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OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE

The Power of Community

For over 70 years, Town Pump has operated with a philosophy established by our founders to take care of our customers, our team members, our communities, and our state.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was established 25 years ago to ensure that the commitment made by Town Pump founders Tom and Mary Ann Kenneally to give back to our Montana communities is maintained long into the future.

In 2024, through foundation and corporate giving, nearly \$5 million was donated to nonprofit organizations across Montana. Since 2000, \$45 million has been donated statewide.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was founded with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable organizations with a priority on meeting the

basic needs and increasing educational opportunities for Montana citizens. The Kenneally family and Town Pump are committed to our mission to help the people of Montana.

A major area of concentration for the Foundation continues to be food insecurity across the state. In 2024, the foundation supported over \$2 million in grants to food banks, Meals for Backpacks programs, and organizations fighting hunger in Montana.

In addition, this was the 23rd year that Town Pump team members have collected donations for community food banks through our **Be A Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need** campaign. These collected donations totaled over **\$449.5K**.

As we start a new year, we continue our commitment to providing funds to help fight food insecurity throughout Montana.

Thank you for supporting our Montana-owned-and-operated Town Pump family of businesses. With your patronage, we can continue to support communities across Montana.



PICTURED ON COVER: Shanaya Miller, Miles City Food Bank Patron.

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Shanaya Miller relied on the local food bank for help when she and her son first moved to Miles City

23 Years of Fueling Montana Food Banks Through the Generosity of Montanans

Montana’s food banks are lifesavers for thousands of Montanans who struggle every day with food insecurity, including single mother Shanaya Miller of Miles City.

Following a move from another town, Miller said she “didn’t know how I was going to provide for me and my son.”



Donating to your local food bank really makes a difference.

- Shanaya Miller, Miles City Mother & Food Bank Patron

Then she heard about the local food bank and made a visit. She’s glad she did.

“They were extremely helpful,” Miller said, adding

that groceries and other items she now receives from the food bank are crucial in providing healthy meals for her family.

The Custer County Food Bank was one of a record 116 food banks across the state that received funds from Town Pump Charitable annual “Help Those in Need” fundraising campaign in 2024.

The campaign matched about \$1.1 million to help raise \$4 million for food banks across Montana.

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

“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.

The campaign now has raised about \$56 million for Montana food banks in 23 years, including about \$13 million in matching grants from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

Donations for the campaign were collected at Town Pump convenience stores and casinos, while donations made directly to participating food banks were matched, as well.

“Donating to your local food bank really makes a difference,” Miller said.

More than
\$4 MILLION
generated in 2024
including matching funds



**Breaking
Records**

**Helping
Friends**

**IN
DEED**

For the past 23 years, in October and November, Town Pump team members have joined together to support their local communities by raising funds for their local food banks. With the support of our very generous customers, players, and hotel guests, Team Town Pump raised a record \$449,768 for food banks in 47 Montana communities in 2024.

Statewide, donations at Town Pump businesses increased by over \$21,000, demonstrating the dedication to caring that is a core value of so many Montanans. Donation amounts ranged anywhere from loose change to \$9,000.

The money donated in Town Pump stores, casinos, and hotels is matched and forwarded to the local food banks in the community it was collected. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds — the local boards make these decisions based on their current needs.

The Montana Food Bank network estimates that for every \$1 donated, it can provide up to four meals. That's 1.8 million meals for our Montana neighbors.

Your Support:

THANKS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT
COLLECTED IN 2024

\$449,768  **\$21,361**
AT TOWN PUMP LOCATIONS



Town Pump Great Falls 5



HRDC Fork & Spoon courtesy: Townsend Collective



courtesy: Povarello Center

2024 TOWN PUMP COLLECTIONS BY COMMUNITY:

Anaconda.....	\$3,715	Eureka	\$3,649	Plains	\$4,555
Belgrade/Bozeman	\$32,946	Forsyth	\$3,551	Polson.....	\$4,696
Big Timber.....	\$5,756	Glendive.....	\$2,904	Red Lodge.....	\$1,574
Billings	\$18,261	Great Falls.....	\$28,234	Ronan	\$3,311
Boulder	\$6,089	Hamilton.....	\$12,601	Shelby.....	\$4,415
Browning	\$890	Hardin	\$1,091	Sidney.....	\$1,617
Butte	\$27,294	Havre.....	\$3,246	Stevensville	\$5,449
Chinook.....	\$2,968	Helena	\$43,288	Superior	\$1,213
Colstrip	\$1,003	Kalispell	\$31,287	Thompson Falls.....	\$1,317
Columbia Falls	\$7,413	Laurel	\$9,282	Three Forks.....	\$17,687
Columbus	\$2,500	Lewistown.....	\$7,246	Townsend	\$3,842
Conrad	\$3,935	Libby.....	\$11,166	Troy	\$21,512
Cut Bank.....	\$1,167	Livingston.....	\$5,615	White Sulphur Springs.....	\$10,968
Deer Lodge	\$3,019	Miles City	\$4,339	Whitefish	\$2,929
Dillon	\$7,127	Missoula Area	\$64,104	Whitehall	\$3,225
Ennis	\$4,700	<i>including Bonner, Lolo, & Florence</i>		Wolf Point.....	\$72

Filling Hungry Tummmies, Brightening Futures

On Friday afternoons, many school children spend their time making plans for what they are going to do over the weekend. Many other students face a different challenge. They are worried about what they are going to eat over the weekend. At Town Pump we believe that no child should have to worry about having food to eat.

In Montana, 68,469 school children receive free meals, and 6,252 receive reduced price meals. Fifty percent of Montana school children qualify for these benefits. But what do they do on Saturday and Sunday when they do not receive meals at school?



The Meals for Backpacks program provides child-friendly, non-perishable food that can be easily prepared at home. Backpack bags are discreetly distributed to children before weekends or holidays to ensure they will have enough to eat.

While “backpack meals” can vary from community to community, a “backpack” will include enough food to replace the meals a child would receive in school (e.g., two breakfast options, two lunch options, two snack items, fresh or canned fruit, shelf-stable milk,

and juice).

The need for these programs continues to grow. This year, 12 new communities were awarded “Meals for Backpacks” grants for a statewide total of 88 communities. Grants totaling \$725,000 were awarded including a \$100,000 grant to the Montana Food Bank Network to support the communities they assist in funding. Since 2016, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has awarded over \$4.3 million in funding for backpack programs.



In 2024, the Town Pump Foundation funded backpack programs in **88 Montana communities, totaling \$725K.**

The consequences of childhood hunger are more than a growling stomach. Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention spans, and lower academic achievement.

