Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit
Renewed through 2019

On April 25, Governor Bullock signed Senate Bill 108, which will renew the Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit through December 31, 2019. Sponsored by Senator Taylor Brown, SB 108 passed with a healthy majority in both the House and Senate.

Senator Brown introduced the bill to the Senate floor as “among the most important you will pass this session.” Representative Lavin, who carried the bill on the House floor, described it as “good, stable tax policy.” He added, “This program provides a huge benefit to the people of Montana.”

We’d like to extend our thanks to all of the organizations that endorsed the tax credit and came to Helena to testify in support. In hearings in both Senate and House committees, representatives from many nonprofits spoke about how the credit helps them build endowments that have provided crucial support since the tax credit’s inception in 1997.

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—Representative Lavin
History of the Credit

The tax credit began with the Governor’s Task Force for Endowed Philanthropy. In 1994, Governor Marc Racicot invited representatives of national, regional and local foundations, nonprofits, businesses and community volunteers to his home to explore the potential of endowment philanthropy in Montana.

The group quickly came up with the idea of creating an incentive to support giving to endowments. The first version of the tax credit was proposed and rejected by the Montana Legislature in 1995. The bill provided a general credit for any contribution to a nonprofit endowment, but many nonprofits worried that this credit would discourage donors from giving to general nonprofit operations and would actually hurt charities working to raise funds for current operating costs.

Steve Browning, an attorney and founding board member of MCF, proposed that the Task Force try a new tactic: “Instead of seeking a relatively small credit for outright gifts, let’s go for a really big tax credit for planned gifts.”

“At that time, according to information our group had assembled, there were fewer than thirty planned gifts established in Montana the previous year, so we weren’t stepping on anyone’s toes,” Steve said. “Maybe we wouldn’t get too much opposition to a proposal like that.”

It worked, and the Charitable Endowment Tax Credit became law in 1997. Since then, the Department of Revenue estimates that more than $130 million has been contributed to nonprofit endowments in Montana. We actually think the amount of gifts is higher than estimated, because the Department of Revenue estimates only show the amount of credit claimed on state tax returns. We know from experience that Montanans are very generous, and donors often give above and beyond the maximum credit amount.

Thank you to our donors and partners who advocated for the renewal of the tax credit. You helped preserve a great resource for endowment building in Montana, and have ensured that permanent philanthropic dollars will always be available for good causes across the state.
Women’s Foundation of Montana Releases New Data on Women in MT

On March 8th, the Women’s Foundation of Montana released a new Status of Women in Montana report based on key indicators of women’s well-being and progress in economics, health and safety, and leadership. Data for the report was drawn from a variety of sources, including census data and focus groups with Montana women. The report was produced in partnership with the Montana Census and Economic Information Center and authored by sociology professors Celia Winkler and Kathy Kuipers of the University of Montana.

Important findings of the research include:

- On average, Montana women make 74 cents to a man’s dollar.
- While Montana women are the 4th lowest paid in the nation, the cost of infant care in Montana is 22nd highest.
- 42.5% of Montana’s female-headed households with children live in poverty.

The new Status of Women in Montana report is just the latest research supported by the Women’s Foundation of Montana. WFM supported a similar report in 2004 published by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

“We feel providing research is an excellent role for the Women’s Foundation of Montana to play to raise awareness and increase our capacity for positive change as a state,” said WFM Program Director Jen Euell. “If we want to reach our goal of economic self-sufficiency for Montana women, we need to have a true picture of how they are doing now, and where there are needs and opportunities for the future.”

The full report, as well as a fact sheet, are available on the WFM website, www.wfmontana.org.

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—Jen Euell, WFM Program Director

To schedule a presentation of the Status of Women in Montana’s findings for a group or meeting, contact WFM Program Director Jen Euell at jeneuell@mtcf.org.
In December, donors Tim and Denise Weglicki awarded a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation from the Weglicki Family Fund in support of the Park’s efforts to save Yellowstone Lake’s cutthroat trout. The cutthroat’s future is threatened by invasive, non-native and illegally introduced lake trout, which have devastated the keystone cutthroat population and in turn threaten the integrity and well-being of the entire Park and ecosystem.

When non-native and highly predatory lake trout were illegally introduced into Yellowstone Lake in the mid to late 1980’s, the stage was set for an ecological disaster. In less than two decades the lakers ate their way through the defenseless Yellowstone cutthroat population, which had inhabited the lake free of finned-predators for at least 10,000 years. By 2008, lake trout had reduced the cutthroat population by more than 90% from 4 million to less than 400,000.

