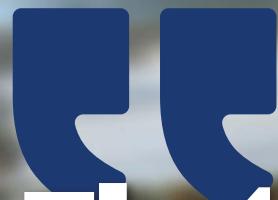


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## That Night Changed My Life Forever

A story of food, hope, and second chances in Montana



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OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE

# The Enduring Legacy of Town Pump's Commitment to Montana

For over 70 years, Town Pump has been guided by the philosophy set forth by our founders, Tom & Mary Ann Kenneally: taking care of our customers, team members, and the communities we call home. To ensure this legacy of giving continues for future generations, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation was established 25 years ago.

## Impact and Reach

Our mission is to provide financial support to Montana non-profits, with a primary focus on meeting basic needs and furthering education. The scale of this support includes:

**2025 Giving:** Nearly **\$6.8 million** donated through combined foundation and corporate efforts.

**Lifetime Impact:** Over **\$56.5 million** donated statewide for food insecurity since 2000.

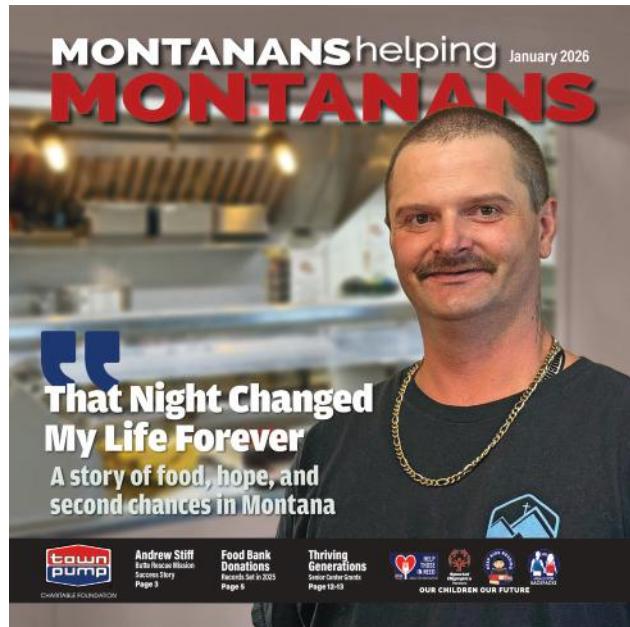
## Addressing Food Insecurity

Fighting hunger remains a top priority. In 2025 alone, the foundation awarded over \$4 million in grants to food banks, "Meals for Backpacks" programs, and other hunger-relief organizations.

Furthermore, our dedicated team members marked the 24th year of the "Be A Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign, raising more than **\$530,625** for local food banks.

## Looking Ahead

As a Montana-owned-and-operated family of businesses, we enter the new year steadfast in our commitment to our neighbors. Your patronage makes this work possible, allowing us to invest back into the state we love.



**PICTURED ON COVER:** Andrew Stiff on turning his life around after finding a place to belong the Butte Rescue Mission

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# From Despair to Devoted Employee



Andrew Stiff, formerly a Butte Rescue Mission client and now a shelter coordinator at the Mission, stands in the facility's kitchen in August.

## Man Rescued by Butte Mission Now Helps Others Find Food & Refuge

**M**ontana's food banks are lifesavers for thousands of Montanans who struggle every day with food insecurity, and Andrew Stiff of Butte understands that fact as much as anyone possibly can.

Stiff has made a remarkable journey from down-and-out single father fighting addiction and contemplating suicide to now working for the same Butte Rescue Mission (BRM) that rescued him.

"I was in a pretty dire situation," he said,

as his life spiraled down into the chaos of alcoholism in the spring and summer of 2021. "I was a terrible alcoholic. I lost my job, so then I lost my apartment. I lost everything. It was a struggle to panhandle every single day to get the food we needed to survive."

**Over \$4 million in Food Bank funding generated in 2025 including matching funds.**

Then on a cold winter night several months later, as Stiff was looking for a meal

and shelter, he found his way to the Butte Rescue Mission. That night changed his life forever – Stiff found not only food, but refuge.

The mission accepted him into its recovery program on Christmas Eve 2021. He began a new path toward sobriety, developing new life skills

and transforming his life. His recovery so impressed the BRM staff that Executive

the shelter's recovery program, from which he graduated in January 2024.



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# Record-Setting Donations To Help A Record Number of Neighbors



**A**t Town Pump, we take immense pride in being "Montana Owned and Operated." More than just a business, we are a collection of neighbors; our team members are deeply rooted in their communities and are passionate about supporting those who live alongside them. Each fall, this commitment comes to life through our "Be A Friend in Deed, Help Those

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Now a shelter coordinator for BRM, Stiff enjoys giving back and helping others who face the same challenges he did.

"I love my job," he said. "There's nothing I would rather be doing than helping people who are in the same boat I was. It's not fun out there."

He said food insecurity remains a problem in Montana communities across the state and is grateful to the Town Pump Charitable Foundation for its fundraising campaign for Montana food banks each fall.

The Butte Rescue Mission is one of a record 123 food banks in Montana that participated in 2025 in the "Help Those in Need" campaign, which originated in 2001. The campaign has raised about \$56.5 million for Montana food banks in 24 years, including over \$13.7 million in matching

grants from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

The money is frequently used to purchase perishable food items, such as milk, bread, fruit, and vegetables. Also, the funds are becoming more crucial in helping many

"Our local food banks are working at maximum capacity serving more and more families dealing with rising costs of groceries and other household items," said Bill McGladdery, of the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

directly to participating food banks were matched, as well.

"Your donations are greatly appreciated at Montana food banks," Stiff said.

Stiff also encouraged Montanans facing food insecurity to visit a food bank in their

**"FOOD BANKS CAN REALLY  
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**- Andrew Stiff**

**Shelter Coordinator - Butte Rescue Mission**

food bank organizations simply stay open through payment of rent, utilities, and space for storage, refrigeration and freezing.

Donations for the campaign were collected at Town Pump convenience stores, casinos and hotels, while donations made

community.

"Food banks can really help you and your family," he said. "They make a difference."

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in Need" campaign, where our dedicated staff joins forces with our patrons to raise vital funds for local food banks.

With the increase in food insecurity across the state and the delay in November SNAP benefits, the needs of our food bank partners were even greater than in previous years.

Our incredibly generous customers, players, and hotel guests stepped up in a way we have never seen before.

We are thrilled to announce a record-setting \$530,625 was raised for food bank partners across 47 Montana communities. This represents a **remarkable increase of \$80,857** over our 2024 totals—proving that when Montanans see a neighbor in need, they respond with open hearts.

Every dollar donated at a Town Pump location is matched and forwarded directly to the food bank(s) within that specific community. We believe local leaders know their needs best; therefore, these funds are provided without restrictions, allowing local food bank boards to allocate resources where they will do the most good.

The impact of Montana's generosity is staggering. The Montana Food Bank Network estimates that for every dollar donated, they can provide up to four meals. Thanks to your decision to "Be A Friend in Deed," you have helped provide over 2.1 million meals for our Montana neighbors this year.

## 2026: The 25th Annual Campaign

As we look toward the fall of 2026, we are preparing for a landmark moment in our company's history. This will mark the 25th Annual "Be A Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. For a quarter of a century, this initiative has served as a bridge between those who want to help and those who need it most. Reaching this silver anniversary is a testament to the enduring spirit of Montana.

We look forward to celebrating twenty-five years of partnership, community strength, and the shared belief that no one in our state should have to go hungry.

We invite you to stay tuned, and join us in the fall as we aim to make our biggest impact yet.

# 2025 Town Pump Collections

# \$530,625 collected statewide

## Donations By Community:

Anaconda.....	\$2,556	Cut Bank.....	\$2,436	Kalispell .....	\$28,204	Shelby .....	\$4,268
Belgrade/Bozeman.....	\$52,849	Deer Lodge.....	\$2,455	Laurel.....	\$6,882	Sidney .....	\$3,990
Big Timber .....	\$4,070	Dillon.....	\$10,350	Lewistown.....	\$2,993	Stevensville.....	\$6,814
Billings .....	\$29,307	Ennis .....	\$9,761	Libby .....	\$16,225	Superior .....	\$2,752
Boulder .....	\$8,762	Eureka.....	\$6,004	Livingston .....	\$3,796	Thompson Falls.....	\$5,888
Browning.....	\$4,531	Forsyth.....	\$1,706	Miles City .....	\$5,856	Three Forks.....	\$9,046
Butte.....	\$31,000	Glendive .....	\$3,030	Missoula Area including		Townsend.....	\$3,600
Chinook.....	\$1,340	Great Falls.....	\$27,479	Bonner, Lolo, & Florence.....	\$56,339	Troy .....	\$34,380
Colstrip.....	\$1,349	Hamilton .....	\$11,723	Plains .....	\$3,826	White Sulphur Springs .....	\$15,499
Columbia Falls .....	\$10,623	Hardin .....	\$1,428	Polson .....	\$1,938	Whitefish.....	\$1,482
Columbus .....	\$4,668	Havre.....	\$3,785	Red Lodge .....	\$7,111	Whitehall.....	\$11,226
Conrad.....	\$4,520	Helena.....	\$55,521	Ronan.....	\$1,760	Wolf Point .....	\$1,497

 [TownPump.com/donatetoday](http://TownPump.com/donatetoday) for a weekly breakdown of funds collected and top locations by division