At Town Pump we are committed to helping make sure that Montana children get nutritional meals over the weekend.

This is the eighth year the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has offered grants to schools, food banks, and civic organizations to provide weekend meals to school students through their Meals for Backpacks program.

The weekly Backpack distribution to our food-insecure elementary students has increased from 90 last school year to approximately 150 per week this year.

**- Chloe Adamson,
President - Libby Food Pantry**

2024 Total Granted: \$725K

88 Communities Impacted

Anaconda	Forsyth	Philipsburg
Ashland	Fort Benton	Polson
Baker	Fromberg	Red Lodge
Belt	Glasgow	Ronan
Bigfork	Glendive	Sand Coulee
Billings	Great Falls	Seeley Lake
Bozeman	Hamilton	Shelby
Broadview	Hardin	Shepherd
Butte	Harlowton	Sidney
Cascade	Havre	St. Regis
Chinook	Heart Butte	Stevensville
Choteau	Helena	Superior
Colstrip	Kalispell	Thompson Falls/Plains
Columbia Falls	Lakeside	Townsend
Columbus	Laurel	Trego
Conrad	Lavina	Troy
Corvallis	Lewistown	Victor
Cut Bank	Libby	Westby
Deer Lodge	Livingston	Whitefish
Dillon	Lockwood	Wibaux
Divide	Miles City	Wolf Point
Ekalaka	Missoula	Statewide
Eureka	Moore	
Florence	Pablo	

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY! HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP LOCAL KIDS:

- Volunteer: Pack food, organize distribution, or discreetly place food in backpacks at school.
- Donate: Support local fundraising efforts to keep these programs running.

Contact your local school or food pantry to learn more about how you can help.

townpumpfoundation.com/backpacks

FOOD BANK PROGRAMS

122 Organizations granted \$4 MILLION in 2024

ABSAROKEE	Absarokee Area Food Bank	\$3K	FAIRFIELD	Fairfield Education & Community Association	\$2.5K	MISSOULA	Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	\$15K
ALBERTON	Alberton Community Food Pantry	\$5K	FORSYTH	Samaritans Pantry	\$9K		U of M Food Pantry	\$5K
ANACONDA	Anaconda Project Care	\$15K		Tongue River Emergency Shelter	\$2.5K	NOXON	Community Services Fellowship, Inc.	\$3K
ARLEE	Arlee Community Development Corporation	\$2.5K	FORT BENTON	Chouteau County Food Bank	\$5K	PLAINS	Community Food Pantry	\$9K
ASHLAND	St. Labre Food Pantry	\$3K	GLASGOW	Valley County Emergency Food Bank	\$5K		Shekinah Soup Kitchen	\$2K
AUGUSTA	Augusta Food Share	\$2.5K	GLENDIVE	Dawson County Food Bank	\$6K	PLENTYWOOD	Sheridan County Food Bank	\$5K
BELT	Belt Food Bank	\$5K	GREAT FALLS	Great Falls FISH, Inc.	\$25K	POLSON	Polson Loaves & Fish Food Pantry	\$15K
BIGFORK	Bigfork Food Bank	\$3K		Great Falls Rescue Mission	\$25K	RED LODGE	Carbon County Community Food Bank	\$7.5K
BIG SKY	Big Sky Community Food Bank/HRDC	\$3K		St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$25K		Native American Childrens Association	\$2K
BIG TIMBER	Big Timber Food Bank	\$15K		Helping Hands at First English	\$7.5K	RONAN	Bread Basket Food Pantry	\$9K
BILLINGS	Billings Food Bank	\$40K	HAMILTON	St. Ann's Soup Kitchen	\$2.5K	ROUNDUP	Musselshell County Food Bank	\$1.5K
	Family Service, Inc.	\$20K		Haven House Food Bank	\$12K	SHELBY	Sagebrush Food Pantry	\$9K
	Montana Rescue Mission	\$18K	HARDIN	Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.	\$6K	SHEPHERD	Shepherd Food Pantry	\$3K
	St. Vincent DePaul Billings	\$12K	HARLEM	Helping Hands in Hardin, Inc.	\$15K	SHERIDAN	Ruby Valley Food Pantry	\$2.5K
	MSU - Billings	\$5K		Day Eagle Hope Project	\$7.5K	SIDNEY	Richland County Food Bank	\$9.5K
	Hannah House Food Pantry	\$3K		Aaniiih Nakoda College	\$2.5K	ST. IGNATIUS	Mission Valley Food Pantry	\$2.5K
BOULDER	Jeffco Food Share	\$5K		Harlem Food Bank	\$2.5K	STANFORD	Judith Basin Food Pantry	\$2.5K
BOX ELDER	St. Mary Catholic Church	\$2.5K	HAVRE	Havre Community Food Bank	\$12.5K	STEVENSVILLE	Stevensville Pantry Partners Food Bank	\$4K
BOZEMAN	Gallatin Valley Food Bank	\$50K		MSU - Northern	\$2.5K	SUPERIOR	Community Food Bank of Mineral County	\$9K
	Bobcat Relief Fund - MSU	\$5K		Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen	\$1.5K	THOMPSON FALLS	Community Harvest Food Bank	\$5K
BRIDGER	Bridger Community Food Bank	\$1.5K	HELENA	Helena Food Share	\$50K		Gospel Mountain 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 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	\$9.5K
BUTTE	Butte Emergency Food Bank	\$50K	JOLIET	The Joliet Food Bank	\$2.5K	TWIN BRIDGES	Helping Hand Food Pantry	\$1K
	Butte Rescue Mission	\$50K	KALISPELL	Flathead Food Bank	\$40K	WEST YELLOWSTONE	West Yellowstone Food Bank	\$2.5K
	Montana Tech Food Pantry	\$5K		NW MT Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry	\$12.5K	WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	Meagher County Nutrition Coalition	\$7.5K
CASCADE	Cascade Community Food Bank	\$3K		Flathead Warming Center	\$5K	WHITEFISH	North Valley Food Bank	\$7K
CHESTER	Loaves and Fishes Food Bank	\$2.5K	LAKESIDE	Samaritan House	\$5K	WHITEHALL	Whitehall Area Food Pantry	\$7.5K
CHINOOK	Chinook Food Bank	\$6K	LAME DEER	West Shore Food Bank	\$2.5K	WIBAUX	Wibaux County Health Department	\$5K
CHOTEAU	Teton County Food Pantry Inc.	\$2.5K	LAUREL	Northern Cheyenne Food Bank	\$5K	WOLF POINT	Wolf Point Food Pantry	\$6K
COLSTRIP	Colstrip Community Food Bank	\$3K	LEWISTOWN	Community Hope, Inc.	\$18K	YAAK	The Yaak Food Cupboard	\$2.5K
COLUMBIA FALLS	Columbia Falls Food Bank	\$15K	LIBBY	Central Montana Community Cupboard	\$9K	STATEWIDE	Montana Food Bank Network	\$10K
COLUMBUS	Project Hope of Stillwater County	\$9K	LIVINGSTON	Libby Food Pantry	\$9.5K		Essential Eats Distributors	\$3K
CONRAD	Pondera Food Pantry	\$7K	LODGE POLE	Livingston Food Pantry of Park County	\$17.5K			
CULBERTSON	The County Cupboard	\$3K	MALTA	Red Paint Food Pantry	\$3K			
CUT BANK	Harvest Food Pantry	\$9K	MAXVILLE	Malta Food Bank	\$1.5K			
DARBY	Darby Bread Box	\$4K	MILES CITY	Granite County Food Pantry	\$3K			
DEER LODGE	Deer Lodge Food Pantry	\$15K		Custer County Food Bank	\$10K			
	SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry & Services	\$5K		Miles City Soup Kitchen	\$7K			
DILLON	Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Inc.	\$20K	MISSOULA	Miles Community College	\$3K			
	University of Montana Western	\$2.5K		Missoula Food Bank	\$25K			
ENNIS	Madison Valley Caring and Sharing	\$15K		Poverello Center, Inc.	\$25K			
EUREKA	Tobacco Valley Food Pantry	\$12K		Union Gospel Mission dba Hope Rescue Mission	\$25K			