Clear Creek, the most prolific spawning stream entering Yellowstone Lake, and well-known for its annual runs of 50,000 to 70,000 fish, saw barely 200 spawning cutthroat trout ascend its waters, in the spring of 2008. Other area streams were totally absent of spawning fish. Gone, too, from the creeks were the grizzlies that had congregated there for thousands of years, in search of the protein-rich trout. In fact more than 40 species of birds and mammals, dependent on cutthroat trout, continue to be impacted by the loss of the once abundant fish.

After more than a decade of being hampered by insufficient and inadequate funds and personnel to deploy in the struggle to control lake trout, it became apparent the Park was losing the battle, as Cutthroat numbers continued to plummet. A new tactic was needed, and toward that end, fisheries biologists from around the country came together, assessed the problem, shared their findings and produced an exhaustive 400-page Environmental Assessment in 2008.
The biologists agreed that in order to save and recover Yellowstone’s cutthroat populations, a major lake trout suppression program had to be implemented. They concluded that a reduction of 50% or more in the lake trout population for five to six consecutive years would “crash” the population, and allow the cutthroats to recover.

In 2011, with help from two crews of Great Lakes commercial fisherman, Park personnel kicked the lake trout suppression program into high gear, but it wasn’t until 2012, with a grant of $1,000,000 from the Yellowstone Park Foundation that suppression efforts came up to full speed. Early results have been encouraging. Over 300,000 lake trout were eliminated in 2012, which when added to the 225,000 caught in 2011, equaled the total number of lake trout caught in the previous 15 years! Even more encouraging was the big increase in the number of juvenile cutthroats found in the annual population sampling taken in August 2012. There were nearly three times as many juveniles recorded in 2012 over 2011, and the sampling represented the biggest increase in immature cutthroat trout seen in over a decade.

Dan Wenk, YNP Superintendent has identified the suppression of lake trout as the number one natural resources priority in the Park and has publically stated that without the help and support of the Yellowstone Park Foundation and concerned and generous citizens like the Weglickis, the suppression campaign would take 20 or 25 years to accomplish, instead of the 5-6 years projected.

To learn more about the Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Help Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Campaign visit www.YPF.org.
Our Newest Fund
The Flathead Lakers Endowment

We are excited to welcome the Flathead Lakers to our family of funds for nonprofits. They recently opened the brand new Flathead Lakers Endowment Fund.

“We’ve been talking about an endowment for quite a while,” said Robin Steinkraus, Executive Director of the Flathead Lakers. “Our 50th anniversary helped us recognize the need to think about the long-term health of our organization. We plan to be around for another 50 years. There will always be concerns and issues that affect water quality.”

The Flathead Lakers have been working to address those concerns since 1958, when a group of local residents joined together to protect Flathead Lake. The proposal to put another dam on the Flathead River, which would have flooded the valley all the way to Kalispell, was one motivation for starting the organization. Since then, the group has built its education, advocacy, and stewardship programs to protect clean water in Flathead Lake and its watershed. Today the Lakers have more than 1,500 members and work on a variety of issues important to the future of the lake.

One of the most pressing problems is preventing the invasion of non-native aquatic species such as zebra and quagga mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, and New Zealand mud snails. Montana and the Columbia Basin remain free from nonnative mussels and the Lakers are dedicated to keeping them out of Flathead Lake. The Lakers provide information to boaters and others about how to prevent introductions. Last summer they started a volunteer boat inspection project at boat ramps on the lake. “We provide educational information and ask people to clean their boat and trailer,” Robin said. “The best prevention is for everyone to understand the threat and to clean their boats before they move from one water body to another.”

The Lakers also work to help landowners take action to protect water quality. Their ever-expanding education program includes guides on maintaining a “lake-friendly” lawn and septic system, and encourages landowners to plant native plants along the shoreline to keep sediment and polluted runoff out of the lake. “We also do site visits to interested land owners and recommend practices to protect water quality,” Robin said. “Everyone we’ve met with has made at least one change that helps protect water quality.”

Third grade students learn about aquatic insects at the annual Flathead Lakers field trip to the Flathead Lake Biological Station at Yellow Bay.
One of the Laker’s key efforts is its Critical Lands Program. Beginning in 2000, the Lakers have worked to bring together conservationists, scientists and landowners to conserve and restore lands critical to the water quality of Flathead Lake. “The lake is part of its watershed and what happens upstream does matter,” Robin said. This program has helped to conserve and restore more than 5,000 acres, including wetlands, vegetated stream and river banks, floodplains, shallow groundwater areas, and associated farm lands.

“Building an endowment seems like a wonderful way to assure that the organization is going to be active in protecting the lake in the future,” Robin said. “And we had a generous contribution to help get it started.”