# FOOD BANK PROGRAMS

## 2025 Grants Awarded **\$1.25 MILLION**

**GRANTED**

Absarokee	Absarokee Area Food Bank	\$3K	Forsyth	Samaritans Pantry	\$10K	Missoula	U of M Food Pantry	\$5K
Augusta	Augusta Food Share	\$2.5K		Tongue River Emergency Shelter	\$4.5K	Noxon	Community Services Fellowship, Inc.	\$3K
Alberton	Alberton Community Food Pantry	\$5K	Ft. Benton	Neighbor in Need	\$10K	Plains	Community Food Pantry	\$9K
Anaconda	Anaconda Project Care	\$15K	Glasgow	Valley County Emergency Food Bank	\$5K		Shekinah Soup Kitchen	\$2K
Arlee	Arlee Community Development Corp.	\$4K	Glendive	Dawson County Food Bank	\$7.5K	Plentywood	Sheridan County Food Bank	\$5K
Ashland	St. Labre Food Pantry	\$3K	Great Falls	Great Falls FISH, Inc.	\$25K	Polson	Polson Loaves & Fish Food Pantry	\$15K
Belt	Belt Food Bank	\$5K		Great Falls Rescue Mission	\$25K	Red Lodge	Carbon County Community Food Bank	\$10K
Bigfork	Bigfork Food Bank	\$5K		St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$25K		Native American Childrens Association	\$2K
Big Sky	Big Sky Community Food Bank/HRDC	\$3K		Helping Hands Great Falls	\$7.5K	Ronan	Bread Basket Food Pantry	\$11K
Big Timber	Big Timber Food Bank	\$15K		St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	\$2.5K		Ksanka Food Pantry	\$3.5K
Billings	Billings Food Bank	\$40K	Hamilton	Haven House Food Bank	\$12K	Roundup	Musselshell County Food Bank	\$2.5K
	Family Service, Inc.	\$25K		Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.	\$7.5K	Shelby	Sagebrush Food Pantry	\$10K
	Montana Rescue Mission	\$18K	Hardin	Helping Hands in Hardin, Inc.	\$16K	Shepherd	Shepherd Food Pantry	\$3K
	St. Vincent de Paul Billings	\$12K	Harlem	Day Eagle Hope Project	\$7.5K	Sheridan	Ruby Valley Food Pantry	\$2.5K
	MSU - Billings	\$5K		Aaniiih Nakoda College	\$2.5K	Sidney	Richland County Food Bank	\$10K
	Hannah House Food Pantry	\$3K		Harlem Food Bank	\$2.5K	St. Ignatius	Mission Valley Food Pantry	\$2.5K
Boulder	Jeffco Food Share	\$7.5K	Havre	Havre Community Food Bank	\$12.5K	Stanford	Judith Basin Food Pantry	\$2.5K
Box Elder	St. Mary Catholic Church	\$2.5K		MSU - Northern Foundation	\$2.5K	Stevensville	Stevensville Pantry Partners Food Bank	\$5K
Bozeman	Gallatin Valley Food Bank	\$55K		Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen	\$1.5K	Superior	Community Food Bank of Mineral County	\$9K
	Bobcat Relief Fund - MSU	\$5K	Helena	Helena Food Share	\$55K	Thompson Falls	Community Harvest Food Bank	\$5K
Bridger	Bridger Community Food Bank	\$1.5K		God's Love	\$7.5K		Gospel Mtn Assembly of God Food Pantry	\$3K
Browning	FAST Blackfeet	\$10K		Carroll College Food Pantry	\$5K	Three Forks	Headwaters Area Food Bank	\$12.5K
	Blackfeet Food Pantry	\$7.5K	Helena	Helena College	\$2.5K	Townsend	Broadwater Food Pantry	\$9K
	The Nurturing Center	\$7.5K	Hot Springs	Hot Springs Food Pantry	\$2.5K	Troy	Troy Food Pantry	\$12.5K
Butte	Butte Emergency Food Bank	\$50K	Joliet	The Joliet Food Bank	\$2.5K	Twin Bridges	Helping Hand Food Pantry	\$1.5K
	Butte Rescue Mission	\$50K	Kalispell	Flathead Food Bank	\$40K	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone Food Bank	\$3.5K
	Montana Tech Foundation (Food Pantry)	\$5K		NW Montana Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry	\$12.5K	White Sulphur Springs	Meagher County Nutrition Coalition	\$10K
Cascade	Cascade Community Food Bank	\$3K		Flathead Warming Center	\$7.5K	Whitefish	North Valley Food Bank	\$10K
Chester	Loaves and Fishes Food Bank	\$4K		Samaritan House	\$7.5K	Whitehall	Whitehall Area Food Pantry	\$7.5K
Chinook	Chinook Food Bank	\$6K		West Shore Food Bank	\$2.5K	Wibaux	Wibaux Food Bank	\$5K
Choteau	Teton County Food Pantry Inc.	2.5K	Lakeside	Northern Cheyenne Food Bank	\$5K	Wolf Point	Wolf Point Food Pantry	\$7K
Colstrip	Colstrip Community Food Bank	\$5K	Lame Deer	Community Hope, Inc.	\$18K	Yaak	The Yaak Food Cupboard	\$2.5K
Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls Food Bank	\$15K	Laurel	Central Montana Community Cupboard	\$10K	Statewide	Montana Food Bank Network	\$30K
Columbus	Project Hope of Stillwater County	\$10K	Lewistown	Libby Food Pantry	\$10K		Essential Eats Distributors	\$3K
Conrad	Pondera Food Pantry	\$7K	Libby	Livingston Food Pantry of Park County	\$17.5K			
Culbertson	The County Cupboard	\$3K	Livingston	Malta Food Bank	\$1.5K			
Cut Bank	Harvest Food Pantry	\$10K	Malta	Granite County Food Pantry	\$3K			
Darby	Darby Bread Box	\$4K	Maxville	Custer County Food Bank	\$10K			
Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge Food Pantry	\$15K	Miles City	Miles City Soup Kitchen	\$7K			
	SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry & Services	\$7.5K		Miles Community College	\$3K			
Dillon	Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Inc.	\$20K		Missoula Food Bank	\$25K			
	The University of Montana Western	\$2.5K	Missoula	Poverello Center, Inc.	\$25K			
Ennis	Madison Valley Caring and Sharing	\$15K		Union Gospel Mission dba Hope Rescue Mission	\$25K			
Eureka	Tobacco Valley Food Pantry	\$12K		Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	\$15K			
Fairfield	Fairfield Education & Community Assoc	\$2.5K						



# Rapid Response: \$1 Million Granted to Feed 30K Montanans Affected by SNAP Delays

When the federal government shutdown in October 2025 delayed SNAP benefits for 30,000 Montanans, local food banks faced a sudden and staggering surge in demand. Already navigating an 11% increase in service, these organizations became the primary lifeline for families across the state. While communities responded generously with canned good donations, the sheer scale of the disruption required an immediate, large-scale response.

## \$1 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS ISSUED

County	Organization	Amount	County	Organization	Amount	County	Organization	Amount
Absarokee	Absarokee Area Food Bank	\$2.4K	Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge Food Pantry	\$12K	Maxville	Granite County Food Pantry	\$2.4K
Augusta	Augusta Food Share	\$2K	Dillon	SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry & Services	\$6K	Miles City	Custer County Food Bank	\$8K
Alberton	Alberton Community Food Pantry	\$4K		Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Inc.	\$16K		Miles City Soup Kitchen	\$5.6K
Anaconda	Anaconda Project Care	\$12K	Ennis	The University of Montana Western	\$2K		Miles Community College	\$2.4K
Arlee	Arlee Community Development Corp.	\$3.2K	Eureka	Madison Valley Caring and Sharing	\$12K	Missoula	Missoula Food Bank	\$20K
Ashland	St. Labre Food Pantry	\$2.4K	Fairfield	Tobacco Valley Food Pantry	\$9.6K		Poverello Center, Inc.	\$20K
Belt	Belt Food Bank	\$4K	Forsyth	Fairfield Education & Community Assoc	\$2K		Union Gospel Mission dba Hope Rescue Mission	\$20K
Bigfork	Bigfork Food Bank	\$4K		Samaritans Pantry	\$8K		Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	\$12K
Big Sky	Big Sky Community Food Bank/HRDC	\$2.4K	Ft. Benton	Tongue River Emergency Shelter	\$2.4K	Missoula	U of M Food Pantry	\$4K
Big Timber	Big Timber Food Bank	\$12K	Glasgow	Neighbor in Need	\$6K	Noxon	Community Services Fellowship, Inc.	\$2.4K
Billings	Billings Food Bank	\$32K	Glendive	Valley County Emergency Food Bank	\$4K	Plains	Community Food Pantry	\$7.2K
	Family Service, Inc.	\$20K	Great Falls	Dawson County Food Bank	\$6K		Shekinah Soup Kitchen	\$1.6K
	Montana Rescue Mission	\$14.4K	Hamilton	Great Falls FISH, Inc.	\$20K	Plentywood	Sheridan County Food Bank	\$4K
	St. Vincent de Paul Billings	\$9.6K	Hardin	Great Falls Rescue Mission	\$20K	Polson	Polson Loaves & Fish Food Pantry	\$12K
	MSU - Billings	\$4K	Harlem	St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$20K	Red Lodge	Carbon County Community Food Bank	\$8K
	Hannah House Food Pantry	\$2.4K		Helping Hands Great Falls	\$6K		Native American Childrens Association	\$1.6K
Boulder	Jeffco Food Share	\$6K		St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	\$2K	Ronan	Bread Basket Food Pantry	\$8K
Box Elder	St. Mary Catholic Church	\$2K		Haven House Food Bank	\$9.6K		Ksanka Food Pantry	\$2.8K
Bozeman	Gallatin Valley Food Bank	\$40K		Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.	\$6K	Roundup	Musselshell County Food Bank	\$2K
	Bobcat Relief Fund - MSU	\$4K		Helping Hands in Hardin, Inc.	\$12K	Shelby	Sagebrush Food Pantry	\$8K
Brider	Bridger Community Food Bank	\$1.2K	Helena	Day Eagle Hope Project	\$6K	Shepherd	Shepherd Food Pantry	\$2.4K
Browning	FAST Blackfeet	\$8K		Aaniiih Nakoda College	\$2K	Sheridan	Ruby Valley Food Pantry	\$2K
	Blackfeet Food Pantry	\$6K		Harlem Food Bank	\$2K	Sidney	Richland County Food Bank	\$8K
	The Nurturing Center	\$6K		Havre Community Food Bank	\$10K	St. Ignatius	Mission Valley Food Pantry	\$2K
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Chester	Loaves and Fishes Food Bank	\$3.2K		Carroll College Food Pantry	\$4K		Gospel Mtn Assemby of God Food Pantry	\$2.4K
Chinook	Chinook Food Bank	\$4.8K		Helena College	\$2K	Three Forks	Headwaters Area Food Bank	\$10K
Choteau	Teton County Food Pantry Inc.	\$2K		Hot Springs Food Pantry	\$2K	Townsend	Broadwater Food Pantry	\$7.2K
Colstrip	Colstrip Community Food Bank	\$4K	Lakeside	The Joliet Food Bank	\$2K	Troy	Troy Food Pantry	\$7.6K
Columbia Falls	Columbia Falls Food Bank	\$12K	Lame Deer	Flathead Food Bank	\$32K	Twin Bridges	Helping Hand Food Pantry	\$1.2K
Columbus	Project Hope of Stillwater County	\$8K	Laurel	NW Montana Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry	\$10K	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone Food Bank	\$2.8K
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Culbertson	The County Cupboard	\$2.4K	Libby	Samaritan House	\$6K	Whitefish	North Valley Food Bank	\$8K
Cut Bank	Harvest Food Pantry	\$8K	Livingston	West Shore Food Bank	\$2K	Whitehall	Whitehall Area Food Pantry	\$6K
Darby	Darby Bread Box	\$3.2K	Malta	Northern Cheyenne Food Bank	\$4K	Wibaux	Wibaux Food Bank	\$4K
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				Central Montana Community Cupboard	\$8K	Yaak	The Yaak Food Cupboard	\$2K
				Libby Food Pantry	\$8K	Statewide	Montana Food Bank Network	\$40K
				Livingston Food Pantry of Park County	\$14K		Essential Eats Distributors	\$2.4K
				Malta Food Bank	\$1.2K			

Recognizing that SNAP provides nine times the volume of food banks, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation stepped in to bolster the state's nutritional infrastructure.