Donations
collected
by Food Banks
(SEPT - NOV)



Donations
collected
by Town Pump
locations
(OCT - NOV)

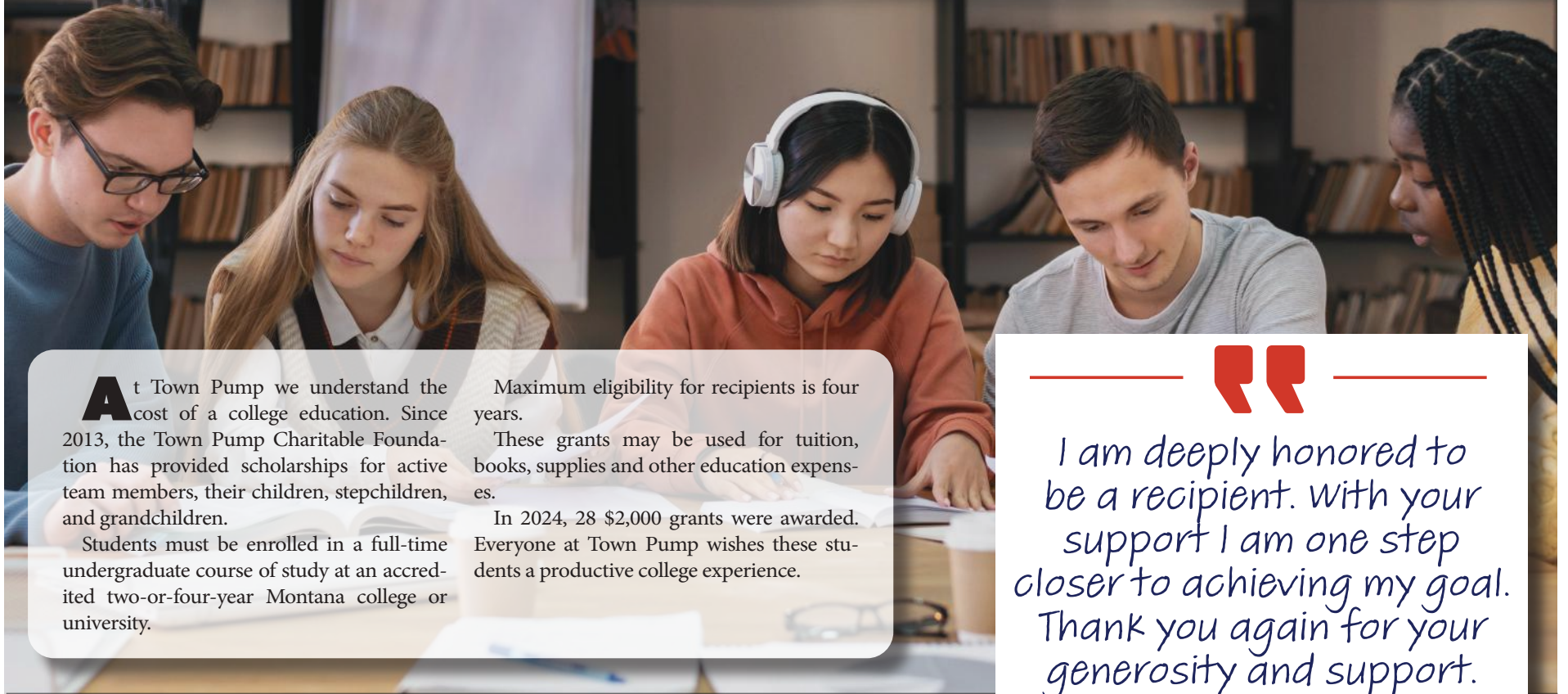


**TOWN PUMP
MATCH**

Town Pump

Employee & Family Member Scholarships

2024 TOTAL AWARDED
\$56,000



At Town Pump we understand the cost of a college education. Since 2013, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has provided scholarships for active team members, their children, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

Students must be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-or-four-year Montana college or university.

Maximum eligibility for recipients is four years.

These grants may be used for tuition, books, supplies and other education expenses.

In 2024, 28 \$2,000 grants were awarded. Everyone at Town Pump wishes these students a productive college experience.



I am deeply honored to be a recipient. With your support I am one step closer to achieving my goal. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

- Maniyah Lunceford, 2024 Scholarship Recipient

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Maya Aquilar
Austyn Beckman
Mikayla Burt
Alicia Clark
Anthelia Cosay
Genevieve Crossman
Mollie Drew
Addison Endy
Nina-Jean Foreman
Rylen Gaona

Aydin Gonzales
Wyatt Gross
Trenton Hankel-Emerson
Austin Harrington
Angellina Hocking
Allana Holderman
Qayl Kujala
Kamber Leary
Kenley Leary
Maniyah Lunceford

Kathryn Manson
Marcus Manson
Quinn Newman
Hannah O'Dell
Luke O'Dell
Taden Sokoloski
Colten Sunderland
Alex Watson

Summer Mission: Make Reading Fun *and* Educational



At Town Pump, we believe that reading is a fundamental skill and a path to success in life. In many communities, summer reading promotes reading for fun and lifelong enrichment.