That generous gift came from an anonymous donor, a longtime Lakers member who wants to see the organization’s success continue. “For many years our family has benefitted from the waters of Flathead Lake,” the donor said. “Issues addressed by the Lakers are of great importance to current and future residents in the area. We expect future generations of our family, along with others, to benefit from the Lakers’ activities.”

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We’re pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 Leadership Grants for Community Foundation Affiliates. Leadership grants are awarded to community foundations taking the lead to organize a project for community betterment. In April, a total of $35,000 was awarded to six community foundations located in Superior, Polson, Roundup, Red Lodge, Missoula and Sunburst.

**Mineral County Community Foundation: Nonprofit Expo**
MCCF received $2,300 to host a Nonprofit Expo in April 2013, to assist with organizational development and increase the capacity of Mineral County non-profits. Two follow up workshops in July and October will continue to develop skills and monitor the progress of participating organizations.

**Greater Polson Community Foundation: Envision Polson!**
In January 2011, GPCF convened area leaders and formed Envision Polson!, a movement to engage the entire community and focus energy towards desirable outcomes. Envision Polson! engaged a community wide survey to identify values and formed eight working committees around identified community values. In 2011, GPCF received a $100,000 grant from the Orton Family Foundation to continue their community visioning work. The $3,700 grant from MCF will support rent and utilities for the Envision Polson! office space.

**Musselshell Valley Community Foundation: Website for Nonprofits**
MVCF received $2,000 to help secure an AmeriCorps VISTA to develop a communications program for the foundation’s service area. MVCF will work to develop a website to publicize community and nonprofit information in the five communities served by MVCF.
Missoula Community Foundation: 
Norman Maclean Historical Trail between Missoula and Seeley Lake

The Seeley Lake and Missoula Community Foundations have joined forces to establish the Norman Maclean Historical Trail between Missoula and Seeley Lake. The planned trail will take visitors 42-47 miles from the Rattlesnake trailhead in Missoula to Seeley Lake, depending on the final route selected. The Trail will be designed for human powered use to promote recreational tourism for Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, running, hiking, dog walking, birding, and back packing. The Norman Maclean Historical Trail has the potential to connect communities, improve health, celebrate history, provide spiritual replenishment, encourage economic development and engage residents and visitors in the wonders of Montana. Missoula Community Foundation received $6,000 from MCF for the project.

Red Lodge Area Community Foundation: 
Volunteer Program

RLACF received $11,000 to create a comprehensive, community wide volunteer program. RLACF has made significant investments in developing a nonprofit network for Red Lodge. Their project will help the network connect to a diverse, dedicated and skilled volunteer base.

Sunburst Community Foundation: 
Walking Trail

SCF is leading the effort to develop a walking trail surrounding the community’s sports complex. SCF is working with the City of Sunburst and other community groups to build the trail. MCF awarded $10,000 for the project.
Planned Gifts

Timothy and Shawna Ballweber, Helena Education Foundation

R. Stephen and Judith Browning, American Indian Institute, Myrna Loy Center, Lewis & Clark Humane Society, Lewis & Clark County Community Foundation Seed Fund, and Steve Browning Fund for Community Service & Philanthropy

John Burg, Billings Studio Theater

Mary L. and Peter L. Carparelli, Montana Wilderness Association, Planned Parenthood of Montana, Prickly Pear Land Trust, and Helena Food Share

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William L. Cochran, Gallatin Valley Land Trust

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Russell L. Vance, Public Land/Water Access Association

Lynne and Raymond Wahlt, The Wahlt Family Fund

Mignon and Ronald F. Waterman, Helena Education Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena

Douglas W. Webber and Nancy Winslow, Webber-Winslow Permanent Family Fund

New Funds

Broadwater Health Center Endowment Fund

Dale Woolhiser & Nancy Thompson Endowment for the benefit of Missoula Community Foundation

Flathead Lakers Endowment Fund

Gallatin Valley Land Trust Endowment Fund

Ken Staninger Memorial Fund - Non-permanent

National Smokejumpers Association Endowment Fund

Public Land/Water Access Association, Inc.

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Kathy Ackerman, Greater Glendive Community Foundation in memory of Ruth Eliland and Dr. Chambers

Susan Alley, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lester Robinson

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Thomas D. Nelson, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Dean Larsen, Marie Gandreud, Josh King, and Barb Nelson
New Hope Condominium Association, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of James G. Patellis, Sr.
Richard and Linda Norden, Elkhorn Community Foundation in memory of Jim Fessnden, Dick Arnold, and George and Cecilia Ammen
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Nomont Farms, Sunburst Community Foundation in memory of Louis Roark
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Audrey O’Brien, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ed Halland
Barbara and George O’Dore, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Mildred Neild
Donald and Myrna Oelkers, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Barb Nelson
Ardis and Gordon Oelkers, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Dan Tietz
Randa and Orval Olken, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Susan and John Okoniewski, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Patrick O'Leary, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Raymond Wise, Jr.

