



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

Housing Programs



Tickets!

See Them Home Join us at the July 16th Osprey Game. 50% of your ticket will go toward the new family housing center. Fun night supporting a great cause!

Family Promise Last night, we held a celebration at Blessed Trinity church to thank the Family Promise volunteers, and to inform them of the ground breaking for the YWCA/MIC family housing center. Approximately 130 volunteers were present, representing most of Family Promise's congregations and groups. We shared a meal prepared by many hands, basked in cheer, and felt an enormous amount of gratitude. Family Promise would like to extend a special thank you to the Quilting Guild. Since January they have provided 18 quilts to children in the program. The kids have *loved* them. Thank you to congregations who have contributed to Welcome Baskets for families moving into housing. Four families have received baskets since January. If you, your organization, or congregation is interested in donating, please let us know.

Housing Advocate Network Every family housed through Family Promise and the Housing Advocate Network this fiscal year is still in their home. One-on-one volunteer work creates connection and a foundation for families and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Meet Zeke over a cup of coffee and he'll tell you how you can get involved: zeke@micmt.org

Community Organizing - Bridges and Leaders



The City Council hosted a Public Hearing last Monday night to discuss and vote on "A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula's Housing Needs. This policy, issued by the city's Housing and Community Development office, outlines recommendations for future housing development and affordability in Missoula. Close to 100 members of MIC and the Missoula Home Coalition turned up to share stories, speak to the importance of its passing, and commit to monitoring parts of the policy that need further articulation as revised zoning codes, policies, and programs unfold.

The process of arriving at this juncture is something to celebrate. Over 100 leaders throughout our membership community groups and congregations engaged in face-to-face conversations with up to 3,000 people over the past 18 months. We knocked on doors, met people in coffee shops, opened our homes, gathered in community spaces, and assembled in church basements. We told stories about the lack of affordable housing in Missoula and how barriers to housing, high rental fees, and unattainable housing costs affect our lives and the health and security of our loved ones.

Next, over 250 people assembled in the basement of First United Methodist Church on February 7th. We asked our city and county officials to join us as we discussed housing solutions, shared stories, and fostered new relationships with each other. On May 2nd, over 150 of us came together again to celebrate our intermittent work of requesting that our housing solutions and platform be adopted into the city's housing policy recommendations. We worked with the Housing and Community Development Office to see that this happened. They did adopt our platform and we can be proud we helped shape their policy. Our elected officials joined us again for this assembly. They made commitments to uphold and prioritize our housing solutions. Last Monday evening was an affirmation of their commitments. In a time marked by divisiveness and national polarization, our efforts have been a hopeful picture of a strong and engaged base of citizens working effectively with local government. Thank you for your involvement and commitments to each other in this work.

We have more work to do. The Missoula Home Coalition will be helping us navigate how to go forward from here. We need engaged and concerned citizens to sit on committees that will continue to examine the effects of new policies and programs shaping our housing market from here on out. These include policies soon to be put in place by the city and those the city is hesitant to adopt, like mandatory inclusionary zoning and the like. Our housing situation is dire in Missoula. We need to continue working together. Stay tuned for next action steps.

Missoula Works



We're recruiting diverse members to our board. Interested in marketing, fundraising, community outreach, and ambassadorship? Missoula Works is a social enterprise that provides positive, life-changing job opportunities through general labor services and temporary-to-permanent placement. It aims to maximize social impact by working with those who have experienced barriers to employment, specifically homelessness and low income. We excel at working with individuals at all levels of experience, skill, and background. Our staffing agency trains, places, and supports qualified people with socially responsible employers. New employees are provided with soft and hard skill training through our Get it Done work program. Through a supportive and professional environment, we provide the guidance and job skills needed to secure quality employment and begin working toward professional success. To learn more about our efforts please visit www.missoulaworks.com and for an application, contact Paige Pavalone at Paige@missoulaworks.com.

Recycling Works



Business or home, curbside or drop-off, Recycling Works wants your glass. This month, we've got a goal for it: 100 new recyclers, \$5,000 raised for the new bunker and transfer station, and 29 days to do it. The apex of the sustainable campaign is this summer's glass drop-off event set for Sunday, July 21 at Imagine Nation Brewing from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free buckets will be provided to those who sign up for regular recycling, and drop-off drink discounts offered of \$1 off purchases under \$20 and \$2 for anything over. Check out [Recycling Works](#) for more information.

Easy Ways to Give to MIC



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member?

Do you have an Action Team that MIC can utilize?

Please contact us so that we can talk to you about an upcoming event that would be a great use of Thrivent Action Teams!

Call 406-207-8228 or email rebecca@micmt.org



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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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