The "summer slide" isn't a new feature at the local park or splash pad. The summer slide is what happens between school years when kids do not read or otherwise work to retain what they learned in school.

On average, children lose approximately two months of their reading achievement if they do not read during the summer. They typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer than they did on the same test at the beginning of summer. And these few months of reading loss accumulate over the years. By the time kids reach middle school, those who haven't read during the summers may have lost two years of achievement.

The good news is the summer slide can easily be prevented.

Reading 20 minutes per day helps kids maintain the reading skills they developed during the school year. Attending a summer reading program is the best way to keep your child reading over the summer.

In 2024, many Montana public libraries utilized the theme Adventure Begins at Your Library. In addition to exploring the adventures found in books, several libraries included arts and crafts, guest speakers, visits from Zoo Montana, and other fun educational events.

Town Pump provided \$1,000 grants to 116 Montana libraries to offset the costs of a summer reading program. This year, several rural Montana schools that do not have access to a local public li-

brary received grants so Summer Reading Programs could take place in their schools.

Libraries across Montana will fight the Summer Slide in 2025 with the theme Color our World.



townpumpfoundation.com/reading

KEEP KIDS READING 2024 Grantees - Total Granted \$116K

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

SMALL TOWN INNOVATIONS BOOSTING KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Many incoming kindergarteners in Beaverhead County have no experience with preschool or any other group childcare settings, which can leave them at a disadvantage when they enter a formal academic setting.

Kindergarten Bootcamp, a program created by the Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead Co., seeks to alleviate that disadvantage. The Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a \$3,800 grant to help fund the program.

“Our project would help familiarize kids with some of the skills and tasks

they’ll need to know,” the Coalition’s grant application stated.

Those skills include how to sit in a circle, hang up a backpack, listen when someone is speaking, and hold a pencil, “something our kindergarten teachers have noted is becoming increasingly difficult, as more children arrive at kindergarten having only used touchscreens at home, and not writing/drawing implements,” the application said.



The free program offered two separate sessions over the summer. Each camp met in an indoor play space and introduced incoming kindergarteners to the basic skills and tasks they’ll need to know in order to be as successful as possible when they start school.

Kindergarten Bootcamp also provided a healthy food snack for the 20 participating children. They also received free books and backpacks.

“We aim to bolster the efforts of our hardworking kindergarten teachers by empowering their new students with some of the basic skills they’ll need in order to have a successful year,” the application said, “and to be able to move more quickly past the basics of classroom management to the early academics that our kids need in order to succeed.”

FOR MORE INFO:
earlychildhood406.org
 @Earlychildhood406



Twenty children participated in the Kindergarten Bootcamp this summer in Dillon. Instructors for the program were (L-R) Emily Alberi, Rudy Sevalstad, and Jennifer Ostler. All three are kindergarten teachers at Dillon’s Parkview Elementary.

A new early childhood development program in Eureka is using a \$5,000 grant from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation to fill a gap in education for preschool-age children in Lincoln County.

The new program, called Kindergarten Ready, prepares young children for kindergarten, said Leslie Graves, spokesperson for the nonprofit Eureka Early Childhood Development Organization (EECDO).

“We recently purchased a formal curriculum called *Prodigies*, which teaches school-readiness skills through music,” she said. “The Town Pump donation has enabled our staff to further their educa-

tion, purchase supplies, and prepare to deliver the curriculum.”

Kindergarten Ready can play an important role because no preschools serve the Eureka area, other than the public school system’s HeadStart program, the EECDO said in its grant application. The HeadStart program is limited to 15 children.

“Our goal is to overcome that deficiency,” the application said.

The Kindergarten Ready program completed its first year of operation in September, Graves said.

“We have maintained full enrollment and have a waiting list,” she said. “Our daycare serves children 0 to 5, and all kids

are participating in the morning learning time at their appropriate age level.”

EECDO, which formed in 2022, opened Bright Skies daycare in August 2023. It employs three full-time staff members who are licensed by the state. Its application stated that plans call for the creation of a preschool, afterschool care, and summer programs for children in the Eureka and surrounding area.

“We are very proud of our program and its achievements so far,” Graves said, “and are also very appreciative of the support of the Town Pump organization.”



FOR MORE INFO:
eecdo.org

HANDS-ON LEARNING: Roving Toolkit Introducing Youngsters to the Trades

WorkshopMT is a start-up nonprofit organization based in Kalispell working to build a community space for people of all ages and abilities to learn woodworking, metalworking, and fabrication skills.



“We have been working for the past few years to build a community organization that supports the creative arts community and the construction and manufacturing industries in northwest Montana,” said Luke Rumage, WorkshopMT director. “We believe that everybody is creative in their own way and exploring that creativity with one another brings people together across boundaries and ideologies to build relationships.”

Using a \$10,000 grant from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation, WorkshopMT was able to purchase a mobile toolkit from Maple Wood Shop and “develop new and exciting programs” that will begin in 2025, Rumage said.

One such program is a beginner hand-tool woodworking class. The mobile tool kit allows WorkshopMT staff to travel to other nonprofits, public school and home-school systems, and

after-school programs to teach woodworking to their students.

“This mobile kit will help us reach students where they are, whether that is a homeschool program, after-school program, a rural school with no shop classes, or an underserved community,” he said.

WorkshopMT also provides access to a wood shop, metal shop, and fabrication lab so that students of all skillsets “have the highest quality tools at their disposal,” Rumage said.

“We believe that anything worth building can be built better together,” he said. “On behalf of the team at WorkshopMT, I would like to thank the Foundation for its generous grant and supporting our mission to build a better community and foster creativity in new and exciting ways.”

FOR MORE INFO:
 workshopmt.org



A grant from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation allowed WorkshopMT to purchase a mobile tool kit that will allow them to travel to teach woodworking skills

Thanks! Tom Monopoli
 THANK YOU! CHIDWORTHLEY!!
 THANKS JESSE!
 You're Amazing, Kristy
 Thank you Jess
 Thank you! Logan
 Thank you! Arzi
 Thank you! Laine
 Thank you! Shannon
 Thank you! Bill & Pam
 Thank you! you and your family!

So thankful for your support! This event is made by you! Jim Milbrink, Nancy Hall, Thank you so much!