By awarding **\$1 MILLION** in emergency grants to 123 partners on November 4, the Foundation ensured that local pantries could keep their shelves stocked with fresh, perishable essentials. This investment highlights Town Pump's commitment to ensuring no Montanan goes hungry during times of national uncertainty.

# Feeding Futures: Chinook's Long Weekend Solution

**W**hen Chinook Public Schools made the decision to transition to a four-day school week in 2024, one of the concerns that surfaced was the issue of food insecurity among its students. The extended weekend meant that students would now be without school-provided meals for an additional day.

"We knew that hungry children have a much harder time focusing, learning, and simply being kids, so addressing this growing gap became a priority," said Danelle Gibson, elementary principal in Chinook.

After exploring potential funding sources and community partnerships that might support the creation of a school-based food pantry, Gibson didn't find the right match. Then she learned about the Town Pump Charitable Foundation and its grants.

**In 2025, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation funded backpack programs in **78** Montana communities totaling **\$873K**.**

"Its mission aligned perfectly with what our students needed, and for the first time in the process, I felt a real sense of hope," Gibson said.

She applied for a Town Pump grant, and received one for the 2024-25 school year. The school received a second grant for the current school year.

The grant money allows Chinook schools to provide weekly backpacks filled with easy-to-prepare, student-friendly food, Gibson said, ensuring that students have access to consistent, reliable meals over the long weekend. Each week, the school sends home about 30 backpacks – 30 students who now have one less barrier to learning, growing, and thriving," she said.

"We are incredibly grateful to Town Pump for selecting Meadowlark Elementary School in Chinook as a grant recipient and for recognizing the importance of supporting students



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**Principal - Chinook Elementary School**

beyond the classroom," Gibson added. "Their generosity has had a direct and meaningful impact on our school community, and we deeply appreciate their continued commitment to helping children learn, grow, and succeed."

By eliminating the risk factor of hunger, students can prepare for their futures. The long-term gain will be seen in these students growing up and becoming successful individuals and contributing members of their communities.

**[townpumpfoundation.com/backpacks](http://townpumpfoundation.com/backpacks)**

## 2025 Communities Impacted

**\$873K** GRANTED



Alberton	Busby	Deer Lodge	Glasgow	Laurel	Red Lodge	Townsend
Anaconda	Butte	Dillon	Glendive	Lavina	Rocky Boy	Troy
Ashland	Cascade	Divide	Great Falls	Lewistown	Ronan	Victor
Baker	Chester - Joplin -	Dodson	Hamilton	Libby	Seeley Lake	Whitefish
Bigfork	Inverness	Dutton	Hardin	Livingston	Shelby	Wibaux
Billings	Chinook	Ekalaka	Harlem	Lockwood	Shepherd	Wolf Point
Boulder	Choteau	Eureka	Harlowton	Malta	Sidney	Wyola
Box Elder	Colstrip	Florence	Havre	Miles City	St. Regis	Statewide
Bozeman	Columbia Falls	Forsyth	Helena	Missoula	Stevensville	
Bridger	Columbus	Fort Benton	Kalispell	Philipsburg	Superior	
Broadview	Conrad	Fromberg	Lakeside	Polson	Thompson Falls &	
Browning	Cut Bank	Geyser	Lame Deer	Power	Plains	

# A New Equation for Success: STEM Literacy in the Treasure State

**M**ore than an Acronym! STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—is more than an acronym or a list of school subjects; it is a holistic approach to learning and problem-solving. By breaking down the silos between these fields, STEM encourages students to interconnect their knowledge to solve real-world challenges.

While Science explores our natural world and Technology creates the tools that connect us, Engineering provides the design framework for everything from bridges to circuits. Mathematics serves as the essential language underlying it all, using patterns to predict the future.

This literacy is vital for Montana's youth. Whether through classroom instruction, after-school coding camps, or hands-on internships, STEM education builds a foundation for any career path.

To support this mission, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation awarded 110 grants of \$1,000 each to Montana schools in 2025 to fund essential supplies. We are proud to announce that this grant program will continue in 2026.

**In 2025, 110 Montana classrooms received IGNITE Minds grants totaling \$110K.**



## 2025 STEM Grants Awarded To:

**\$110K** GRANTED

<b>Belgrade</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Browning</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Forsyth</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Libby</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Belgrade High School		Browning High School		Forsyth Public School		Kootenai Valley Christian School		KWH Elementary School	
Belgrade Middle School				<b>Frenchtown</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>Livingston</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Ridge View Elementary School				Frenchtown Elementary School		St. Marys Catholic School		Shelby Public Schools	
Saddle Peak Elementary School				Frenchtown High School		<b>Manhattan</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Townsend</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Story Creek Elementary School				Frenchtown Middle School		Amsterdam School District		Townsend Public Schools	
<b>Big Timber</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Butte</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>	<b>Glendive</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Manhattan Christian School		<b>Troy</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Big Timber Grade School		Butte Central Elementary School		Little Sprouts Academy		Marion School		Troy School District #1	
Sweet Grass County High School		Butte Central High School		<b>Great Falls</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	Marion School		<b>Valier</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Billings</b>	<b>\$34,000</b>	Butte High School		Lewis & Clark Elementary School		Sacred Heart School		Valier School District	
Education Foundation for BPS		East Middle School		St. Patrick's Academy - East Campus		<b>Miles City</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>White Sulphur Springs</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Bonner</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Emerson Elementary School		St. Patrick's Academy - West Campus		Sacred Heart School		White Sulphur Springs School	
Bonner School District #14		Hillcrest Elementary School		St. Patrick's Academy High School		<b>Missoula</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Whitefish</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Bozeman</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	Kennedy Elementary School		<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Hellgate Elementary		Muldown Elementary School	
Bozeman School Foundation		Margaret Leary Elementary School		Hamilton School District		Loyola Sacred Heart School		Whitefish High School	
Chief Joseph Middle School		West Elementary School		<b>Helmsville</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Pablo</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Whitefish Middle School	
LaMotte School District #43		Whittier Elementary School		Helmsville School		Pablo Elementary School		<b>Wolf Point</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
Longfellow Elementary School		<b>Conrad</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Kalispell</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Cherry Valley Elementary School		Northside Elementary School	
Monforton School		Meadowlark Elementary School		St. Mathew's Catholic School		Linderman Elementary School		Southside Elementary School	
Mount Ellis Elementary		Utterback Elementary School		Stillwater Christian School					

**W**hen Maniyah Lunceford graduated from Anaconda High School in 2024 with a stellar 4.3 GPA, she already had a clear vision for her future.

Driven by a core value of helping others, she enrolled at Missoula College to major in Radiologic Technology—a field that offers both meaningful work and a stable career path.

In 2025, **26 dedicated students** were selected to receive **\$2,000** grants toward their higher education

Maniyah's connection to Town Pump runs deep. Her mother, Lorna, has been a valued team member since 2007, and Maniyah herself currently works at a Montana Lil's location in Missoula while balancing her studies. This dedication has paid off: 2025 marks the second consecutive year Maniyah has been awarded a Town Pump Scholarship.

She said that she would encourage anyone who may qualify to apply for the Town Pump Scholarship.

"The application process is simple," Maniyah shared. "Bill was even very helpful in making sure the check made it to the correct place at the school."

# Town Pump employee & family member scholarships total **\$52,000** for 2025



## Scholarship Fast Facts

**Eligibility:** Town Pump employees, children, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

**Applications Open:** March annually.

**Deadline:** End of April.

**Download Application:** [TownPumpFoundation.com/scholarships](http://TownPumpFoundation.com/scholarships)

**2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

Alex Watson • Butte  
Alyeska Gottschlich • Missoula  
Austin Harrington • Butte  
Chance Sampson • Butte  
Claire Sweet • Butte  
Cody Wilcox • Colstrip  
Colin Leonard • Kalispell  
Genevieve Crossman • Butte  
Isabella Giles • Miles City  
Jaden Lewis • Butte

Kadynce Garrison • Butte  
Luke O'Dell • Butte  
Maisie Jane Barrus • Hysham  
Maniyah Lunceford • Anaconda  
Marcus Manson • Butte  
Mariah Beehler • Dillon  
Maya Aguilar • Billings  
Pamela Davis • Troy  
Qayl Kujala • Helena  
Raelee Sampson • Helena

Rylen Loomis • Anaconda  
Shaun Duran • Libby  
Summer Burstad • Gallatin Gateway  
Taden Sokoloski • Glendive  
Tucker Knoll • Glendive  
Wyatt Gross • Butte

**2025 TOTAL AWARDED  
\$52,000**



## Making Butter & Building Dreams

The Roosevelt County Library's summer reading program works "to spark the love of reading" through the financial support of the Town Pump Charitable Foundation, library director Janet Livingston said.

