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Montana hosts first-ever rural philanthropy conference

By Linda Reed, President/CEO

More than 170 regional and national funders got a close-up look at some of the problems facing rural America when they arrived in Missoula in early August—typically the best time of year to see Big Sky Country. What they got instead was a three-day inferno of big smoke and soaring temperatures as wildfires burned all around them.

Undaunted, they convened for the **first-ever conference on rural philanthropy**, co-sponsored by the Council on Foundations and the Northwest Area Foundation, in partnership with Senator Max Baucus, and hosted by the Montana Community Foundation.

The conference grew out of a challenge issued by Senator Baucus to the national philanthropic community last year. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Council on Foundations, Senator Baucus challenged grant makers to significantly increase their giving to

rural America. “When it comes to grant-making, many in rural America feel they are in the wilderness,” he said. Citing disparities in philanthropic giving between rural and urban states, Senator Baucus talked about the so-called “philanthropic divide” between states with large foundation assets and those without. Among the 10 rural states with the least amount of assets, Montana ranks right near the bottom.



SEELEY LAKE ON FIRE, FOUR DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL FUNDERS ATTENDING THE RURAL PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE.

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Message from the President

Making Montana as livable as most Americans think it is

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To people living outside of Montana, images of Rural America include open space, an abundant source of food, a strong work ethic and close-knit communities.

But unless you live here and know the struggles of rural America first hand, it is difficult to understand how these regions struggle with the challenges of economic vitality, access to health care, transportation and infrastructure costs, balanced growth, job opportunities and, let's face it, rural poverty. Not to mention the West's newest challenge: the long-term impacts of drought and fire.

Montana's nonprofit organizations play a pivotal role in helping communities overcome some of these challenges. Day to day, these are the people in the trenches stocking the shelves at local food banks, providing books and reading programs for at-risk kids, building bridges between local food producers and consumers, and providing workshops, residencies and markets for emerging artists. These are the people who make our communities places we love to call home. These are also the people who struggle every day to find new ways to sustain their work and keep the doors open.

The Montana Community Foundation also has a role to play in rural economic vitality through our support of local community foundations and through direct granting programs supported by the LCF+ Challenge and leadership grants. Currently, there are 45 local community foundations affiliated with us. In terms of fundraising, building endowment and grant making, the most active and effective are the ones in some of Montana's smallest communities... Nye, Roberts, Roundup and Absarokee, to name a few. As grantors and community conveners, these local foundations are doing remarkable work...building community centers, parks and playgrounds, and adding books to libraries. But, like the frontline nonprofit organizations they support, they can do only so much.

Strategies to enhance rural America generally focus on local economic development, state engagement in education and infrastructure, and federal support through farm bills, rural-development programs and other initiatives. But a new partner in building rural America is emerging, found in long-term, strategic, charitable investments of philanthropy.

In early August, more than 170 philanthropic leaders and grant makers from around the country gathered amidst smoke and soaring temperatures in Missoula to develop a first-ever agenda for philanthropy in rural America (see cover story). The goal is to create sustained resources for future investment in building community and to build partnerships among the public, private and philanthropic sectors to help meet that goal.

Montana's growing network of affiliated local community foundations is the first step in achieving long-term investment in rural community vitality. A sustainable source of funding is the next critical step. By capturing a portion of our own accumulated personal wealth before it leaves Montana through inheritance, cultivating the many new residents who move to Montana because they love our way of life, and expanding the vision of regional and national funders to include rural America, we can make Montana as livable as most Americans think it is. ∞

Linda Reed

President/CEO



CATHY COONEY AND LINDA REED HELP CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF SEELEY LAKE'S NEW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND WITH SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER STAN NICHOLSON.

Good Granting

Foundation reinvests grant in kids' basics: literacy and dental care

Two years ago, the Montana Community Foundation received a \$50,000 grant from a Washington, D.C., Foundation with one instruction: put it to use **servicing disadvantaged children**. For about a minute, we fantasized about starting a new endowment to save the world, one child at a time. Then we came to our senses and began looking around for an existing program with a proven record of making a difference in the lives of underserved kids.