Dear Manager,
 We appreciate all Town Pump does for Project Care. Your gifts enable us to support our neighbors in need.
 Sincerely yours,
 Joan Wilder
 Project Care

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Dear Town Pump Charitable Foundation,
 The Sunburst Library and it's young patrons greatly appreciate receiving the keep kids reading grant. we are excited to buy books and educational materials.
 Thank you so much!
 Sara Lindsay Sandon

Dear Town Pump,
 Thank you for awarding the Pierre Wibaux Museum \$5000 to use towards replacing our aging wooden boardwalk. This is instrumental in ensuring our museum visitors a safe experience while learning about our County's heritage. Preserving our local history would not be possible without generous donations like yours. We are extremely grateful.
 THANK YOU! Sincerely,
 Pierre Wibaux Museum Board
 Syndi Miske, President

SOLEMN REVERENCE

Vietnam Wall Replica's Stop in Butte Helps Montanans Heal



The opening ceremony for The Wall That Heals drew a huge crowd of veterans, their families and other supporters

Thousands of people from our region and from across the country experienced the solemn but uplifting aura that The Wall That Heals brought to Butte Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

A three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., The Wall That Heals honors the more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, including 22 from Butte-Silver Bow County and 267 from Montana. The display and a mobile Educa-

tion Center was open 24 hours a day and free to the public to experience and drew an estimated 30,000 people.

"I personally heard dozens and dozens of stories from men and women who served in Vietnam or from loved ones who lost someone who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Michael Taapken, a Marine sergeant from Butte who led the effort to get The Wall to Butte. "I would like to think that the vast majority of those individuals... found some healing here."

Taapken said the national The Wall That Heals Foundation said the Butte effort to host The Wall That Heals sparked an 80 percent increase in registration for its In-Memory program. The In-Memory

program, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation, identifies and honors veterans who served in Vietnam and made it home successfully, but who have since passed away.

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation contributed **\$25K** to The Wall That Heals project

Taapken also thanked the many co-chairs and the hundreds of volunteers to make it happen.

"We could not have achieved such success without their hard work," he said. "It couldn't have come together any other way."



Michael Taapken and other volunteers carry the last panel to complete installation of The Wall That Heals in Butte in August

None of this could have been possible without the tremendous help of the Town Pump Foundation. I am so thankful for that generosity and support.

- Michael Taapken, The Wall That Heals Butte Chair

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FOR MORE INFO:

TheWallThatHealsButte.com

[@TheWallThatHealsButte](https://www.facebook.com/TheWallThatHealsButte)



A visitor kneels to get a closer look at names on The Wall That Heals in Butte

HOPE

New Transitional Housing For Unhoused Vets Draws Closer to Reality in Missoula

The Poverello Center in Missoula has major plans to enhance its housing program for area veterans.

With the support of the Veterans Administration and community partners like Town Pump, the Poverello Center has operated *Housing Montana Heroes* since 2014. The program provides transitional supportive housing for unhoused veterans. Participants work with case managers who help them “identify and achieve goals that help them on their journey to towards permanent housing,” said Stephanie Dolan, director of development for the Poverello Center.

In 2019, the Poverello Center purchased the Clark Fork Inn with the intent to relocate the program to a new facility. This new location will move the program out of the Poverello Center’s main building into 20 single occupancy apartments with a community room and kitchen, and private spaces to meet with case managers and other services providers on the campus.

Montana has one of the highest percentages of veterans per capita, hovering

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation contributed **\$25K** to support Housing Montana Heroes

around 10 percent for much of the last few decades. According to the American Community Survey and a point-in-time survey from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, about 7.8 percent of the nearly 85,000 veterans in Montana live in poverty and 27 percent of them have a service-connected disability rating. In 2022, the federal government estimated that about 172 Montana veterans were homeless.

“As the only transitional supportive housing for unhoused veterans, we are thrilled to be a part of Missoula’s Built for Zero initiative to end homeless for veterans,” Dolan said.

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The Poverello Center in Missoula has acquired the former 17-room Clark Fork Inn on West Broadway and is planning to renovate the property and relocate its veterans housing. Above is a rendering of the planned changes to the facility, the future home of the Housing Montana Heroes program.



Currently, the Poverello Center is fundraising to close the gap on funding

needs for the project and expect to start construction in 2025, she said.

“We are so grateful for the support of the Town Pump on this initiative,” Dolan said.



FOR MORE INFO:

[ThePoverellocenter.org](https://www.thepoverellocenter.org)

[@PoverelloCenter](https://www.facebook.com/PoverelloCenter)

Frigid Temps Spark Emergency Needs



Photo by Casey Kreider, Daily Inter Lake

Recognizing the increased strain on Montana's homeless shelters and warming centers due to impending extreme weather, the Town Pump Charitable

Foundation provided \$130,000 in emergency grants to 13 critical service providers across the state in January 2024.

A severe cold snap poses a significant threat to the unhoused population. Without adequate shelter, individuals are at risk of hypothermia, frostbite, and other serious health conditions. Exposure to extreme cold can weaken the immune system, making them more susceptible to illnesses. Additionally, the harsh weather can exacerbate mental health issues and lead to increased substance abuse as people seek relief from the cold.

"With winter's harsh impact evident throughout Montana, our shelters and warming centers have faced substantial resource demands," said the Foundation's Bill McGladdery. "These emergency grants aim to address mounting staffing costs, food shortages, and higher utility expenses incurred as they tirelessly deliver vital services to our most vulnerable community members."

At the time of the grants, McGladdery said, "Recognizing the long winter still before us, these grants are intended to bridge critical gaps. We hope they will allow these organizations to sustain their exceptional service and ensure uninterrupted support

GRANTEES:

BILLINGS

Montana Rescue Mission

BOZEMAN

Bozeman Warming Shelter

BUTTE

Butte Rescue Mission

FORSYTH

Tongue River Emergency Shelter

GREAT FALLS

Great Falls Rescue Mission

HAMILTON

City of Hamilton

HELENA

God's Love Shelter

KALISPELL

Flathead Warming Shelter
Samaritan House

MISSOULA

Hope Rescue Mission
Johnson Street Warming Shelter
Poverello Center

for Montanans experiencing homelessness throughout the remaining cold months."

More Than Just Food: A Lifeline for Homebound Seniors in Butte

The Belmont Senior Citizens Center in Butte has been providing meals for homebound seniors and people with health issues that make it difficult for them to get out of the house through its Meals on Wheels for over 20 years.

"We currently serve about 170 Seniors and disabled adults in Butte," said Amanda Stone, executive director for the Belmont. "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 [check on their] welfare."

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation provided a grant to help fund the program this year.

Town Pump Charitable Foundation assisted the Belmont with **\$20K** for Meals on Wheels in 2024



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 costs 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."