A Town Pump grant provides the library in Wolf Point with supplies for projects, activities, prizes, snacks and, of course, books for the summer reading program.

"That is why we always purchase books to give away as prizes, and every kid attending will get books," she said. "Sometimes we even do science experiments and try our hands at making food items, such as making butter in a glass jar."

The grant also helped pay for a presentation by "The Lego Guy," who has been collecting Lego all his life and now does programs on the history of Lego, she said. He brings totes full of Lego pieces for the children to create with, following a theme of his choosing or one they come up with.

But most of all, the funding from the Town Pump "helps with putting books

**In 2025, 123 organizations received grants for a total of \$123K.**

into the hands of children who don't have any other access to books at home," Livingston said.

"Many of our kids' parents do not have library cards and those who do hardly ever visit the library with their children," she added. "We do have kids who love to read and those who do not. When pick-

ing books to give to the kids, we try to get a wide variety of books, including graphic novels and comics, for those kids who say they don't like to read, hoping to entice reluctant readers that it's

OK to read them even if they are comics."

This year's summer reading program attracted a consistent number of children, Livingston said, with several prizes awarded throughout the six sessions. The library celebrated the top readers at the end of the program, who each received a prize and a certificate.

"The Roosevelt County Library would like to thank the Town Pump Corp. for its continued support in helping us with our summer reading program," Livingston said.



## KEEP KIDS READING

**\$123K** GRANTED

Absarokee • Absarokee Lending Library  
 Albion • Friends of the Mineral County Library  
 Anaconda • Hearst Free Library  
 Augusta • Lewis & Clark Library - Augusta Branch  
 Baker • Fallon County Library, Inc.  
 Belgrade • Belgrade Community Library  
 Big Sandy • Choteau County Library Foundation  
 Big Sky • Friends of the Big Sky Community Library  
 Big Timber • Carnegie Public Library  
 Bigfork • ImagineIt! Library Foundation  
 Billings • Billings Public Library  
 Billings • Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools  
 Bonner • Bonner School  
 Boulder • Boulder Community Library  
 Box Elder • Stone Child College Library  
 Bozeman • Anderson School  
 Bozeman • Bozeman Public Library Foundation  
 Bozeman • Bozeman Public Library Foundation - Bookmobile  
 Bridger • Friends of the Bridger Public Library  
 Broadus • Henry A. Malley Memorial Library  
 Brockton • Brockton School District  
 Browning • Glacier County Library Memorial Foundation  
 Butte • Butte Public Library - Uptown Branch  
 Butte • Whittier PTO  
 Cascade • Friends of the Library  
 Centerville • Centerville Public School  
 Chester • Friends of the Liberty County Library  
 Chinook • Blaine County Library  
 Choteau • Choteau/Teton Public Library  
 Circle • George McCone Memorial County Library  
 Clancy • North Jefferson County Library  
 Colstrip • Friends of Bicentennial Library of Colstrip  
 Columbia Falls • Columbia Falls Bookmobile Project  
 Columbia Falls • ImagineIt! Library Foundation  
 Columbus • Stillwater County Library  
 Condon • Swan Valley Community Library  
 Conrad • Conrad Public Library  
 Cut Bank • Glacier County Library Memorial Foundation  
 Darby • Darby Community Public Library  
 Deer Lodge • William K. Kohrs Memorial Library  
 Denton • Town of Denton  
 Dillon • Dillon Public Library  
 Dutton/Brady • Dutton/Brady School  
 Dutton/Teton • Dutton/Teton Public Library  
 East Glacier • Glacier County Library Memorial Foundation  
 East Helena • Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch  
 Ekalaka • Ekalaka Public Library  
 Elliston • Elliston Elementary School  
 Ennis • Friends of Madison Valley Public Library  
 Eureka • Lincoln County Library Foundation - Eureka  
 Fairfield • Fairfield-Teton Public Library  
 Forsyth • Rosebud County Library  
 Fort Benton • Choteau County Library Foundation  
 Froid • Froid Friends of the Library  
 Geraldine • Choteau County Library Foundation  
 Glasgow • Glasgow City-County Library  
 Glendive • Glendive Public Library  
 Great Falls • Great Falls Public Library  
 Hamilton • Bitterroot Public Library  
 Hardin • Big Horn County Library  
 Harlem • Harlem Public Library  
 Harlowton • Harlowton Public Library  
 Harrison • Harrison Public School  
 Havre • Havre-Hill County Library Foundation  
 Helena • Helena Public Schools  
 Helena • Lewis & Clark Library  
 Helena • Lewis & Clark Library - Bookmobile  
 Hinsdale • Hinsdale Public Schools  
 Hot Springs • Preston Hot Springs Town/County Library  
 Joliet • Joliet Public Library  
 Jordan • Garfield County Free Library  
 Kalispell • ImagineIt! Library Foundation  
 Lakeside • West Shore Community Library  
 Lame Deer • Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation  
 Laurel • Laurel High School  
 Laurel • Laurel Public Library Foundation, Inc.  
 Lewistown • Lewistown Public Library  
 Libby • Lincoln County Library Foundation - Libby  
 Lincoln • Lewis & Clark Library - Lincoln Branch  
 Lincoln • Lincoln School  
 Livingston • Livingston-Park County Public Library  
 Malta • Philips County Library  
 Manhattan • Manhattan Community Library  
 Miles City • Miles City Public Library  
 Missoula • Missoula Public Library - Bookmobile  
 Missoula • Missoula Public Library  
 Montana City • North Jefferson County Library  
 Moore • Moore Memorial Public Library  
 Park City • Park City School Library  
 Philipsburg • Philipsburg Area Community Library  
 Plains • Plains Public Library  
 Plentywood • Plentywood School District No. 20  
 Polson • North Lake County Public Library  
 Potomac • Missoula Public Library - Potomac Branch  
 Red Lodge • Red Lodge Carnegie Library  
 Richey • Richey Public Library  
 Ronan • Ronan Library District  
 Saco • Saco High School  
 Scobey • Daniels County Library  
 Seeley Lake • Seeley Lake Elementary School  
 Shelby • Toole County Library  
 Sidney • Sidney-Richland County Library  
 St. Regis • Friends of the Mineral County Library  
 Stevensville • North Valley Public Library  
 Sunburst • Sunburst Branch Library  
 Superior • Friends of the Mineral County Library  
 Terry • Prairie County Library  
 Thompson Falls • Friends of the Thompson Falls Public Library  
 Thompson Falls • Sanders County Bookmobile  
 Three Forks • Three Forks Community Library  
 Townsend • Broadwater School  
 Troy • Lincoln County Library Foundation - Troy  
 Twin Bridges • Twin Bridges Public Library  
 Valier • Valier Public Library  
 Virginia City • Friends of the Thompson-Hickman Madison County Library  
 West Yellowstone • West Yellowstone Public Library  
 White Sulphur Springs • Meagher County City Library  
 White Sulphur Springs • White Sulphur Springs Public Schools  
 Whitefish • Whitefish Community Library  
 Whitehall • Friends of the Whitehall Community Library  
 Wibaux • Wibaux Public Library  
 Winnett • Petroleum County Public Library  
 Wolf Point • Friends of the Roosevelt County Library

 [townpumpfoundation.com/reading](http://townpumpfoundation.com/reading)

# A Lifeline Provided by Senior Centers: So Much More Than Just Meals

The last year has been challenging for the Belmont Senior Center, a federally funded facility that serves Butte's senior citizens. The Belmont offers on-site weekday meals, housekeeping services, social engagement activities, health and wellness classes, and the Meals on Wheels program.

The long government shutdown and fewer community donations really pinched the center's operations in 2025.

"When the government shut down, the number of Meals on Wheels and on-site meal recipients increased by 20 percent," said Amanda Stone, executive director for the Belmont. "This caused our already-stretched funding to become stretched thinner, and we did end up having to dip in to our savings account in order to provide the extra meals."

In addition, the annual "Thanks for Giving" fundraiser in November, which the center depends on to raise funds for operations in the following year, drew about 100 fewer people this year than usual, Stone said.

"We are relying heavily on outside donations and sponsorships this upcoming year to maintain the programs we have operating and ensuring we can continue to provide for our seniors and community," she added.

One program that will continue at full strength is the center's Meals on Wheels program – the Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a Thriving Generations Grant

to help fund the program. The Belmont Senior Center has been operating Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors and people with health issues that make it difficult for them to get out of the house for over 20 years.

"FOR MOST OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, OUR DELIVERY DRIVERS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THEY HAVE CONTACT WITH ON A REGULAR BASIS, SO WE NOT ONLY PROVIDE A NUTRITIOUS MEAL, BUT ALSO A WELFARE CHECK."

**- Amanda Stone**  
**Executive Director - Belmont Senior Center**

"For most of the people we serve, our delivery drivers are the only people they have contact with on a regular basis, so we not only provide a nutritious meal, but also a welfare check," Amanda Stone, executive director for the Belmont.

Meals can be provided up to seven days a week. Weekend meals are delivered frozen, and holiday meals can be delivered upon request.

Each meal cost about \$14 to make, and the Belmont requests a \$6 donation for each meal.

"However, often times our seniors cannot afford the donation cost," Stone said. "We are extremely grateful for Town Pump and the opportunity they provided to allow us to continue the service our seniors so badly need."

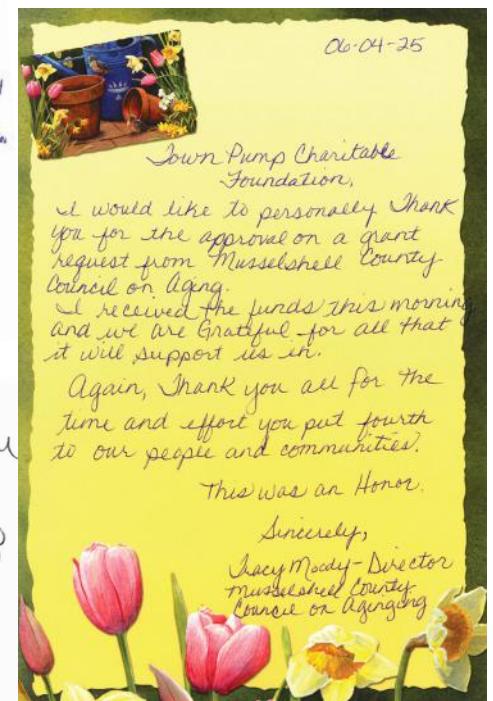


## Thiving GENERATIONS

town pump Charitable Foundation-  
On behalf of the Plains-Paradix  
Senior Center I send a heart-fit  
thank you for your most generous  
grant to building improvements  
at the Center. Most Sincerely,  
Kristine Lockhart  
Treasurer, PPSC

To whom it may concern,  
I would like to personally thank you  
for approving our grant. Serving our  
Seniors is such a gift, and this will help  
immensely!