Two Head Start programs in Montana—one in Helena and one in Glendive—knew exactly what to do with the money. They bought books for kids and fixed their teeth.

Through their School to Home Literacy Program, Helena Head Start sent one book home each month with each of their students. Parents helped choose the books. Every book was accompanied by homework that involved projects to be done with the parents, and Head Start received a 60 percent return on the homework—a “phenomenal rate of parent involvement,” in the words of the director. Even more important, Helena Head Start was able to leverage the grant to receive two additional literacy grants, including a multi-million-dollar Early Reading First grant that enables Head Start to develop an exemplary early childhood literacy program.

In Glendive, the program financed nine books for each of its students, plus a few extra for siblings. Each teacher nominated a book and once the books were selected, staff designed a lesson plan for each that was shared with the rest of the teaching staff. The program was such a hit with students, parents and teachers that Head Start Director Ron Conrad went to work on “fitting this project into our budget for next year.”

We knew we were on the right track when we learned of research on early childhood education conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. From a June 2005 Fed report entitled, "Early Childhood Development on a Large Scale":

We don't pretend to have all the answers to economic development, but we're quite certain that investing in early childhood education is more likely to create a vibrant economy than using public funds to lure a sports team by building a new stadium or to attract an automaker by providing tax breaks. Investing in the education of children in their earliest years makes sense as an economic development strategy precisely because the returns are large, reliable and reaped by both the individuals involved and the general public. As economists, we are trained to be skeptical of policies that interfere with market forces. But when it comes to early childhood education, we're confident that this is one policy with a high public return.

Head Start addressed another deficit with the grants they received from the Foundation. For children in poverty, dental needs are often severe but take a back seat to other, more pressing family needs. It has been Head Start's experience that kids can often access free service for an initial check up, but the cost of treatment puts follow up care out of reach.

In Helena, 105 of the 238 students who received an initial exam needed further dental treatment; 98 received treatment. Glendive Head Start helped co-pay dental expenses for some families, helped others with gas and meals for travel to communities where dentists accept Medicaid payments, and helped fill appointments for a mobile dental van when it visited Miles City to assure that the van will return next year.

In his final report on milestones achieved with the assistance of the Foundation grant, Conrad said, "Lives are being changed, life lessons are being learned and the future is brighter for our children both academically and medically. Our parents are learning vital life-long parenting skills."

We thank the administrators, staff and volunteers of these programs for the work they do every day to give low-income children a fighting chance to compete in our society. And we thank the directors of our Washington, D.C., funder, one of whom is a part-time Montana resident, for trusting us to make the right decision with their generous grant to the Montana Community Foundation. ∞

Faces of Philanthropy

Mary Stranahan

Using philanthropy to achieve social change

As a child growing up in Toledo, Ohio, **Mary Stranahan** was encouraged by her family to have a volunteer job in her community by the age of 15. Mary chose to serve the East Toledo Community Center as a baseball coach. Now, more than 40 years later, Mary is living in Montana, a self-described recovering physician. It is only in the last decade that she has come out of the closet as a person of wealth and begun openly accomplishing her life's mission as a social activist and philanthropist.



"I moved to Montana in 1981 as a physician looking for a rural place to work," she says. "I loved the mountains so I opened the Mission Valley Health Center in St. Ignatius and slipped out of town on weekends to attend board meetings and make granting decisions for my family foundation in Ohio."

Mary grew up in a family of means, one of six children who inherited the fortune created by the Champion Spark Plug Co. Sensing a business opportunity at the turn of the last century, her grandfather and his brother moved to Toledo to take advantage of the burgeoning automotive industry. There, they went into business with Alfred Champion and the rest, as they say, is history. In 1956, her parents created the Needmor Fund to carry forward their parents' legacy of community stewardship. But it wasn't until the mid-70s that Needmor hit its stride as a funder of community organizing and social justice. Today, the foundation awards between \$1.2 and \$1.8 million annually to support people who, in the words of its mission statement, "work together to change the social, economic, or political conditions which bar their access to participation in a democratic society."

