

HOUSING ADVOCATE NETWORK • FAMILY PROMISE • MISSOULA WORKS • COMMON GOOD MISSOULA

# **Housing Advocate Network**

Housing Advocates are working with many people in our community, including:

- Families experiencing homelessness- at Family Promise, the YWCA's emergency housing program, or on a waiting list for one or more community programs.
- Individuals who are impacted by the criminal justice system
- Transitional Age Youth (18-24) who are experiencing homelessness.



Are you interested in becoming an advocate, or have questions?

Reach out to Zeke, zeke@micmt.org

#### **Mobile Computer Lab**

HAN received a \$10,000 grant from Spectrum for a mobile computer lab! After COVID, HAN advocates will now be able to teach classes and have trainings throughout the community. We look forward to putting technology right into



the hands of the people we are working with. Thank you Spectrum!

#### Family in Need:

Thank you to everyone who responded to the needs of the family in our last newsletter. They are getting settled in their new house. We really appreciate all of the outpouring of support!

## Missoula Works

Still waiting for more snow... Schedule your shoveling and other Get It Done projects with Lee today, Email Lee Now! During COVID Missoula Works has continued to put people to work. Thank you Missoula!



# Family Promise

Family Promise Update: Family Promise continues to be a busy place! Three families just moved into permanent housing! We have two new families and one more coming soon. Welcome Baskets have been delivered to the new homes and River of Life furniture has been delivered to the new homes. Family Promise families have opted to continue online learning. Thank you to the volunteer tutors,

coordinators and volunteers who keep the program staffed, supplied and loved!!!



# Welcome Baskets- Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Welcome Basket program! For those of you unfamiliar with Welcome Baskets, here is the scoop.

Welcome Baskets are baskets of goods that Family Promise coordinators and volunteers have put together in order to support a family who is getting into housing with the necessary housing supplies including things for the kitchen, bathroom, etc. The baskets contain



items that are expensive when first getting into housing and many are unlikely to be in the possession of the items after months of being homeless. Through a grant and many generous donors we are collecting items to give out to 36 individuals and families who get into housing. Families and individuals working with Family Promise, the Housing Advocate Network, and Welcome Back, who get back into housing, will receive a Welcome Basket. We are also planning to provide a Welcome Basket to the families at the new Meadowlark. We will continue to update you about our progress. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support this program!

## **Welcome New MIC Staff!**

We are so happy to have a new Operations Director, Arlen Hall, and Business Manager, Sue Harrison.

Arlen Hall joined MIC as the Director of Operations at the beginning of



2021. A 10-year resident of Missoula, Arlen was previously employed in the outdoor travel industry before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic working for REI, Inc. in Seattle, WA and Adventure Cycling Association in Missoula, MT. He is excited about bringing his business acumen to his local community as he helps guides the operations at

MIC in a new era of growth and service to Missoula.

Sue Harrison is MIC's new Business Manager. Sue has a BA in Business Administration and will graduate with a Master of Public Administration with a Certificate in Public Policy in May. Sue has vast experience managing businesses and has a passion for community organizing. She also enjoys camping, kayaking and traveling.



# Thank you for your continuous support of MIC and our programs! Learn more and donate to our programs at www.micmt.org

MIC's Mission is: "To draw people together across civic, economic, political and religious divides to affect social change and develop public leaders. We exist to strengthen community organizations, generate leaders, and foster meaningful relationships as we act together for the common good."



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.

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