Thank you from all of the  
Senior Center staff, County comm.  
and the Seniors.





# 2025 THRIVING GENERATIONS \$678K

GRANTED

Alberton	Alberton Senior Citizens	\$1,800	Hysham	Treasure County Council on Aging	\$15,000
Belgrade	Belgrade Senior Center	\$18,000	Kalispell	Kalispell Senior Center	\$5,000
Belt	Belt Golden Agers Senior Center	\$3,850	Libby	Libby Senior Center	\$10,000
Big Sandy	Big Sandy Senior Center	\$2,500	Livingston	Livingston Meals on Wheels	\$8,800
Billings	Adult Resource Alliance	\$15,000	Manhattan	Manhattan Senior Citizens Council	\$3,500
Bozeman	Bozeman Senior Social Center	\$10,000	Medicine Lake	Medicine Lake Senior Center	\$17,400
Bridger	Bridger Senior Center	\$750	Miles City	Custer County Senior Center	\$17,000
Butte	Belmont Senior Center	\$20,000	Missoula	Missoula Senior Center	\$10,000
Charlo	Charlo Moiese Senior Center	\$6,400		Missoula Aging Services	\$5,000
Chinook	Chinook Senior Center	\$2,000	Noxon	Noxon Senior Center	\$12,500
Columbia Falls	North Valley Senior Center	\$5,000	Plains	Plains Paradise Senior Citizens Center	\$25,000
Columbus	Columbus Senior Center	\$2,200	Plentywood	Golden Years Club, Inc.	\$6,000
Conrad & Valier	Community & Senior Citizens Center	\$5,000	Red Lodge	Red Lodge Senior Citizens Club	\$7,000
Deer Lodge	Powell County Senior Center	\$10,000	Ronan	Mission Valley Senior Center	\$10,000
	Powell County Board on Aging	\$2,500	Roundup	Musselshell County Council on Aging	\$16,800
Dutton	Dutton Senior Center	\$2,500	Seeley Lake	Seeley Lake Senior Center	\$25,000
Eureka	Tobacco Valley Senior Citizens Association	\$10,000	Sidney	Richland County Commission on Aging	\$600
Fairfield	Fairfield Senior Center	\$3,000	St. Ignatius	St. Ignatius Senior Citizens Center	\$1,375
Forsyth	Rosebud County Senior Citizens Center	\$10,000	Stanford	Judith Basin Senior Citizen Center	\$1,500
Fort Benton	Golden Age Center	\$14,500	Stevensville	Stevensville Senior Center, Inc.	\$5,000
Fort Shaw	Sun River Valley Senior Center	\$4,000	Superior	Superior Senior Citizens Center	\$3,500
Glasgow	Glasgow Senior Center	\$2,000	Thompson Falls	Thompson Falls Senior Citizens	\$4,500
Glendive	Action for Eastern Montana	\$10,000	Trout Creek	Trout Creek Senior Center	\$25,000
Hamilton	Hamilton Senior Center	\$1,000	Troy	Kootenai Senior Citizens, Inc.	\$25,000
Hardin	Big Horn Council on Aging	\$5,000	West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone Senior Social Center	\$7,500
Harlowton	Wheatland County Senior Citizens Center	\$15,000	White Sulphur Springs	Meagher County Senior Center	\$10,000
Heron	Heron District Senior Citizens, Inc.	\$9,500	Whitefish	Whitefish Community Center	\$5,300
Hot Springs	Sanders County Council on Aging	\$10,000	Whitehall	Whitehall Senior Citizen Center	\$10,000
	Hot Springs Senior Center	\$6,800			

 For information on each unique project funded, visit [TownPumpFoundation.com/2025thriving](http://TownPumpFoundation.com/2025thriving)

# Preserving Butte's Living Classroom for Future Minds

The Orphan Girl Mine is one of Butte's most iconic historic sites, dating back to 1875. While not the largest producer on the "Richest Hill on Earth," it yielded over 7.6 million ounces of silver, lead, and zinc during its lifetime and operated to a depth of over 2,700 ft. Its relative isolation from other mines earned it the name "Orphan Girl," and it became known for its cooler working conditions, between 55 and 65 degrees, which made it a desirable place to work compared to the sweltering "hot boxes" elsewhere on the hill.

After closing in 1956, the site was transformed into the World Museum of Mining in 1965, making it one of the few museums in the world located on an actual mine yard.

Today, the Orphan Girl Mine is the centerpiece of the museum, offering visitors a rare chance to experience authentic underground mining conditions. The under-

ground tour, which ventures 100 feet below ground, lets guests see the original shaft station, historic equipment, and even one of the few exposed ore veins in North America.

"It's an immersive experience that connects people to the grit and ingenuity of Butte's miners," said Jeanette Kopf, the museum's executive director.

**Thanks to a \$125,000 grant from the Town Pump Foundation, the World Museum of Mining is extending the \$550,000 worth of stabilization work completed on the 100-foot level of the Orphan Girl underground mine up to the 65-foot level, Kopf said.**

The funding is critical for reinforcing aging structures, improving safety, and ensuring that the underground tour remains accessible for generations to come, Kopf said.

"By investing in preservation," she said, "the Town

Pump Foundation has safeguarded an irreplaceable piece of history and supported educational opportunities for thousands of visitors each year."

"The Orphan Girl Mine isn't just a relic," Kopf added. "It's a living classroom. Walking through its tunnels gives visitors a rare, authentic glimpse into the lives of miners who helped shape Montana's economy and communities. For the museum, the underground tour is one of its most popular and defining experiences. It connects people to the grit and resilience that built the region."



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Executive Director - World Museum of Mining

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Photo Courtesy of Simple Reflections Photography

# Wheels of Change in Missoula



Missoula Food Bank staff unload produce and other items from its refrigerated box truck purchased in 2025 with a Town Pump Charitable Foundation grant

**T**he Missoula Food Bank purchased a 2020 Isuzu refrigerated box truck this year – ensuring that the food bank can safely transport large quantities of fresh produce, dairy, and proteins throughout Missoula County – thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

The truck “is a critical addition to our fleet,” said Amy Allison, executive director of the Missoula Food Bank.

Over a two-week period in November, for example, the truck helped the food bank move nearly 210,000 pounds of donated food from drives across the community into its facility, she said. The food from these drives allowed the food bank to provide nearly 1,800 turkeys “and fixins” for families in the community during the food bank’s annual Turkey Distribution Day Nov. 23.

The new truck also supports the Food Rescue Program, which brings in more than 1.3 million pounds of rescued food each year, and it directly supports the food bank’s ability to serve families, seniors, and rural neighbors in places like Lolo, Bonner, and Clinton, Allison said.

“It allows us to rescue more food that would otherwise go to waste, safely transport perishable items in all seasons, keep our store and satellite pantries stocked, and ensure that older adults and families who rely on deliveries receive fresh and reliable groceries,” she said. “It also helps reduce landfill waste by saving more than a million pounds of food annually. This grant did not just purchase a truck. It strengthened a cornerstone of our operations and our community’s food security.”

“Town Pump Foundation’s generosity helped put a new truck on the road and food on thousands of tables,” she said.

Missoula Food Bank’s programs include its store, satellite pantries, senior delivery programs like ROOTS and Fresh Food Box, food rescue, EmPower Packs, a weekend backpack program for children, and Kids Table meals served year-round. In the past year alone, the food bank’s store served more than 24,000 individuals, which is the equivalent of one in five Missoula County residents.

“The need in our community continues to grow,” Allison said, “and reliable infrastructure like this truck is essential to meeting that demand with dignity and care.”

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**- Amy Allison**  
**Executive Director - Missoula Food Bank**

# From Blurry to Bright



**L**ooking to alleviate poor vision care for children in need, Mountain Health launched its Little Peeps program in 2023. The program has seen tremendous growth since.

"Unfortunately, many families in Montana are unable to provide vision care for their kids," said Molly Severtson, executive director of Mountain Health Gives, "and many don't understand that poor vision health as a child can lead to vision problems and potentially blindness later in life."

**FINANCIALLY, IT HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY.  
AND WE HAD NOTHING TO STRESS ABOUT, EVEN  
IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENT.**

**- A Little Peeps Parent**

An estimated one in five preschool children and one in four school-aged children in the United States has vision impairment, but fewer than 15 percent of preschoolers receive an eye exam by an eye-care professional, and fewer than 22 percent receive any type of vision screening, Severtson said.

A recent JAMA Ophthalmology study found that the risk of myopia (near-sightedness) in children is increasing significantly as screen time increases. And, according to the CDC, children whose families fall below the federal poverty level are nearly twice as likely to have a visual impairment as children from families whose income was more than 200 percent of the poverty level.

"Little Peeps works to address this problem by providing vision vouchers redeemable at local optometrists where available and a mobile program where

there are no nearby optometrists," Severtson said. "To date, Little Peeps has helped provide 1,514 vision screenings, 879 comprehensive eye exams, and 745 pairs of glasses across Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming."

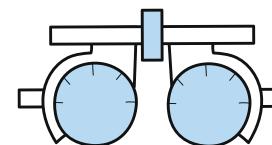
A \$5,000 Town Pump Charitable Foundation grant this year went directly to fund eye exams and glasses for kids in

**In 2025, Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a **\$5,000** grant to Little Peeps for needs of kids in Montana.**

need in Montana, she said.

One Little Peeps parent said her child "has been reading more and has stated several times that she can see much better with them," Severtson said.

"Financially, it helped us tremendously, and we had nothing to stress about, even in making the appointment," the parent said.