Mary is in her third year as board chair of Needmor. Here in Montana, she moved down the road from St. Ignatius to Arlee, where she manages her own philanthropic enterprise with her CEO, Dawn McGee. Good Works Ventures funds business operations that are doing good work through their business enterprises. Good Works is also the home of the Common Ground Farm in Arlee, promoting sustainable agriculture through its involvement with the Western Montana Growers Cooperative and employing local kids to sell organic produce. The Heart View Center, another of Mary's enterprises, serves as a retreat for meetings, weddings and other special occasions. Local kids are welcome at the Center for swimming lessons and day camps.

Last year, through her High Stakes Foundation, she awarded a \$280,000 grant to the University of Montana's Environmental Studies Program to train students in building sustainable, community-based food and farming systems. She has also provided financial support to the Women's Foundation of Montana and Grow Montana, a broad-based Montana coalition whose goal is to promote community economic development policies that support sustainable, Montana-owned food production, processing and distribution.

It is through that coalition and her other work in the sustainable agriculture field that she helped facilitate one of the site visits for the recent Council on Foundations conference on rural philanthropy, co-hosted by the Montana Community Foundation (see cover story). It is also through her support of Grow Montana and the UM Environmental Studies Program that students are enjoying delicious and nutritious food through the UM Farm to College Program and Montana food producers are enjoying an expanded market for their products.

"It started at home," Mary says of her life's work. "My mother was dragged to Suffragette meetings by her mother, and I was dragged to meetings of the League of Women Voters by my mother. Needmor was a great inspiration to me, especially when I went out on site visits and saw people who theoretically didn't have any power at all—but who, working together, could make change.

"I love seeing the light bulb go on in somebody's eyes when they recognize that you can effect change in society," she added. ∞



Conference on Philanthropy

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INTERNS AT THE COMMON GROUND FARM IN ARLEE

That was the bad news. The good news is that the funders listened. They signed up in record numbers to come to Montana and take a first-hand look at a rural state. Here, they saw a microcosm of not only the problems of one rural state but also the innovative work being done by several Montana nonprofit organizations.

Midway through the three-day conference, they split up into four groups for site visits to see the work of some of these organizations. In Arlee and Ronan, they met with food growers, processors, distributors and public policy advocates who are working together to build a locally grown, healthy food system in Montana.

On the Flathead Indian Reservation, they met with tribal elders who are working with Indian youth in a camp setting to transfer tribal values and teach traditional skills. The goal is to foster cultural and spiritual development in Indian youth and instill in them a resiliency that leads to positive life choices.

In Seeley Lake, they got a ringside seat on one of the most dramatic performances they had ever seen—firefighters doing battle with the Jocko Lakes Fire to keep it from destroying homes and property in town and the surrounding area. They also got a good look at the leadership role a local community foundation can take in addressing issues of growth and development in a small, unincorporated rural community.



LT. GOV. JOHN BOHLINGER GREETS FUNDERS AT THE ARCHIE BRAY FOUNDATION IN HELENA

And in Helena, they saw a vibrant arts community that works together to make the arts a highly visible sector of the city's economy. Between the Holter Museum of Art, the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, the Myrna Loy Center for the Performing Arts, Grandstreet Theatre and many others, the funders were wowed by the caliber and the diversity of the arts in one small city.

All of these nonprofit organizations are perfect examples of why we want to put rural America on the radar of regional and national funders. We need to find new ways to sustain the work of these organizations because they are the difference between community vitality and community decline. They are also the safety nets for our communities.

There are no quick fixes to chronic underfunding of small, rural nonprofit organizations. The need for long-term capacity-building for our state's civic infrastructure is readily apparent to the people who work daily in the trenches of Montana's nonprofit sector. But solutions begin with recognition, and that we accomplished.

On the third and final day of the conference, participants split into working groups to begin building a "21st century agenda for philanthropy in rural America." These groups will work together over the next year to develop strategies for philanthropic giving and advocacy work in the broad categories of economic development, health and wellness, education, the arts, housing, technology and community philanthropy.