BelmontSeniorCenter.com

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation supports a variety of initiatives beyond its primary programs. These grants often align with the foundation's focus areas, such as education, youth development, and community improvement.

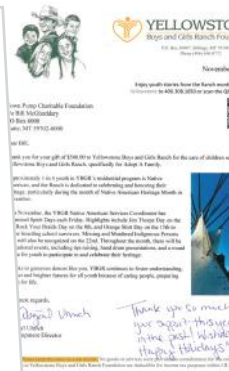
Listed below are any other grants made in 2024 which aren't reflected elsewhere in this publication.

By funding projects like the Dream Big Foundation, the foundation empowers individuals and organizations to achieve transformative goals. This flexibility allows us to address unique needs and opportunities, ensuring we are able to further our mission as Montanans Helping Montanans.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS awarded in 2024 - totaling \$985.5K

ANACONDA		BUTTE		HELENA		SULA	
Pintler Pets	\$20K	Butte High School	\$500	Lewis & Clark Literacy Council	\$1.4K	Sula Rural Fire District	\$4.9K
Anaconda Pintler Search & Rescue	\$2.5K	Butte Parks & Trails Foundation	\$500	Second Chance Ranch	\$1K	THOMPSON FALLS	
Smelter City Foundation	\$2.5K	CHINOOK		Helena Highlanders Association	\$500	Thompson Falls Public Schools	\$2K
BELFRY		Friends of the Pool & Park Foundation	\$55K	HUSON		THREE FORKS	
Belfry Volunteer Fire Department	\$3K	CULBERTSON		Devils Brigade Chapter 28	\$25K	Montana C.O.P.S.	\$500
BILLINGS		Roosevelt Medical Center	\$5K	KALISPELL		Three Forks Schools	\$2K
Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County	\$15K	CUT BANK		Coats for Kids, Inc.	\$10K	TOWNSEND	
Elysian School District	\$1.9K	Cut Bank Wrestling Club	\$1K	Flathead High School	\$500	Townsend Youth Baseball	\$10K
Eagle Mount Billings	\$10K	DILLON		Homeward for Heroes	\$5K	TROUT CREEK	
Montana East/West Shrine Game	\$6K	City of Dillon	\$8K	Logan Health Foundation	\$20K	Trout Creek Rural Fire Department Auxiliary	\$3K
Billings Fire Department	\$5K	DIXON		Mikayla's Miracles & Blessings Foundation	\$2.5K	TROY	
Family Service	\$5K	Dixon School District #9	\$5K	NW Montana Rodeo Team	\$1K	City of Troy	\$5K
Angela's Piazza	\$1K	EAST HELENA		LEWISTOWN		Troy Volunteer Ambulance	\$3.5K
Centennial Ice Arena	\$1K	East Helena Rodeo Association	\$25K	District 6 HRDC	\$3.5K	Troy Chamber of Commerce	\$1K
BOZEMAN		Heritage Food Store	\$1K	Ski for Light Montana	\$500	WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	
Big Sky Bravery	\$75K	EUREKA		Veterans Hooked on Recreation Therapy	\$2.5K	Red Ants Pants Foundation	\$10K
Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter	\$5.5K	First Baptist Church Eureka	\$2K	LIVINGSTON		Meagher County Community Foundation	\$1K
Eagle Mount Bozeman	\$5K	FORSYTH		K9 Care Montana	\$5K	White Sulphur Springs Fire Department	\$1K
Bozeman Wrestling Club	\$3K	Rosebud County Sheriff's Office	\$2,125K	Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce	\$5K	WHITEHALL	
Greater Impact	\$2.5K	GREAT FALLS		MISSOULA		Foster Montana	\$3K
Sage Gardeners	\$2.5K	Great Falls Rescue Mission	\$10K	Friends of the Children Western Montana	\$2.5K	WHITEHALL	
BUTTE		Great Falls Symphony	\$75K	Hellgate Elementary School	\$7K	Town of Whitehall	\$3.5K
Mainstreet Uptown Butte	\$160.9K	Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind	\$72K	Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	\$15K	WIBAUX	
Central Education Foundation	\$100K	Peoples Park & Recreation Foundation of Great Falls	\$5K	Missoula Urban Demonstration Project	\$1K	Pierre Wibaux Museum	\$5K
Action, Inc.	\$55K	Montana Veterans Memorial	\$3K	Poverello Center, Inc.	\$10K	WOLF POINT	
City and County of Butte Silver-Bow	\$10K	HAMILTON		Western MT Chapter for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	\$2.5K	Wolf Point Assembly of God	\$500
Northwest 360 Winterfest	\$10K	Daly Elementary School	\$1K	PABLO		STATEWIDE	
St. James Foundation	\$10K	Loads of Dignity	\$500	Salish Kootenai College	\$1K	Producer Partnership, The	\$25K
Butte Furniture Bank, The	\$9K	HAVRE		PHILIPSBURG		Montana Hope Project	\$15K
Dream Big Foundation	\$75K	Plant A Seed...Read!	\$3K	Phillipsburg Booster Club	\$1.5K	American Legion of Montana	\$10K
Habitat for Humanity of SW Montana	\$75K	HELENA		SEELEY LAKE		Montana Chamber Foundation	\$6.5K
World Museum of Mining	\$75K	Prickly Pear Fireworks	\$25K	Seeley Lake Rural Fire District	\$75K	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$5K
Science Mine	\$75K	Helena Symphony	\$15K	Seeley-Swan Community Food Bank	\$5K	Jeremy Bullock Memorial Trust	\$5K
Hungry Hill Art Center	\$3K	Carroll College	\$5K	SHELBY		Montana Cattleman's Association Foundation	\$5K
Southwest Native Community	\$2.5K	Helena Valley Community Center	\$5K	Northern Transit Interlocal	\$5K	Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities	\$5K
Butte Chamber of Commerce	\$1K	Angel Fund, The	\$3.5K	Sagebrush Food Pantry	\$5K	Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association	\$3K
Butte Sports Hall of Fame	\$1K	Center for Warriors Foundation	\$1.5K	SIDNEY		Montana Violent Crime Investigators Association	\$2.5K
American Society of Civil Engineers Montana Tech	\$500			Richland County Emergency Management	\$10K	Brain Injury Alliance	\$2K

Thank you so much for donating to our Fireworks Forever Fund in Great Falls. Without this generous donation, we would not have had a show this year
Dana Gallaher



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warm regards,
Wibaux Public Schools
Happy Holidays!