# 1,514

**Vision Screenings**

# 879

**Eye Exams**

# 745

**Pairs of Glasses**

 [mountainhealthgives.org/little-peeps](https://mountainhealthgives.org/little-peeps)

# Investing in Leaders of Tomorrow

**C**hildren are our future! At Town Pump we recognize the importance of supporting Montana schools in their efforts to provide quality-learning environments for our children. Learning and education includes extracurricular activities, including arts and humanities, and athletics.

Town Pump believes that education is the bedrock of a successful community. When we invest in public school programs we are making a strategic, long-term investment in human potential and the future stability of our communities.

We view athletics as a vital extension of the classroom, delivering indispensable life lessons that shape tomorrow's leaders and our future pool of employees.

High school athletics reinforce the importance of academic achievement while teaching discipline, accountability, and teamwork. Eligibility standards ensure students prioritize success in the classroom, while participation in sports supports attendance, motivation, and graduation—preparing students for future careers, leadership, and life beyond school.

Investing in the Montana High School Association serves the Town Pump Foundation's focuses on education and community.

The MHSA website provides us with information about the MHSA and their focus and mission.

"The Montana High School Association (MHSA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the governing body for interscholastic activities in the state of Montana. Founded in 1921, the MHSA oversees and administers a wide range of high school athletic and fine arts programs for member schools across Montana.

Today, the MHSA includes 182 member high schools, both public and private, organized into classifications based on enrollment. The Association works in partnership with school administrators, coaches, and communities to ensure a level playing field and positive experiences for all student participants.

The MHSA governs the rules of competition, eligibility, and safety while promoting the values of education-based activities. Its staff and executive board provide leadership, accountability, and support to schools across the state in pursuit of excellence."



## SUPPORTING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

### Developing Future-Ready Leaders

Athletics are a proving ground for the skills most valued by employers and society:

- **Accountability & Discipline:** Athletes learn the direct link between effort, preparation, and outcome, instilling a powerful work ethic.
- **High-Stakes Teamwork:** Students master collaboration and communication under pressure, learning how to put the team's goals ahead of individual preference.
- **Resilience & Grit:** They experience setbacks and learn to rebound, developing the mental toughness required to persevere through challenges in college and the professional world.

By supporting these programs, we are directly contributing to a more skilled, reliable, and collaborative talent pipeline that will strengthen the economy and benefit us all.

### Promoting Holistic Wellness & Stability

We recognize that a thriving society requires healthy individuals. Athletics provide essential benefits that reduce long-term community costs:

- **Physical & Mental Health:** Regular activity fosters better physical health and serves as a powerful tool for managing stress, anxiety, and depression among students.
- **Positive Life Choices:** Students engaged in sports are statistically less likely to participate in risky behaviors, leading to safer, more stable communities.

Our support helps ensure that young people have the resources to build healthy habits that contribute to a healthier, more productive population for decades to come.

### Fostering Community Cohesion

High school sports are a powerful magnet that brings people together.

They build a crucial sense of school spirit and community pride, strengthening the bonds between students, parents, alumni, and local businesses.

By investing in these shared experiences, we help foster environments where civic engagement and volunteerism naturally thrive.

Ultimately, our philanthropic focus on athletics is a commitment to the whole student and the whole community. We are proud to support programs that turn young athletes into disciplined, collaborative, and confident citizens prepared to face the world's challenges.

# Homefront Helps Holiday Heroes

Operation Homefront understands the financial challenges that the holiday season can bring for veteran families.

The national non-profit organization also recognizes that many active duty military families are separated during this time due to deployments and others travel long distances to be together.

A Holiday Meals for Military event in Montana this year, which was funded by a grant from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation, benefited several families from Malmstrom Air Force Base and the Great Falls community, said Beth Desloges, a development manager for Operation Homefront.

"As you can imagine, requests from our military families increased this season – in some cases by over 50 percent," she said. "Thanks to

In 2025, Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a **\$10,000** grant to support Malmstrom families with Holiday Meals.

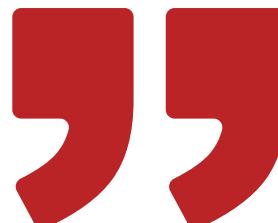
"Holiday Meals for Military is Operation Homefront's way of saying thank you for the service and sacrifice that you have made for our country."

**"WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOOD RELIEF TO 75 FAMILIES FROM MALSTROM AFB AND THE GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY.**

**- Beth Desloges**

**Development Manager - Operation Homefront**

Since the program began in 2010, the Holiday Meals for Military program has served over 825,000 individual family members.



[operationhomefront.org](http://operationhomefront.org)

# Farm to Freezer to Family

The Producer Partnership, established in 2022, is spearheading an innovative solution to end hunger across the Treasure State by creating a direct link between Montana's agricultural producers and communities in need.



At the core of their model is a streamlined system for converting livestock into nourishing meals. A participating rancher selects a cull animal, which is then picked up and transported to The Producer Partnership's facility. This is a critical asset: the operation holds the distinction of being the only not-for-profit, USDA-inspected meat processing facility in the United States.

Once processed into top-quality protein, the meat is strategically distributed. The or-



ganization collaborates with the Montana Food Bank Network, supplies local school lunch programs, and honors donor requests by channeling the product to a specific charity within their community. This ensures the donated protein has the maximum impact on fighting food insecurity.



In addition to providing sustenance, The Producer Partnership is cultivating the next generation of processors. This fall, they successfully launched an education and internship program. Five students from Joliet High School were bused to the processing plant every Wednesday, receiving valuable, hands-on experience in meat processing. In a truly local feedback loop, the high-quality protein they helped produce often ended up being served in their very own school cafeteria.

The Producer Partnership has received crucial financial backing, including ongoing support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation since 2022, to sustain its dual mission of hunger relief and education.

[producerpartnership.com](http://producerpartnership.com)

# Small Towns, Big Sparks: Making Big Sky Country's Brightest Nights Even Brighter

In Montana, the Fourth of July isn't just a single holiday; it's an all-encompassing, community-driven event that spans two spectacular nights, set against the majestic backdrop of mountains and rolling plains. The patriotic energy begins to build on the night of the Third of July in communities like Butte, where an initial, dazzling fireworks display lights up the copper sky.

The main day kicks off with patriotic parades featuring everything from antique tractors to saddle clubs, immediately followed by timeless Americana: widespread family picnics overflowing with potluck favorites. The afternoon is dedicated to classic pastimes—the satisfying crack of the bat during spirited softball games, the strategic throws of horseshoes, and spontaneous family fun that spills into every park and backyard.

Celebrations continue into the evening of the Fourth, where other communities host their own grand finale—a second round of powerful, unforgettable fireworks that bursts high above the landscape, painting the dark Montana night in brilliant, explosive colors.

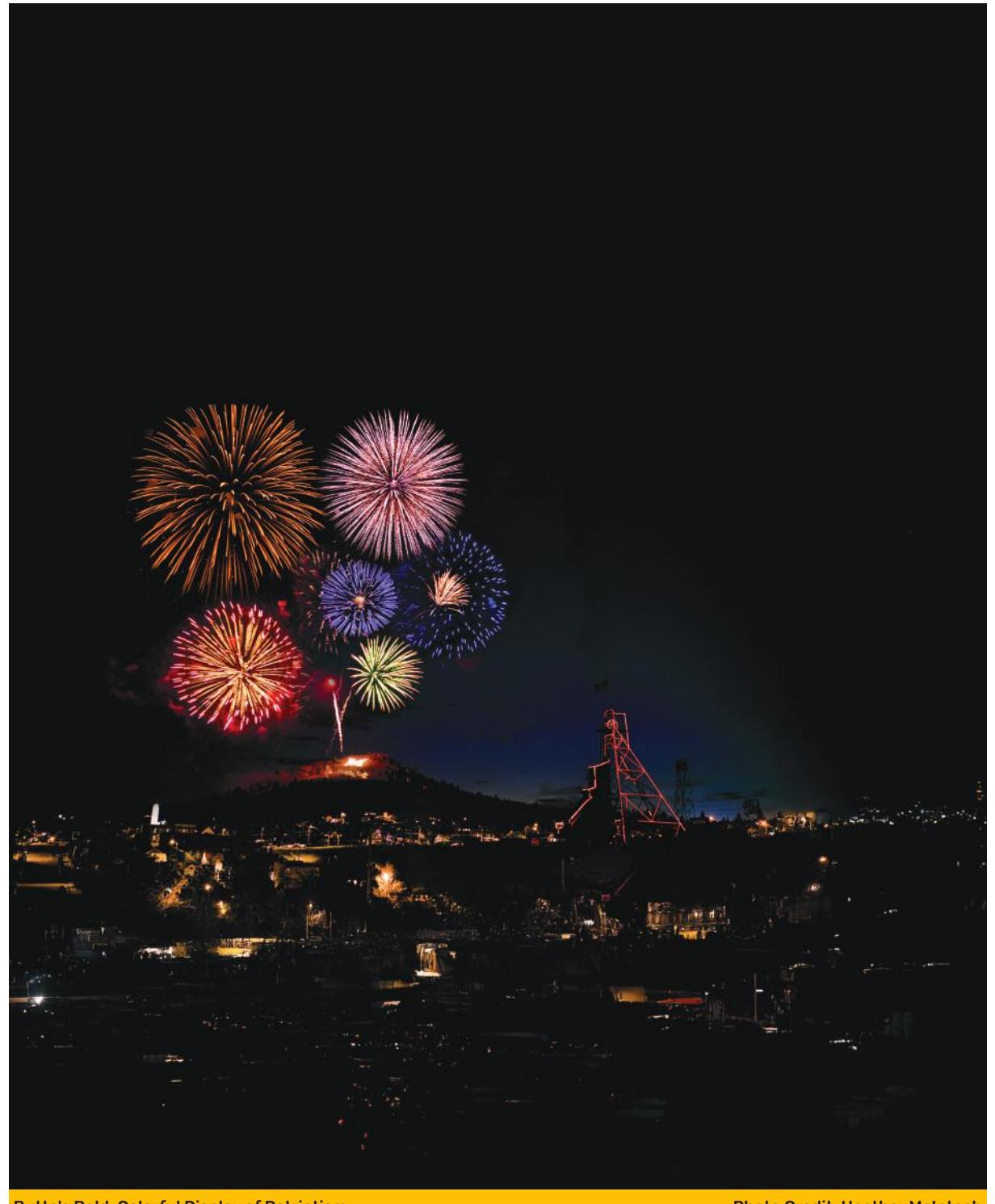
In 2025, Town Pump assisted with funding fireworks in 13 Montana communities:

- Butte – Montana's Best Fireworks Show on July 3rd
- Anaconda
- Bozeman
- Great Falls
- East Helena/Helena
- Lewistown
- Miles City
- Red Lodge
- Sidney
- Troy
- Virginia City
- White Sulphur Springs
- Wolf Point

As we gear up to celebrate the Semiquicentennial — aka America 250 — in 2026, Town Pump will be awarding grants to smaller Montana communities to beef up their fireworks shows.



