2022 Newsletter

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### **TONIGHT!- Missoula Works Ventures at** First Friday

Stop by the Missoula Works Ventures table at Glacier Sotheby's (434 N. Higgins) TONIGHT at 5:30 during Downtown Missoula's First Friday! There will be several handmade items available for purchase including tote bags, aromatherapy products, flax sax and banner bags. Support Missoula Work's latest social enterprise and while taking care of some of your holiday shopping!



## **Online Foster Care and Adoption Training**

We have an ever growing need for more therapeutic and respite foster parents in our community. Please consider attending this online informational training via zoom. It is a first step to becoming a foster parent.



#### December 6th, 7-8pm

For questions or to register: Please email mic@micmt.org Sponsored by: Youth Homes, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, MIC

## "Our Missoula" Community Kickoff

#### December 13, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Missoula Fairgrounds

Please join us for a civic academy where the City of Missoula and Common Good Missoula will co-present on what the Our Missoula project means to our community and how, together, we can create more diverse, inclusive, and robust resident engagement that guides how Missoula will grow in the future.

#### What is Our Missoula?

Our Missoula is a multi-year project that seeks to refresh Missoula's vision for future growth, and to modernize



It's Time to Update Our Vision and Take Action!

and make critical changes to the zoning and development code, which is one of the city's greatest tools for achieving that vision.

<u>For questions:</u> contact Lisa Davey or visit the Our Missoula website <u>To attend:</u> RSVP here

\*Food will be available and FREE child care provided.

## **Please Join us for our Holiday Social!**



### **Benefit Concert**



Montana guitarist and singer-songwriter John Floridis along with percussionist Ed Stalling and cellist Jennifer Slayden will perform. Proceeds benefit the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative.

### Sunday December 18th @ 7pm First United Methodist Church (300 E. Main Street) FREE ADMISSION!

## **GIVING TREE**

Atonement Lutheran Church is teaming up with MIC's Housing Advocate Network to provide gifts and groceries for individuals and families who have obtained housing through the Housing Advocate Network over the last year. This is an opportunity to make the holidays a little more festive for these folks.

#### How to participate:

<u>Option one:</u> Pick up a gift tag from the tree located at Atonement Lutheran Mon-Fri 10am-1pm or after Sunday service. Then at the Giving Tree Table, write your name and phone number next to your gift tag's family number.

Option two: Sign-up online here!

- Instructions for dropping off the wrapped items can be found here
- For questions contact Rebecca at rebecca@micmt.org



\*All gifts and groceries need to be returned to Atonement Lutheran by Wednesday, December 14th.

### **Housing Advocate Network**

MIC's Housing Advocate Network is partnering up with Missoula Food Bank and Community Center to offer weekly housing supports for individuals and families experiencing – or at risk of experiencing – houselessness. There will be an orientation and kick-off for volunteers on January 10th, 2:00 - 4:00pm. To attend, please register here!

For question, contact Zeke at <a href="mailto:zeke@micmt.org">zeke@micmt.org</a>.



## MIC Program Tours- Join us!

Come learn more about Missoula Interfaith Collaborative and our programs during one of our monthly tours. They will take place the **third Wednesday** of every month at the Family Housing Center (1800 S. 3rd St. W)

During the tours, program directors will provide an overview of how their programs are operating in Missoula, share stories and offer opportunities to get more involved.

November TOUR DATE: December 21st 10am-11am

### **Missoula Works - Business for Impact**

We want to give a huge thank you this holiday season to all of our Business for Impact supporters and hiring partners!



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or email us at paige@missoulaworks.com

When more people contribute their talents to the economy, everyone wins." George R. Roberts, Founder RedF

## **Vehicles Needed**

Do you have a used vehicle you are looking to sell or maybe even donate? Some of the individuals and families we work with are either without a vehicle or are looking to replace their current one. If you have something in mind please call our MIC offices at 406-207-8228.



## Donate Stocks and Help Support MIC Programs

Donating stock directly to a charity is one of the most tax-smart ways to give. The benefits of giving stock include:

· Avoiding capital gains taxes on the stock

• Opportunity to receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair-market-value of the stock at the time of the



gift (if the donor held the stock for longer than a year before donating it)

· The 'good feelings' that come from investing in a philanthropic cause

#### Learn more here

### **Family Promise is Hiring**



### Host Families Needed for the Montana International Choral Festival

Every three years, the Montana International Choral Festival brings hundreds of outstanding singers from all over the world to Missoula. The next Festival will take place from July 19 - 22, 2023. Please consider opening your home to some of the visiting artists. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and engage with folks from different



parts of the world and introduce them to the beauty of Missoula and Montana. Many host families develop lifelong relationships with singers!

If you can host an international singer, sign up through this website: https://www.choralfestival.org/host-family-application/

#### Thank you for your continuous support of MIC and our

# programs! Learn more and donate to our programs at <u>www.micmt.org</u>

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's organizing with Common Good Missoula, & Missoula Works.

#### **Our Contact Information**

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