Judy Olson, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Helen and Arvid Christensen

Greg and Susan Olson, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Bill Butler

Sally and Bill O’Neal, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Robert Torgimson

Herbert Pagel, Hill County Community Foundation in memory of Jean Watson

Rudy and Rosemary Palomo, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lester Robinson

Brian Patrick, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Clifford and Carol Patrick, Benjamin Heidel

Payne West Ins, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Dorothy A. Peete, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Bill Butler

David and Catherine Peil, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Alice Kitt

Dr. and Jodi Peretti, Hill County Community Foundation in memory of Jean Watson

Philadelphia Eagles, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Joyce Platzkow, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ken Platzkow

Tracy E. Plummer, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Glenda Plummer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plymale, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Laird and Eva Plymale and Hubert Plymale

Mel C. Pottruff, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Doris Pottruff

Jo Ann Price, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Elazar Levon Hunsaker

Properties 2000, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Lloyd and Marilyn Pulver, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Leo Eckhardt

Dora Radakovich, Friends of the Pioneer Museum Endowment in memory of Daniel “Bunny” Radakovich and Wayne Putz

John and Lori Rains, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Kris Rains

Kathy Ramage, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ken Platzkow

Joe Reardon, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Arthur Merrick

Michelle and Donald Reed, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ralph Brewington

Reely Law Firm, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Donald Rees, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Roxie Rees

Reeves Family Trust, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ray Wise

Ross and Sheila Richardson, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Jim Patelis Sr

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Fred and Geneva Ross, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Alice Kitt

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Timothy and Susan Runkle, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Leo Eckhardt

John J. Ryan, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Loretta Ryan and Phil Ryan

Mary Ann Salladay, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Stephen Johnson

Jean Sandberg, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lee Harris

Susan K. Sander, Friends of the Pioneer Museum Endowment in memory of Don and Lorraine Quinlivan

Linda A. Satterly, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Nita Hubber

William and M Lynn Schwankwe, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

Arlie and Barry Scott, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Raymond Wise, Jr.

Barabara Sell, Sweetgrass County High School Centennial Scholarship in memory of Bill Fraser

John and Sharon Shinn, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lee Harris

Elmer G. Simon, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Shirley Simon

Craig Sipers, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger

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Laura Steinmetz, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Libby Roth
Harold and Patricia Stewart, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lee Harris
Esther and Dick Strong, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Jim Whitney
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Weymouth and Terry Symmes, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Ernest and Jacqueline Stillat, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Russ Logan
Michelle and Mike Tannenbaum, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Ralph and Elizabeth Thisted, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lester Robinson
Steve and Patty Thoeny, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Robert Torgrimson
Connie and Chuck Thomas, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Edith M. Thompson, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Dr. William Butler
Richard and Neva Thorson, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Sena Larsen and Homer and Elaine Thorson
Kathy and Raymond Toombs, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Boyd Iverson
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Daniel and Bobbie Tryan, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Bob Torgrimson
Helen C. Tuccotte, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Pul and Ruth Carson, Marcel Tuccotte
Valley Electric Inc, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lee Harris
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1634, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Art Kline
Carolyn Jo Voorhees and Tom Voorhees, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Bill Butler
Donna J. Wagner, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Jim Whitney
Joyce Wedeward, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Alice Kitt
Marylyn Weeks, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Barb Nelson, Walter Young, Marie Gandreed, Roy Schutze, Evelyn Herness, Dan Tietz, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Moore
WELCA, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Alfred O. Thorwaldson
Clarene and Dana Westburg, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ray Wise
Bill and Diane Wheeler, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Lee “Cowboy” Harris
Andrew and Heather Wilcox, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
John and Jadae Wilken, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ralph Brewington
Jane Wille, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ralph Brewington
Shelton and Lois Williams, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Leroy and Linda Wilson, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ralph Brewington
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Dale Woolhiser, Women’s Foundation of Montana Endowment in memory of Alice McLeod
Dale Woolhiser, Ken Staninger Memorial Fund in memory of Ken Staninger
Wilma Wortman, Broadwater Community Foundation in memory of Gaylene Day
Joyce Wuertz, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ray Wise
Yellowstone County Council on Aging, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Ralph Brewington
Helen Youst, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Alfred Thorwaldson
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Donna Burgess, Big Sky Honor Flight in honor of Donald W. Clark

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