Details on 2026 Fireworks Grants will be available at [TownPumpFoundation.com](http://TownPumpFoundation.com) starting in early April.



Butte's Bold, Colorful Display of Patriotism

Photo Credit: Heather McIntosh

# Season of Giving:

## YBGR Programs Help Youth Experience Joy & Belonging

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) has been providing critical care, treatment, and education for youth and adults with special needs since 1957 and is a natural partner for the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.



*Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch*

Kyle Lantz, YBGR's vice president of development, said grant support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation "is incredibly important to the youth and families served through YBGR programs."

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation provides support for specific initiatives, such as the Meals for Backpacks and the Adopt-A-Family programs, through a \$17,000 grant.

"These programs help ensure that children have access to vital nutrition and that families facing hardship receive timely, meaningful assistance during critical moments," Lantz said. "This generosity fills gaps that many families cannot meet alone, providing stability, dignity, and hope when it is needed most."

"By investing in YBGR, Town Pump strengthens the safety net that allows children and families to heal, grow, and work toward brighter futures," he added. "Their partnership reflects a deep commitment to Montana communities and makes a meaningful, lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most."

The holiday season at YBGR is a time of warmth, joy, and transformation for the youth. With the support of donors, volunteers, and staff, Christmas at YBGR becomes a celebration of love and hope, reminding these children that they are worthy of love and belonging.

For many youth at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, this simple act of generosity represents far more than a holiday moment, it is a first experience of safety, care,

and hope. Grant support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation is incredibly important to the youth and families served through YBGR programs. Their generosity helps meet essential needs and provides stability for those facing significant mental health challenges, allowing children and families to focus on healing and growth.

In 2025, Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a **\$17,000** grant to YBGR through Adopt-A-Family for Christmas giving.

Through support for initiatives like Adopt-A-Family and Meals for Backpacks, Town Pump fills critical gaps for families who cannot meet these needs alone. In partnership with the mission of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, serving youth and adults with special needs since 1957, this support strengthens the safety net across

Montana's communities. Together, these efforts create dignity, stability, and brighter pathways for more than 2,700 youth statewide, leaving a lasting impact that children carry with them long after the season ends.

**"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT CHRISTMAS WAS BEFORE YBGR. I HAD NEVER HAD NEW CLOTHES OR A STOCKING IN MY LIFE, AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY STRANGERS WHO HAVE NEVER MET ME WANTED ME TO HAVE THOSE THINGS, BUT I AM GRATEFUL TO THEM AND WILL NEVER FORGET THAT KINDNESS.**

**- A YBGR Youth**

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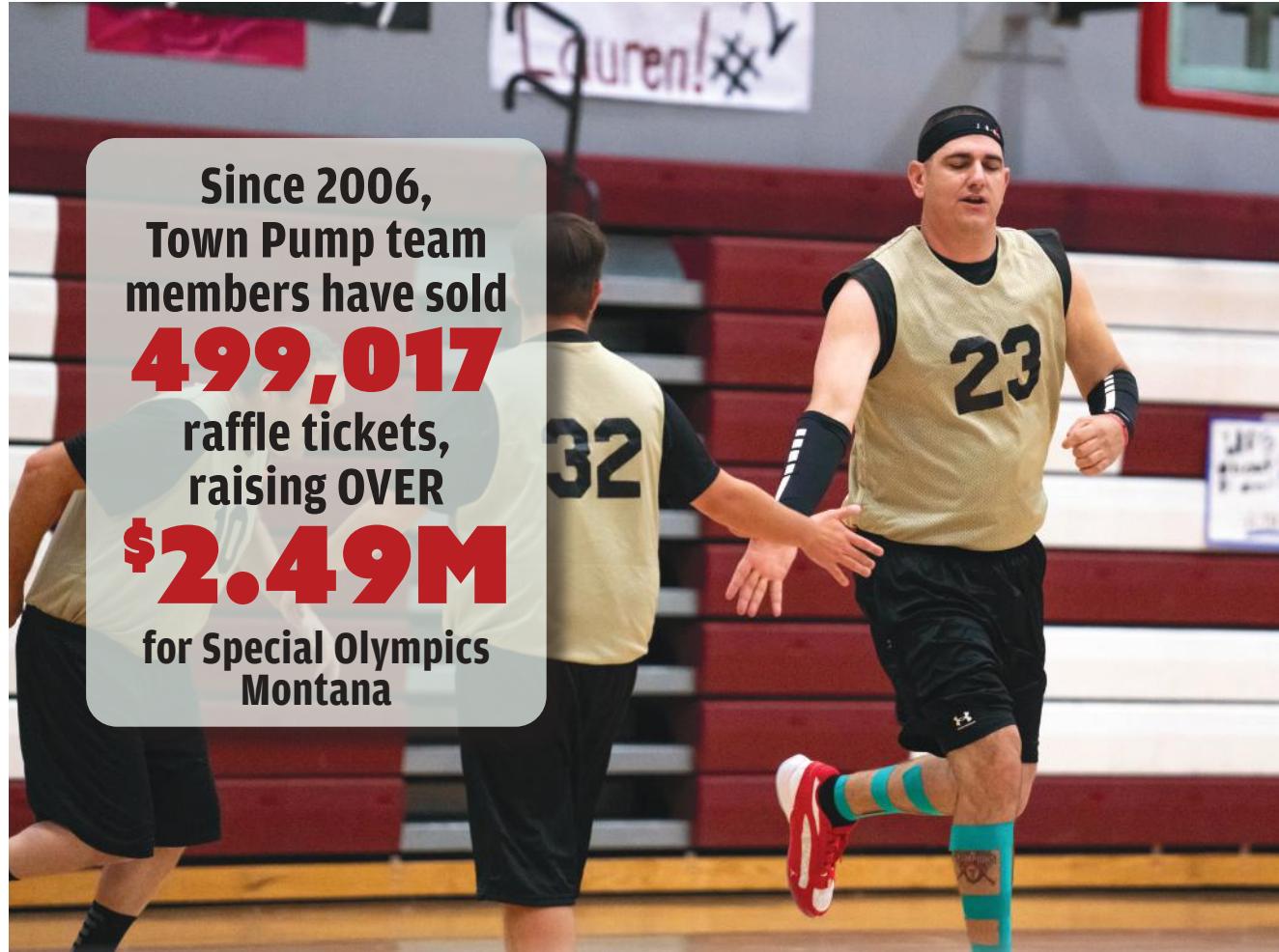
# ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2025 Grantees \$104.5K

**GRANTED**

<b>Alder</b> Belgrade High School Ruby Valley Giving Tree	<b>Butte</b> Action, Inc. American Legion Auxiliary - Silver Bow County Unit 1 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow Butte 4 C's Butte Rescue Mission Butte School District #1 East Middle School Student Council First Presbyterian Church Gloria Dei Lutheran Church New Hope Pregnancy Center Rotary Club of Butte Salvation Army Shop With A Cop Butte Southwest Montana Veterans Home Foundation United Congregational Church	<b>Forsyth</b> Forsyth Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture <b>Fort Shaw</b> Friends of the Sun River Valley Food Drive <b>Gallatin Gateway</b> Willing Workers Ladies Aid, Inc. <b>Geraldine</b> St. Margaret's Catholic Church <b>Glasgow</b> Glasgow High School <b>Great Falls</b> All4Him Gathering Ministries Benefis Healthcare Foundation Bikers for Kids in Need Dandelion Foundation Family Promise of Great Falls First Congregational Church UCC Great Fall Police Protective Association Great Falls College MSU Great Falls Rescue Mission Linda Michaels Salon & Spa NeighborWorks Montana Quality Life Concepts, Inc. <b>Harlem</b> Northern Star Chapter No 23 OES <b>Hayre</b> Bear Paw Beavers Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line Messiah Lutheran Church St. Jude Thaddeus Church <b>Helena</b> Florence Crittenton Home & Services Friendship Center of Helena Last Chance Community Pow Wow Montana Medical Association Foundation Parents for Smith School Reach Higher Montana Region 4 Family Outreach, Inc. Saint Mary Catholic Community	<b>Salvation Army</b> West Mont <b>Hingham</b> TOPS MT 0414 Inverness <b>Joplin</b> Sacred Heart Circle <b>Kalispell</b> Fresh Life Church Mikayla's Miracles & Blessings Foundation <b>Lame Deer</b> Lame Deer Women's Club <b>Laurel</b> Grace Bible Church <b>Lewistown</b> Central Montana Childcare Alliance Central Montana Family Planning Central Montana Spirit of Christmas Heart of Montana Love, Inc. <b>Libby</b> CASA of Lincoln County Kootenai Valley Christian School Libby Area Business Association Libby Community Thrift Shop Lincoln County Community Health Center Shop With A Cop Western News <b>Livingston</b> BPOE Friends of the Community, Inc. Ms Patti's Pitter Patter Daycare <b>Lolo</b> Chief Joseph Auxiliary Unit #135 <b>Miles City</b> Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center Miles City Foster Care Project <b>Missoula</b> American Legion Auxiliary Unit 27 At Heart Ministries Big Sky High School	<b>Free Cycles Missoula</b> Immanuel Lutheran Church Missoula Family YMCA River of Life Ministries University of Montana Valley Christian School <b>Philipsburg</b> Toys for Tots Granite County <b>Polson</b> Missions Project <b>Shelby</b> Lonas, Inc. Sagebrush Food Pantry <b>Sidney</b> Richland County Health Department <b>Stevensville</b> Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Three Mile Community Senior Center Sun River Sun River Valley Food Bank <b>Thompson Falls</b> Falls Chapel Events GFWC Thompson Falls Woman's Club Sanders County Coalition for Families Sanders County Dog Training Club <b>Three Forks</b> Three Forks High School <b>Townsend</b> Rotary Club of Townsend Trout Creek Friends of the Whitepine Grange <b>White Sulphur Springs</b> Meagher County Senior Center <b>Whitehall</b> Sincerely Paul Feeding His Sheep <b>Worden</b> Huntley Project Development Association
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# Gold Medals & Grand Prizes: Vibrant Partnership Between Town Pump and Special Olympics Montana Moves Mountains



Joe Gibson #23, a Special Olympics Montana athlete from Butte gives a basketball teammate a low five

Photo Courtesy: Special Olympics Montana

**T**own Pump has been a year-round champion of Special Olympics Montana supporting athletes and programs across the state in meaningful and lasting ways. Most notably, Town Pump serves as the premier sponsor of the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament, which proudly returns to Butte for a three-year run beginning in 2026.