As a member of the planning group for the conference and one of the follow-up working groups, I will keep you informed of the progress we make. By giving funders a positive, on-the-ground experience in one rural state, I am hopeful we can eliminate some of the barriers that have kept rural states from full participation in the charitable outcomes of our nation's philanthropic sector.



MARY STRANAHAN EXPLAINS THE OPERATION
AT COMMON GROUND FARM



SALISH SPIRITUAL
LEADER JOHNNY ARLEE
WITH ARLEEN ADAMS
AT CAMP VANDENBERG



HEART VIEW CENTER GARDEN WITH COVERED
SWIMMING POOL IN BACKGROUND

LCF+ Results

Local Community Foundations getting stronger every year

Our LCF+ challenge results get better each year. Last year, we reported that 18 affiliated local community foundations rose to the challenge and raised \$240,694 in new endowment assets. For their efforts, they were awarded matching grants totaling \$45,750 for immediate re-granting in their communities.

This year, 20 of our affiliated LCFs beat last year's record by raising \$373,633, an increase of nearly \$133,000, or 55 percent, in new endowment.

The 20 affiliated community foundations were awarded \$52,150 in matching grants from the Montana Community Foundation to address immediate community needs. The added \$373,633 in endowment represents a return of about 616 percent on our \$52,150 investment.

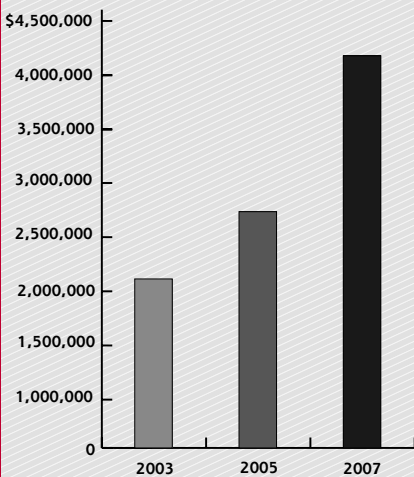
The totals are impressive but it's the stories of individual fundraising efforts in some of our smallest communities that lead us to believe we are on the right track with our efforts to encourage communities to begin building endowment to solve their own problems. Who, after all, is in a better position to make local granting decisions than the people on the frontline in each community?

Jefferson Valley Community Foundation in Whitehall raised \$10,000 through their most successful "Black Tie and Blue Jeans" event ever. Nye and Roberts are tiny communities that each raised enough to meet their \$10,000 challenge two years in a row. The Rocky Mountain Community Foundation, based in Choteau, began fundraising two weeks before our May 31 deadline and raised \$5,000, which earned them \$2,500 for re-granting in their area. And one of our newest affiliates, Greater Glendive, set out to raise \$7,500 and wound up with \$9,600, and the checks are still coming in.

The top three endowment builders were: Valley County Community Foundation, \$96,390; Seeley Lake Community Foundation, \$35,442, and Absarokee Community Foundation, \$27,784. Congratulations to all who rose to the 2006-07 challenge. It's none too soon to start working on 2007-08!

Here's how the challenge works: Affiliated community foundations receive \$2,500 for grant-making if they raise \$10,000 for their existing endowment at the Montana Community Foundation. Small community foundations are offered opportunities to earn up to \$5,000 in matching grants to help raise their endowments to \$25,000.

Local Community Endowment Balances



Local Community Foundations

- Absarokee Community Foundation
- Billings Community Foundation
- Blackfeet Community Endowment Fund
- Blaine County Community Foundation
- Broadwater County Community Foundation
- Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation
- Carter County Community Foundation
- Cascade County Community Foundation
- CM Russell Regional Endowment Fund
- Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork
- Darby Town Endowment Fund
- Flathead County Community Foundation
- Gallatin County Community Foundation
- Greater Glendive Community Foundation**
- Hardin Area Community Foundation
- Hill County Community Foundation
- Jefferson Valley Community Foundation
- Joliet Community Foundation
- Lake County Community Foundation
- Lewis & Clark County Community Foundation
- Lincoln County Community Foundation
- Lincoln Valley Community Foundation
- Meagher County Community Foundation
- Mineral County Community Foundation
- Missoula Community Foundation
- Musselshell Valley Community Foundation
- Nye Community Foundation
- Phillips County Community Foundation
- Pondera County Community Foundation
- Powder River County Community Foundation
- Powell County Community Foundation
- Red Lodge Area Community Foundation
- Roberts Community Foundation
- Rocky Mountain Front Community Foundation
- Rosebud County Community Foundation**
- Roosevelt County Community Foundation
- Sanders County Community Foundation
- Seeley Lake Community Foundation
- Sheridan County Community Foundation
- Stevensville Community Foundation**
- Three Mile Lone Rock Community Foundation
- Tobacco Valley Community Foundation
- Valley County Community Foundation
- West Yellowstone Foundation
- Western Montana Community Foundation

