosebud raised over \$100 in pennies for the project. "The kids have really bought into the park," Quinlan said. "You won't see them destroying it."

*"Building the sense of **community** is the primary focus."*

—F.A.I.R. board member,  
Marvin Quinlan

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# Faces of Philanthropy

## Ron & Mignon Waterman

With opportunity comes an obligation to give back



*Mignon & Ron Waterman*

A decision in 2000 by **Ron and Mignon Waterman** to make regular gifts to charitable endowments was a natural consequence of the life they have led as a married couple. "Ever since we were married in 1965, we have felt a commitment to give of our time and resources," according to Mignon. "We've become more deliberate in our giving since the kids were grown and we became more financially able."

The lives they were living at the time of the interviews for this story exemplify that commitment. Mignon was in Chicago to care for grandchildren for 10 days while their parents were on a medical mission to the Dominican Republic. Before returning home to Helena, she would fly to Seattle to help close friends with medical problems. Ron, a successful trial lawyer, was also out of town. Involved in an extended trial in Missoula, he was unable to be in Helena to receive the First Judicial District's 2008 pro bono publico award in recognition of distinguished service on behalf of clients unable to pay for legal services. He typically devotes 20 percent of his practice to pro bono work. "We're given this license to go into court to represent people," he said. "It comes with an obligation to give back."

Giving back is a recurring theme in the Waterman marriage. Its most recent manifestation is a pattern of annual deferred gift annuities that will benefit several of their favorite charities: United Way of Lewis & Clark County, Helena Food Share, Montana NAMI and the Prickly Pear Land Trust, to name a few.

"We are drawn to charities that benefit human services, children, quality of life and the local Helena community," said Mignon. "We like to work through the Foundation because it is such a great resource for smaller nonprofits that aren't big enough to manage their own endowments."

Working with their tax adviser, they have been able to utilize the Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit in a way that benefits both them and the charities they choose.

Before they were able to support these charities through planned giving, the Watermans gave generously of their time, and still do. With nearly 40 years on the board of United Way of Lewis & Clark County, Ron is arguably the longest-serving local UW board member in the nation. When he first started with United Way, the Lewis & Clark organization was raising about \$100,000 annually for charity; it's now up to about three-quarters of a million dollars.

"We all want to give," he said recently. "By providing a credible gateway to a network of agencies, United Way fulfills that charitable impulse. Our local organization does a great job of screening beneficiaries. That's what we all want to do when we give, but most don't have the time for it."

In addition to service within the legal profession and to the United Way, Ron also serves on the boards of Montana Florence Crittenton Home, which provides services for pregnant girls and young mothers, and the National Crittenton Foundation.

Mignon entered public service in the early 1970s as a member of the Helena Citizens Council and some other local boards before she ran for the Helena School Board where, for 12 years, she distinguished herself as an advocate for public education. In 1990, she won a seat to the State Senate, where she mastered the human services portion of the state budget and became an effective advocate for low income and mental health services.

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—Ron Waterman

Both Ron and Mignon are also active in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, which is known in Helena for its human services mission in the community and beyond.

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In Mignon's case, the impulse for public service came early in her life. "My mom always found time to do things for other people even though she worked full time and raised five kids."

Ron came to his philanthropic commitment by a more circuitous route. As a child growing up in New Jersey, he knew he wanted out. "It was crowded, it was polluted, and I didn't want to live there," he said. "At the time, I didn't know that I wanted to live in the West but when I got out here, I knew I was home."

Ron left home at the age of 16. He hitchhiked to Montana's Big Hole Valley, found work stacking hay and tried to finish high school but was unable to enroll at that age without a parent or guardian. He returned to the East just long enough to get his high school diploma and returned to Montana, where he worked his way through undergraduate and law school. Along the way, he met Mignon, who pitched in to get him through law school.

"We've been lucky," he says. "We have a need to give back." ∞

**If you would like to know more about planned giving** or the benefits available to you through the Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit, give us a call at **443-8313** or visit us on the Web at **[www.mtcf.org](http://www.mtcf.org)**. Supporting charity with planned gifts is win-win at its best.

## Good Granting

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The Rosebud FCCLA's work on the Rosebud Community Park has helped them to win the regional and state STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competition. They will compete in the national competition in July.

Another F.A.I.R. grant to the Rosebud County Public Health Department for promotion of the breast and cervical cancer awareness and screening program in the county has morphed into a healthcare street fair, which was held in conjunction with President Obama's National Health Care Day of Service on June 27. In addition to focusing on breast and cervical healthcare, F.A.I.R. invited other agencies, including the Mental Health Center, Chemical Dependency Services, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Custer County Community Medical Center. Residents also had access to nutrition information, community gardening, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, and the ability to write to elected officials about healthcare reform.