This commitment also extends to SOMT's annual raffle, where Town Pump stepped up as a premier supporter by increasing the second-place prize to \$25,000 cash this year. (In addition to selling tens of thousands of raffle tickets each year!)

While Town Pump's impact is felt statewide, its roots in Butte make this partnership especially meaningful. This year, that connection is highlighted by Joe Gibson, a Special Olym-

pics Montana athlete from Butte, who was selected to compete in track for Team Montana at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games next June. Joe also plays for the Butte Ratz, who recently won Gold at the 2025 State Basketball Tournament.

Town Pump's ongoing support helps ensure opportunities for athletes like Joe, and so many others across Montana, to train, compete, and shine.

## Upcoming Milestone

When Town Pump locations begin sales of 2026 MTN Chevy Raffle Tickets on February 1st, the next milestone in this partnership will be close at hand—officially reaching sales of 500 thousand tickets since our teams started tracking closely tracking in 2007.



**Save the Date!  
2026 drawing  
THURSDAY,  
MAY 14, 2026**

Billings, MT & via Livestream



Town Pump is pleased to invest in the mission of Special Olympics Montana via annual sponsorships totaling **\$100K**

### • LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Premier Mission Partner

### • STATE SUMMER GAMES

Platinum Sponsor

### • STATE BASKETBALL

Premier Sponsor

### FOR MORE INFO:

[SOMT.org](http://SOMT.org)

[@SpecialOlympicsMontana](http://@SpecialOlympicsMontana)

# 2025 ADDITIONAL GRANTS

# \$1.2M

GRANTED

Anaconda	Pintler Pets	\$20K	Chester	Hi-Line Pool and Recreation Fund	\$4K	Miles City	Sacred Heart School	\$15K
	Smelter City Senior Citizen's Center	\$5K	Colstrip	Quality of Life Corporation	\$5K		Custer County Sheriff's Protection Assoc	\$5K
Augusta	Smelter City Foundation	\$2.5K	Columbia Falls	Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance	\$1.5K		Miles City Jaycees	\$5K
	Anaconda Catholic Communities	\$1K	Crow Agency	Crow Community Baptist Church	\$3K		Miles City Foster Care Project	\$2K
Belgrade	Augusta Volunteer Fire Department	\$25K	Culbertson	Roosevelt Medical Center	\$1K		Custer County Transit	\$1.2K
	Belgrade Christian Assembly	\$2.5K	Cut Bank	Cut Bank Diamond Sports	\$5K		Whicker Foundation	\$1K
Billings	Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County	\$15K	Deer Lodge	Glacier Creative Arts	\$1K	Missoula	Poverello Center	\$25K
	Alzheimer's Association Montana	\$10K	East Helena	SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry	\$7.5K		Partners Hope Foundation	\$9.85K
Canyon Creek School District #4	Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow	\$10K	East Helena	Montana Foster Closet	\$1.5K		District XI Human Resource Council	\$7.5K
	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Montana	\$5K	East Missoula	East Helena Booster Club	\$1K		Center for Music by People with Disabilities	\$5K
Blankets & Bears	Blankets & Bears	\$2K	East Missoula	East Missoula Rural Fire Department	\$4K		Greater Missoula Family YMCA	\$5K
	STEP, Inc.	\$2K	Ekalaka	Ekalaka Volunteer Fire Department	\$20K		Missoula Hell Gate Elks Lodge #383	\$5K
Bonner	Canyon Creek School District #4	\$1.7K	Eureka	St. Michaels & All Angels Wood Bank	\$5K		National Forest Foundation	\$5K
	Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	\$1.5K	Frenchtown	Frenchtown School District	\$500		Missoula Writing Collaborative	\$3.5K
Bozeman	Elysian School District	\$1.3K	Ft. Harrison	VFW Post 12177	\$5K		St. Paul Lutheran Church	\$1.5K
	St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation	\$1K	Great Falls	Great Falls Rescue Mission	\$25K	Neihart	Monarch-Neihart Community & Senior Center	\$10K
Butte	Bonner School District #14	\$5K		Montana School for the Deaf & the Blind Foundation	\$25K		Salish Kootenai College	\$1K
	Eagle Mount	\$10K		Montana East/West Shrine Game	\$6K		Friends of Paradise MT	\$3K
Butte	Sweet Pea Festival	\$8.5K		Family Promise of Great Falls	\$3K	Plains	Plains Community Ambulance	\$5K
	Robert A Ellerd Marine Corps League Detachment 1050	\$7.5K	Hamilton	Indian Family Health Clinic	\$1.5K		Valley View Parents Group PTO	\$10K
Butte	HRDC	\$5K		City of Hamilton	\$10K		Miracle of America Museum	\$1K
	Thrive	\$5K		Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum	\$2.5K		Polson Boxing Club	\$1K
Butte	Bozeman Wrestling Club	\$3K		Hamilton School District	\$2K	Red Lodge	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	\$10K
	Butte Central Education Foundation	\$100K		Loads of Dignity	\$500		St. Luke Community Healthcare	\$5K
Butte	Action, Inc.	\$50K	Hardin	Big Horn County Library	\$2K	Ronan	City of Shelby	\$10K
	Butte Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$50K	Harlem	Aaniiih Nakoda College	\$1K		Richland County Health Department	\$500
Butte	Butte Rescue Mission	\$50K	Helena	Treasure State Foundation	\$35K	Stevensville	Stevensville Playhouse Inc	\$5K
	Montana Folk Festival	\$50K		Helena Symphony	\$25K		City of Thompson Falls	\$8K
Butte	An Rí Rá Montana Irish Festival	\$25K		God's Love Shelter	\$10K		Project ASCENT	\$500
	Mother Lode Theater	\$25K		Helena Fairgrounds Foundation	\$10K		White Sulphur Springs Fire Department	\$4.1K
Butte	Butte Symphony	\$15K		Carroll College	\$5K		Mountain View Medical Center	\$700
	Orphan Girl Theater	\$10K		Angel Fund, The	\$4K	Whitefish	Whitefish Firefighters Association	\$25K
Butte	St. James Foundation	\$10K		Center for Warriors Foundation	\$2.5K		Jefferson Valley EMS	\$10K
	Uptown Hoops, Inc.	\$10K		St. Andrew Catholic School	\$2.5K		Town of Whitehall	\$10K
Butte	Butte School District No 1	\$8K		Options Clinic	\$1K		Whitehall Events	\$3.5K
	Montana Federation of Garden Clubs	\$7.8K		National Federation of the Blind Helena	\$500	Statewide	CASA Montana	\$15K
Butte	Dream Big Foundation	\$7.5K	Helmsville	Helmsville Rodeo Club	\$18K		Montana Chamber Foundation	\$10K
	Science Mine	\$7.5K	Kalispell	Logan Health Foundation	\$20K		Montana Cattlemen's Association Foundation	\$7K
Butte	World Museum of Mining	\$7.5K		Coats for Kids, Inc.	\$10K		Jeremy Bullock Memorial Trust	\$5K
	Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement Department	\$7K		Mikayla's Miracles & Blessings Foundation	\$3.75K		Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Assn	\$3K
Butte	Hungry Hill Art Center	\$5K		Postpartum Resource Group	\$2.5K		Montana Violent Crime Investigators Assn	\$2.5K
	Miss Montana Scholarship	\$5K		Bear Grass Performing Arts	\$1K			
Butte	New Hope Pregnancy Center	\$5K	Kila	Little Woodbank	\$5K			
	Southwest Montana Community Health Center	\$5K	Laurel	Laurel Police Protective Association	\$2.5K			
Butte	Boulevard Volunteer Fire Department	\$4.5K	Lewistown	Lewistown Chamber of Commerce	\$10K			
	BCFF	\$2.5K		Central Montana Medical Center	\$5K			
Butte	Southwest Native Community	\$2.5K		Ski for Light Montana	\$1.5K			
	Knights of Columbus	\$1K	Livingston	K9 Care Montana	\$5K			
Butte	United Way of Butte & Anaconda	\$500		Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce	\$5K			
	West Elementary School PTA	\$500	Malta	Malta Elementary School	\$5K			



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# Tools for Schools

## Arming Students with Confidence to Further Their Academic Success

For many Montana families, the "back-to-school" season brings significant financial stress, as the costs of pencils and paper quickly add up alongside shoes, clothes, and activity fees. When children lack these essential tools, they are more likely to fall behind and feel excluded from the classroom experience. Providing students with the right school supplies to start the year off right is an investment in their academic achievement and emotional confidence.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation has long supported organizations like the Back to School Blast in Great Falls, Stuff the Bus in Butte, The Angel Fund in Helena, and Lincoln County Unite for Youth. To expand this impact, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation is launching the \$250,000 "Tools for Schools" grant program. This initiative aims to foster collaboration between community stakeholders to maximize resources.

Foundation Director Bill McGladdery said, "with a \$250,000 budget, we are looking for community groups to collaborate with their programs so we can avoid duplication of efforts."

Together we can ensure that Montana's students head to class in the fall fully equipped and ready to succeed.

**Tools 4 Schools Grant Applications will open in April, with funds distributed in June to ensure groups have ample time to prepare for the first bell of the new school year. Details will be on [TownPumpFoundation.com](http://TownPumpFoundation.com)**