■ LCFs that met the challenge

** New affiliates

New Faces & Changes

On our board



Seeley Lake got lucky in 1990 when **Stan Nicholson** returned with his wife, Colleen, to their log home on the Double Arrow Ranch. They have been working for the betterment of their community and state ever since. An applied economist, Stan worked overseas for 10 years with USAID in Nigeria before joining a Harvard University team working in Colombia and later, the Ford Foundation in Brazil. He has put all that economic and community development experience to work in Seeley Lake as a founding director of the Seeley Lake Community Foundation, program director for the 1994 Montana Fiscal Forums and as a consultant to UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. In addition, Stan has served on several nonprofit boards in the Seeley-Swan area. We are delighted to welcome him to our board.

On our staff



Before she returned home to her native Montana, **Valarie Osborne** founded a nonprofit organization in Tacoma, Washington, and helped manage another one in Chicago, both in the human services field. With that kind of experience and passion, we are pleased to welcome Valarie to our staff as our senior accountant. My Sister's Pantry was the fulfillment of a 20-year dream of Valarie's to provide hospitality with respect and dignity to people in times of need. She opened the community food bank in Tacoma in 1999, serving home-cooked meals to her "guests" and providing them with food staples. By the time she left in 2003, the pantry was serving 500 meals each night and is operating in the black. In Chicago, she worked with Claretian Missionaries to provide food and mentoring relationships to at-risk kids at La Casa After-School Program, Kids' Café and Food Bank in Chicago

Not too many details slip past our new grants administration manager, **Sheri Harlow**. She has been monitoring medical claims, government assistance programs and government payrolls for nearly 20 years. Sheri shepherds our scholarship endowment funds all the way from advertising the scholarships to putting the checks in the mail. Donor-advised funds require the same kind of vigilance. They all require countless details to ensure that scholarships and grants are awarded to people and programs that fulfill the original intent of the donor. A Helena native, Sheri worked as an eligibility caseworker in the Lewis and Clark County Office of Public Assistance and as a compliance technician for the Montana Department of Transportation before joining our staff. Her four children grown, she devotes spare time to making music as a member of several Masonic organizations and specialized clothing for patients of Shriners' crippled children's hospitals. Sheri's attention to detail and compassion for people are a welcome addition to our staff.



Brian Lewis, our able donor services manager, was promoted to program director, responsible for donor advised, scholarship, planned givers and the Fund for Tolerance. In this role he will be the primary contact for donors and will work to build stronger relationships with them. He will also assume the fund raising and grant making for our Fund for Tolerance. Brian will continue to be our lead on systems development, including our website, database and software integration.



Planned Givers

Lyle Grimes
Charles Anderson
Trevor MacDonald

Honorariums

Lietta A. Bourne, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Brenna Bourne.

Kelley H. Dowdell, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Anne Haley and Atlee Caldwell.

Margery D. Eliason, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Sally Marion.

Gloria Etchart, Fort Peck Theatre Preservation Endowment Fund in honor of John Fahlgren.

Elaine and Gene Etchart, Fort Peck Theatre Preservation Endowment Fund in honor of John Fahlgren.

Nancy L. Goodspeed, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Linda Reed.

Garth Haugland, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Ruth Haugland.

Memorials

Barbara J. Andrews, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Lietta A. Bourne, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Llane and Sharon Carroll, Carter County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Beth Dean, Nona Kirkwood, Agnes Quam and Joe & Marjorie Shallenberger.

