



HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK • FAMILY PROMISE • MISSOULA WORKS • BUILDING BRIDGES, BUILDING LEADERS

Missoula Gives

Missoula Gives is upon us! Please consider making a donation to MIC today. [Donate Here!](#)



MIC programs continue to operate at full capacity and then some! One change is that MIC's annual fundraiser has been moved to June 2021. However, as you all know the needs of the programs continue regardless of a fundraiser. Please consider a gift to MIC today, [Donate Here!](#) See here for MIC's response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MIC COVID-19 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, MIC CONTINUES TO BRING DIVERSE GROUPS OF EVERY DAY PEOPLE TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES, DEVELOP LEADERS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.

MIC PROGRAM UPDATES

• BRIDGES AND LEADERS



Bridges and Leaders was perfectly positioned to respond to COVID-19. Core Team Leaders and members within our newly developing Broad-Based Community Organization responded quickly by identifying emerging challenges (i.e. childcare, food shortage, basic goods delivery) and bringing hundreds together for coordinated community-wide response, meeting direct needs and planning for long-term impacts. More on the response below.

• FAMILY PROMISE & HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK (HAN)



Family Promise and HAN are still fully operational, taking into account all precautionary procedures. Family Promise is full, families are staying all day in quarantine at the Day Center and sleeping at one congregation. HAN continues work with people experiencing homelessness, checking in via phone with all participants several times a week. In addition, HAN is coordinating training for COVID-19 community leaders.

• MISSOULA WORKS & GET IT DONE



Missoula Works and the Get It Done crew have been hit particularly hard. Businesses that traditionally employed many of our workers have had significant lay offs or are closed until further notice. The Get It Done crew have had a full schedule of spring work, while practicing social distancing, yet as the uncertainty of the future continues to loom, jobs have been paused until more certain times.

BROAD-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (BBCO)

The BBCO is a diverse network of 35 faith communities, neighborhood groups, unions, and nonprofits who believe that health and well being throughout our community requires everyday citizens- particularly the most marginalized to be meaningfully involved in creating the solutions that shape our community. For the past year, MIC and community organizers embedded in 4 other local organizations have worked together to do just that.

COVID-19 tested the BBCO's readiness for response, but the BBCO was ready!

- Leaders quickly created a localized neighborhood system to:
 - Coordinate communication and support neighbors helping neighbors.
 - 30 faith communities and community organizations have developed Call Teams connected to 5,000 people! 1) Creating social connection w/ vulnerable people, 2) Directly support people w/ basic needs, 3) Have our ear to the ground to create response on emerging challenges.
- Coordinated a Tech Hub, providing a way for people to access computers and technology.
- Created a basic goods warehouse and delivery system. Donations of toiletry items etc. and volunteers have poured in.
- Found 10 spaces for childcare centers and people who were sick with no place to go.
- Have worked w/ policy-makers to develop policy/public action around eviction, childcare needs, loans and more.

MIC is Hiring a Community Organizer

Our marvelous Stacey Siebrasse is moving from Missoula 😞. She has been an amazing part of our staff family and will be greatly missed, but will continue to be a part of our work in the future.

Please spread the word! [MIC Community Organizer Job Description](#)

Questions or Interested in the position- send resume, cover letter and 3 references to casey@micmt.org



Missoula Tech Hub needs support!

Public Tech & Wi-Fi Access

Access the internet to apply for employment and housing, check email, connect with family and friends and find resources!

The Salvation Army, First Presbyterian Church and Mountain Line are teaming up to provide community internet access. We ask all users to adhere to physical distancing measures and to wear masks or other cloth covering their mouth and nose while in public spaces.



Walk-In: Tech Hub at the Salvation Army

355 S Russell St

- **Open Monday – Thursday, 10am - 11:30am.**
- **Laptops, iPads, power stations for charging & resources provided.**
 - Three individuals will be able to use a laptop or iPad at a time for **up to 30 mins**. Individuals and volunteers will be spaced 6 ft apart and will be **required to wear masks and gloves**. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Bathroom facilities will not be available.**
- **Interested in volunteering? Contact Katie at 406-285-1795.**



Mountain Line Community Hotspots

Look for Mountain Line's buses at:

DRIVE-UP ONLY
First Presbyterian Church
235 S 5th St W
Open Mon - Fri, 10am - 3pm.
Questions? Call First Presbyterian
at 406-549-5144.

DRIVE-UP OR WALK IN
Missoula Public Library
301 E Main St
Open Mon - Fri, 11am - 2pm.
Volunteer: Contact Katie at 406-
285-1795.

- Access Wi-Fi by parking near the electric bus and connecting to the internet using your own device.
- The First Presbyterian Church is set up for **drive-in internet access only**. Thank you for staying in your vehicle while on location.



Supplies Warehouse

The Community Warehouse at 150 S Catlin St, behind Westside Lanes is open and receiving donations of personal items, baby items (formula, diapers, wipes) and general household supplies – cleaners, paper products, etc., for donation to our neighbors in need. We're also taking donations to purchase items that are seldom donated; write a check and give to one of our volunteers – Please write checks to MIC... OR give online at www.micmt.org and designate your gift to the Community Warehouse. Thank you !



Every act of your generosity helps us to further our mission. Thank you for making the world a better place. Love from Family Promise, Housing Advocate Network, MIC, Missoula Works, and Recycling Works.

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