Thank you for your contribution! Your donation helps us support our school community members by ensuring the access to healthy food during the winter and school closure days!
Dear Town Pump Charitable Foundation:
THANK YOU for supporting BAP! Our Backpack Program is so important to so many and we couldn't do it without you!
Emily Hess

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation to the Education Foundation for Billings Public School's Reading Rocks summer program. Keeping many of our children reading at grade level during the summer vacation is absolutely critical to success in school. Town Pump just ROCKS!! - what a valuable contributor to our State!!
A BIG HUG
Chris Carr - Education Foundation Board member

Regardless of Financial Circumstance, All Montanans Deserve Holiday Cheer

As Christmas approached in December 2024, many of our Montana neighbors needed a helping hand. Thanks to countless churches, service organizations, schools and non-profit organizations across the state, Christmas was brighter for many Montana families. A little Christmas help can make our neighbors in need feel warmer and brighter.

These organizations and individuals provided essential support by providing warm clothing for children; toys, warm gloves, hats, and boots for the homeless; and food baskets,

quilts and other gifts for many others to demonstrate the true feeling of the season.

For the past 18 years, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation has supported these organizations through the Adopt A Family Grant program. This initiative

provides \$500 grants to civic groups, schools, churches, social service agencies, and other organizations across the state, enabling them to spread the spirit of giving throughout their communities.

In 2024, The Town Pump Charitable Foundation awarded \$110,000 in Adopt A Family grants to organizations empowering them to touch the lives of countless Montanans. Over the past 18 years, \$1.5 million in Adopt A Family grants have been awarded statewide.

As we reflect on this past holiday season and all of 2024, we are

filled with gratitude for all the organizations across the state who make Montana a better place to live. Their selfless acts of kindness remind us that the true meaning of Christmas lies in the power of community, compassion and the unwavering spirit of giving.

In 2024, the Town Pump Charitable Foundation awarded **\$110K** in Adopt A Family Grants, bringing the total to **\$1.5M** since this grant program began



We will provide a Merry Christmas for 11 children at West Elementary who otherwise may have gone without. I can't thank you enough for all the help you provide throughout our beloved state. What a treasure you are within the Treasure State!

- Lila Byers, Great Falls UCC



 townpumpfoundation.com/adopt

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2024 Grantees • \$110K in Grants

Absarokee	Kruzin' 4 Seniors	Butte	SW Montana Veterans Home Foundation	Helena	Montana Joining Community Forces Montana Medical Association Foundation	Sidney	Richland County Health Department
Alder	The Ruby Valley Giving Tree		Team 406 Disaster Relief		Parents for Smith School	Simms	Friends of the Sun River Valley Helping Hands
Anaconda	Discovery House		United Congregational Church		Plymouth Church - UCC		
	Western Montana Mental Health Center	Chinook	Water & Environmental Technologies		Reach Higher Montana	Stevensville	Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H
	Anaconda Toys for Tots		St. Gabriels Church		Saint Mary Catholic Community		Sapphire Learning Center
Belgrade	Gallatin Valley Lutheran Fellowship	Choteau	St. Thomas Apostle		St. John's Lutheran Church		Three Mile Community Senior Center
	Saddle Peak PTX	Clinton	Choteau United Methodist Church		The Salvation Army	Thompson Falls	Sanders County Dog Training Club
Billings	Alpha Delta Kappa - Alpha Chapter	Colstrip	Rocky Mountain Packers 4H		West Mont	Three Forks	Three Forks High School
	Aware Early Head Start	Columbus	United Community Church	Hingham	TOPS MT 0414 Inverness	Townsend	Rotary Club of Townsend
	Big Sky Optimist Club of Billings		Columbus Congregational Church	Joliet	Joliet Middle School	Trout Creek	Friends of the Whitepine Grange
	Billings Food Bank	Conrad	St. Mary's Church	Joplin	Sacred Heart Circle	Troy	Fran & Katies Giving Tree
	Billings Public Schools	Conrad/Brady	Hi-Lines Help for Abused Spouses	Kalispell	Flathead Warming Center	Twin Bridges	Sandru Ranch
	Dream Chasers Racing Foundation	Deer Lodge	Conrad/Brady Christmas Giving Tree		Fresh Life Church	Wibaux	Wibaux Public Schools
	Family Promise of YV		Alive After 5		NW MT Association of Realtors	Worden	Huntley Project Development Association
	Family Tree Nurturing Center	Dillon	Deer Lodge Womens Club		Rocky Mountain Baptist Church		
	Fresh Life Church		Beaverhead Development Corporation	Laurel	Samaritan House		
	Gratitude in Action		Dillon Main Street, LLC	Lewistown	The Salvation Army		
	Intermountain Professional Foundation		Friends of Jaycee Park		Laurel Public Schools		
	Junior League of Billings	East Helena	Soroptimist of Dillon		Central Montana Family Planning		
	Little Legends Foundation, Inc.		East Helena Schools		Central Montana Spirit of Christmas		
	RiverStone Health Foundation	Eureka	Helena Christian School	Libby	Heart of Montana Love, Inc.		
	St. Bernard Council of Catholic Women		Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce		CASA of Lincoln County		
	St. Thomas the Apostle Church		Mountain View Homemakers		Kootenai Valley Christian School		
	State of Montana - Child & Family Services	Forsyth	Shop With A Cop		Libby Area Business Association		
	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation		Forsyth Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture		Lincoln County Community Health Center		
Bozeman	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14	Gallatin Gateway	Tongue River Emergency Shelter	Livingston	Shop With A Cop		
	CASA/GAL of Gallatin County	Geraldine	Willing Workers Ladies Aid, Inc.		Friends of the Community, Inc.		
	Children's Holiday Helpers		Geraldine Community Church	Lolo	Park County Health Department		
	Fresh Life Church	Glasgow	St. Margaret's Catholic Church	Miles City	Chief Joseph Auxiliary Unit #135		
	Hope Lutheran Church	Glendive	Glasgow High School		Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center		
	Revitalized Restoration		Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center	Missoula	Miles City Foster Care Project		
Brady	Knees Community Club	Great Falls	Benefis Healthcare Foundation		American Legion Auxiliary Unit 27		
Browning	Native American Bank		Bikers for Kids in Need		Free Cycles Missoula		
Butte	Action, Inc.		Family Promise of Great Falls		Immanuel Lutheran Church		
	American Legion Auxiliary - Silver Bow County Unit 1		First Congregational Church UCC		Milltown Moose Lodge #2714		
	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butte-Silver Bow		Fresh Life Church		Missoula Interfaith Collaborative		
	Butte 4 C's	Great Falls	Great Falls Rescue Mission		Mountain Home Montana		
	Butte Central Catholic Elementary School		Linda Michaels Salon & Spa		River of Life Ministries		
	Butte Rescue Mission		NeighborWorks Montana	Philipsburg	University of Montana		
	Butte School District RSVP Program		Quality Life Concepts, Inc.	Plains	We Care Behavioral Health		
	Cindy Costello - Adopt A Grandparent	Hamilton	West Ridge Condominiums, Inc.	Polson	Toys for Tots Granite County		
	East Middle School Student Council	Havre	Hamilton Rotary	Ramsay	VFW Auxiliary Post 3596		
	First Presbyterian Church		Bear Paw Beavers	Red Lodge	Fresh Life Church		
	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church		Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line		See A Need Take Action		
	GRIT Foundation	Helena	Messiah Lutheran Church		Native American Childrens Association		
	New Hope Pregnancy Center		Cathedral of St Helena		SDM Holdings, LLC		
	Rotary Club of Butte		Florence Crittenton Home & Services	Rudyard	NorthStar Schools		
	Shop With A Cop Butte		Fresh Life Church	Shelby	Lonas, Inc.		
			Friendship Center of Helena		Sagebrush Food Pantry		
			Helena Indian Alliance	Sheridan	Ruby Valley Bible Church		
			Helena Toys for Tots				