Ruth B. Christie, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Doug Christie.

Nancy K. Coe, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Catherine and Edward Cooney, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Lillian Medlar.

Bonnie Crary, Rocky Mountain Front Community Foundation Endowment Fund in memory of Doug Crary.

William R. Cronoble, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Linda and Robert Davis, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Patrick Hooks, Leona Plymale, Steve & Nona Doane and Edna Guffee.

Patricia and Raymond Dietz, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Alyce and Bill Kuehn, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Sandra Anderson, Kay Jenson, Dorothy Harmon, Linda Reed, Shirley Mohr, Deanie Bassett and Barbara Peabody.

Elizabeth C. Marchi, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Dixie Conner.

Audre Pressman, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Suzanne Walters.

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Maureen J. Rude, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Mickey Rosa.

Patricia S. Schroeder, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Jamie Cornish.

Diana Solle, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in honor of Susan Brown.

Donna M. Dodson, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Trudi B. Downer, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Leanne and Ernest Dutton, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Doris C. Eichorn, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Daniel J. and Marilyn Eigeman, Montana Society of CPAs' Education Endowment Fund in memory of Dale Fuhrer.

Colene S. Eiselein, Roundup Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home Endowment in memory of Lorene Zimmerman.

Elaine and Gene Etchart, Fort Peck Theatre Preservation Endowment Fund in memory of Jake Etchart.

Raymond C. Ewing, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Ellen Feaver, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Mildred Colby.

Clarence D. Fuhrman, Friends of Pioneer Museum Endowment Fund in memory of Clarence Fuhrman.

Joy Grunstead, Roundup Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home End. in memory of Kenneth Reed.

Edwina Hankinson, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Sheri Harlow, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Lillian Medlar.

Robert M. Hector, Hector Foundation Endowment Fund in memory of Virginia Wenzell.

Madeline Heer, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Leona Plymale.

Gayle B. Hill, Friends of Pioneer Museum Endowment Fund in memory of Irma McInerney.

Hinsdale Senior Citizens, Valley County Community Foundation Endowment Fund in memory of George "Sam" Mercer.

Mary F. Hooks, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Pat Hooks.

Mary W. Houdek, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Kathleen C. Jepson, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Leona Plymale.

J William Kearns, Broadwater Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Jack Nelson.

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Alyce and Bill Kuehn, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Beverly Benjamin.

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Katie Link, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Jodi L. Longo, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Nancy Marks, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Jonathan Bilber.

Barbara K. Marsh, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Mrs. Charles Plymale, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Leona Plymale.

Harold and Audre Pressman, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Betty J. Proue, Roundup Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home End. in memory of Kenneth Reed.

Linda E. Reed, Lewis & Clark Co. Humane Society in memory of Chizum.

Linda E. Reed, Women's Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Lillian Medlar.

Vera Reineking, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Vaughn M. Rohrdanz, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

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Karen Schreffler, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Cherise C. Schultz, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Trenna H. Scoffield, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Jack Nelson.

Dawn R. Scoffield, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of father and mother.

Margaret M. Thompson, Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Ray Reynolds and Jody Donahue Rubio.

Carol S. Todd, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Jackson Reiss.

Creath A. Tooley, Margaret Rigby Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Diane Reiss.

Helen C. Turcotte, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Leona Plymale.

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Valley County Senior Citizens, Friends of Pioneer Museum Endowment Fund in memory of Edna Stannebein, Toby Unrau, Gloria Fuhrman, Audrey Morehouse, Lois Larsen, Jim Kountz, Glen Cook, Allen B. Wilson, Wally Nelson, and Robert Mustad.

Lorrie A. Vennes, Broadwater Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Kris Rains.

James W. Waight, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Rita Watkin, Broadwater County Historical Society Endowment in memory of Leona Plymale.

Ann Webster, Canton Church Endowment in memory of Kay Gilstrap.

Dale Woolhiser and Nancy Thompson, Celebrate Missoula Community Foundation Endowment Fund in memory of Robert Wood.

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