"I think we are figuring out the good granting thing," Quinlan said. "Building the sense of community is the primary focus." ∞



Rosebud FCCLA members receiving their first FAIR CF grant check in 2008. As a result of their success in developing Rosebuds' Community Park, these youth received a second FAIR CF grant in 2009, a MTCF Steele-Reese Building Rural Communities grant and a Montana DNRC grant. The community park project has won state and regional FCCLA awards and will be competing at the national FCCLA Convention this summer.

# NBC Airs “The Philanthropist”

**P**erhaps you’ve noticed the trailers for NBC’s new series, “The Philanthropist,” or have even caught an episode. We’re hesitant to criticize a national television program promoting the ideals of philanthropy; however, this program bears little resemblance to the world of philanthropy as we know it. The protagonist in the show is focused on earning redemption through giving money in exotic locations, rather than making the carefully considered, long-term, strategic investments characteristic of socially responsible philanthropists.

Although our stories aren’t crammed with the action or drama of a major television network series, our work is important, life changing, and effective. From our perspective, experiencing true-life, local philanthropy is far more exhilarating—not to mention more enduring—than a summer television drama.

Nationally, in 2008, foundations provided \$45.6 billion in grants to aid families, deliver human services, assist low-income populations, and support economic development. That funding represents an increase of \$1.2 billion over 2007, despite the economic downturn.

Here in Montana, the Foundation made grants and scholarships totaling \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2009. Our grants reach all corners of Montana and provide financial support for a full array of charitable purposes. In 2008-09 we helped 126 students gain access to post secondary education through the support of our scholarship program. We partnered with members of the Yellowstone Club, who quickly raised \$250,000 in order to make grants to families impacted by the Club’s bankruptcy and the recession.

Also, we began the important work of changing public policy to cap interest rates on predatory loans. When successfully completed, this work will result in more money in the pockets of low to moderate-income families to spend in local communities. None of the stories behind these grants and programs will generate high viewer ratings, but they are making significant differences in people’s lives.

Our hope at MCF is that this new TV program proves entertaining, but also piques interest in a more pragmatic type of philanthropy. In our experience, real people are generating change through reflective giving. If you are interested in learning more about our take on charitable giving, and how you can become a philanthropist—every Montanan has the ability to leave an abiding legacy for the future of our state and its residents—please call me, Linda Reed, at (406) 443-4271. I have lots of wonderful stories to tell you about generous people in your own hometown.

# Women's Foundation of Montana Update

It has been an exhilarating year for the Women's Foundation of Montana. Between our efforts in education and outreach, public policy work, and grant making, we at the Women's Foundation feel we are taking crucial steps to fulfill our mission to improve the economic self-sufficiency of women and create a brighter future for girls.

In our work to educate and recruit community members, our Advisory Committee has planned house parties in several communities around the state. The goal of these gatherings is to increase awareness about our efforts, and to garner the ever-needed financial support that sustains our work.

In January, the Women's Foundation hosted its second bi-annual legislative event to honor female elected officials, and inform all elected officials about our grant making and newly-established public policy initiative.

The role of the Women's Foundation of Montana is expanding into community leadership. Public policy is often the most effective way to solve pervasive community problems. This legislative session we worked with other interested groups to end predatory lending practices in Montana by capping the annual interest rate charged by lenders at 36 percent. Representative Bill Wilson and Senator Kim Gillan sponsored the legislation in their respective houses. Unfortunately, both bills died in committee. The Women's Foundation and our partners remain resolved to end devastating predatory lending practices in Montana.

During our 2008 grant cycle we granted \$66,500 to thirteen non-profit organizations. This was the biggest grant cycle yet for the Women's Foundation. We also received a record number of grant applications for our 2009 cycle. Deciding which organizations would be awarded grants was difficult for our Advisory Committee, but was a thrilling challenge to meet. Seeing so many organizations and programs working to improve the lives of women and girls makes us want to roll up our sleeves and start raising funds to give out during our next granting cycle.

Visit our website, [www.wfmontana.org](http://www.wfmontana.org), for a list of our grantees.

## New Funds

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Culbertson Community Foundation  
NAMI Fund  
Prairie Benefits Community Foundation  
Red Lodge Area Music Festival Endowment  
Richland County Community Foundation  
St. John's Episcopal Church Endowment  
Travelers for Open Land  
Wibaux Endowment Foundation

## Planned Givers

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## Honorariums

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