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Happy Holidays!



Town Pump Family — With continued gratitude for your support through your Adopt A Family Grant. We appreciate these funds to help us buy diapers & wipes for families in need. Sue Irvin

“
Participating in Special Olympics has been life-changing and has opened many doors for me.

- Kyle Norman,
SOMT Athlete of the Year
& Town Pump Employee



SINCE 2006,
Town Pump team
members have sold

457,578

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Montana

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Special Olympics Montana:
Empowering Dreams One Athlete at a Time

Sports bring people together. Special Olympics Montana does that and more. Each year over 2,000 athletes from over 65 Montana communities participate in events at the state Summer Games, bowling competitions, area Winter Games, and the state basketball tournament.

Special Olympics Montana offers year-round training and competition in 18 Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities. State-level competitions are available for anyone ages 8 and older (SOMT does offer additional programming for those younger than 8), and events are designed to serve all-ability levels. Every athlete is recognized for his or her performance and encouraged to achieve their personal best.

Special Olympics is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences. Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability. That makes practices more fun and games more challenging and exciting for all. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away.

Each year at the state basketball tournament, the athlete of the year is recognized. This year's athlete is Kyle Norman of the Helena Halos. Kyle has been a Special Olympics Athlete for 11 years and has participated in sports year-round including basketball, bowling, athletics, swimming, bocce and soccer.

Kyle cares about his teammates. Time and time again, Kyle has worked to know others by initiating conversations, asking questions, and genuinely showing interest in the lives of his teammates. At the state bowling tournament,

Kyle was cheering on his teammates until every athlete was finished bowling.

Not only is Kyle a Special Olympics team member, he is also a Town Pump team member. Kyle is a cashier at the Town Pump Express Car Wash in Helena. All of us at Town Pump congratulate Kyle on this prestigious award.

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

Thirty years ago, Town Pump first partnered with Special Olympics Montana in selling \$5 MTN/Chevy Truck Raffle Tickets. In 2024, our customers, players and hotel guests purchased a record-setting 48,426 raffle tickets raising \$242,130 for the athletes of Special Olympics Montana. Since 2006, Town Pump team members have sold 457,578 tickets raising \$2,292,700 for Special Olympics Montana.

On February 1, 2025, Town Pump team members will begin selling MTN/Chevy Truck Raffle tickets. The price is still \$5...the same price as 31 years ago! Town Pump is also contributing the second place prize of \$10,000 CASH! In addition, there will be three \$1,000 Town Pump gift cards as raffle prizes.



**Don't miss the
2025 drawing**

**THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 2025**

FOR MORE INFO:

 [SOMT.org](https://www.somt.org)

 [@SpecialOlympicsMontana](https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsMontana)

2025 Thriving Generations Grants

Senior Citizen Centers are a vital part of every community and one of the most widely used services among Montana's older adults. Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being.

There are over 75 senior citizen centers in Montana.

Depending on location, they provide services such as:

- Meals and nutrition programs
- Health, fitness, and wellness programs
- Transportation services
- Volunteer and civic engagement opportunities
- Social and recreational activities
- Educational and arts programs
- Out-of-facility trips
- Support groups

To maintain operations, senior citizen centers must leverage resources from a variety of sources, most relying on

three to eight different funding sources. Primary funding sources are often local tax levies. Other sources include fundraising events, public and private grants, business, bequests, participant contributions and foundation grants.

In 2025, The Town Pump Charitable Foundation will be providing one-time funding to Montana Senior Citizen Centers. These grants can be used for repairs and maintenance, programing costs, equipment replacement, and other services determined by the local board of directors.

GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025 WITH GRANTS AWARDED ON MAY 1, 2025.

A Beacon of Hope Illuminating the Hill: Butte's Headframe Lighting Project

Butte's iconic headframes have a bright future, thanks to continued support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

Strings of red lights were initially installed on several of the Mining City headframes in 2003 to illuminate them at night. Those lights, however, have experienced plenty of wear in that time, and Town Pump donated about \$37,000 to replace the lights on the Travona headframe last November and contributed about \$45,000 each for lights on the Original and Steward headframes earlier this year, just in time for the city's summer festival season.

The headframes "honor the people that had worked in them and what they represent to Butte," said George Everett with Mainstreet Uptown Butte. "They're just iconic symbols of the community."

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation "has been critical to bringing the headframe lighting project into the present

day with modern technology," Everett added.

The original red LED rope lights are being replaced with high-tech light systems that provide a variety of patterns that can match the seasons, from St. Patrick's Day and Easter to Fourth of July and Christmas.

"This is one of the larger and more difficult custom projects that we've ever done," said Tyler Jarvis of High Country Lighting told media outlets earlier

this year. "Between the 85-foot lifts and 130-foot cranes we're having to use to get up and accomplish this project is quite a feat."

Markovich Construction provided the lifts to help light installation.

The Foundation's "generosity has been an inspiration for others who have stepped up to help light other headframes, most recently

the Belmont which has been dark for more than a decade," Everett said.

"We will continue to push ahead with this project to re-light the remaining headframes

in 2025, starting with the Mountain Con and the Bell Diamond," he added. "This would not have been possible without the support of the Town Pump Foundation."

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation contributed **\$90K** to the Butte Hill Headframe Reillumination Project

