



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



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YWCA

Ground was broken on August 21st for the Meadowlark, the new MIC Family Housing Center and YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. “The meadowlark is the state bird of Montana and in folklore its presence is a sign of peace, safety, and easier times ahead. That’s exactly what we hope to provide for the people who walk through the doors of this building.” Cindy Weese, YWCA. Read full article here: [Missoulian](#)

See Them Home Chili Cook-Off and Pie Extravaganza fundraiser.



Which Family Promise Congregation / Organization has the best chili recipe and the best pie baker in town? Come find out at the Chili Cook-Off and Pie Extravaganza. Support the See Them Home Campaign to build a Family Housing Center in Missoula, learn about family homelessness, and be inspired to donate and volunteer. Please RSVP at [Family Promise](#).

September 26, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
300 East Main Street

Houses for Change

Houses for Change is a fundraising opportunity through Family Promise National. We purchase the houses and the proceeds go directly to the projects that we are raising funds for. We will be using the Houses for Change for the See Them Home campaign. If you would like your very own House for Change to support the new family housing center, please let us know. We have some in the office and more coming soon!

[Houses for Change Information](#)



Housing Advocate Network

Hundreds of individuals and families across Missoula are housing insecure.



This means they're either currently experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness very soon. There are agencies and programs addressing this, but while you're on all of these waiting lists, there's a program that would like to help: the Housing Advocate Network (HAN). HAN is a team of everyday people in Missoula who come together as volunteers to walk beside you as you navigate this seemingly impenetrable housing market. HAN does not have access to emergency housing or funding, but we do have people who are willing to take the time to sit down with you and develop a plan. Need help filling out applications? Identifying properties? Building a rental resume, or getting your documents in order? Call 207-8228, ext 5, and get connected with a housing advocate today.

If you'd like to become an advocate, contact Zeke at zeke@micmt.org to meet over coffee and learn more. Orientation takes place after that. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Community Organizing - Bridges and Leaders

You CANNOT love
your brother across
THE WORLD
if you do not LOVE
your neighbor
ACROSS
THE
STREET

This fall, our Bridges and Leaders community organizing program is working with member organizations to construct "Core Teams" within each community group. Core Teams function to build up the relational culture within their organization. They connect their community to the wider collaborative. They also track membership dues and ensure that communications are being effectively exchanged between our collaborative and their community institution.

Want to learn more about Core Teams and what they do to build effective, life-uplifting, system-changing power within your organization and beyond? Contact Stacey at stacey@micmt.org. For now, here are some dates for Core Team members to remember:

Leadership Training Intensive

2 consecutive Tuesday evenings, **October 1 & 8, 4:30-9:00 pm** @ St. Paul Lutheran.
Childcare and dinner provided at every training.

Both evenings required.

Quarterly Action Network Gathering (For your entire Core Team.)

Sept. 10th from 5:30-7 p.m.

Childcare Provided

Is your community willing to host us (approx. 120 people)? Let Stacey know ASAP!

No mid-day Core Team Leader gathering on this date.

Want to host a personal 2-3 hour informational training for your community or organization?

Contact Stacey to set up a time alongside interested members of your community.

Learn:

- What is broad-based community organizing? Why do we do it and how?
 - What are Core Teams? Why should we develop one and how?
 - How will a Core Team internally bolster our public mission and also externally connect us to the work of the larger collaborative?
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Get Involved!

- **Mama's Promise Vendors** - We need places and events in and around Missoula to sell our new mother's jewelry. If you have information or want to lend a hand, let us know.
 - **Fall Clean-up (Get It Done)**
 - **Get It Done Customers** - Know any neighbors or friends who need some work done at their home? Call and we will get you on our schedule.
 - **Partner Agencies** - Please let us know if you are interested or know of an organization that might be interested in partnering with us to achieve our goals and employ fellow Missoulians.
 - **Office Space** - We are growing rapidly! With that, we are in the market for a new office space centrally located in Missoula. As a Benefit Corps and part of MIC, we are primarily looking for space that can be donated to our cause.
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Family Promise

Has a new JVC! Emma is from Rockford, Illinois. She has spent the last four years at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri studying Psychology with minors in Public Health, Biology, and Urban Poverty Studies. She chose to do a year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps NorthWest because she is passionate about social and ecological justice, and she wanted to learn more about a part of the country she'd never been to.

Emma comes from a very flat place, so she is thrilled to be surrounded by all this beauty. She loves hanging out with her community of JV's, and learning more about the community and people of Missoula, "a wonder city," she says. This year, Emma hopes to spend a lot of time hiking, reading, and drinking coffee, and she's always looking for good recommendations!



Family Promise currently has 3 families in the program, 11 faith community hosts, 14 support congregations and groups, and 2 faith communities that are sites only. (Sites Only don't offer volunteers but they still share their space for a week of overnights.) A total of 27 groups!

Recycling Works



Missoula, you are making glass recycling happen here! We currently have 330 people signed up for glass recycling!

Once-monthly glass pick-up schedule. (No more bi-weekly.)

Every week compost pick-up.

New hydraulic trailer coming with bunker construction.

We still frequent the Clark Fork Farmer's Market Visit by the fountain at the entrance. Learn more, or sign up today on our website: [Recycling Works](#) Thank you all for making Missoula more sustainable.

The At-Risk Housing Coalition Presents



Project Employment Connect

Employment Services and Job Fair

Free & Open to the Public

Friday, Sept. 20th
10 am to 3 pm

Salvation Army

- Haircuts
- Interview Clothing
- Professional Headshots
- Shuttle to Learning Center

The Learning Center
Employment Services and Job Fair
310 South Curtis Street
Missoula, MT

The Salvation Army
Clothing and Haircuts
355 South Russell Street
Missoula, MT

Learning Center

- Resumé Assistance
- Interview Skills
- Veteran Services
- Education and Training

Featured Employers



And More...

Veteran Service Providers - RSVP to snoble@mt.gov or Veteran Support Network at vsn.msla@outlook.com.
Interested Employers email Rebecca.Stancil@rstancil@missoulahousing.org or JR.Strand@tjstrand@mt.gov

Easy ways to give to MIC!



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Are you a Thrivent member?

Do you have an Action Team that MIC can utilize?

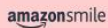
Please contact us so that we can talk to you about an upcoming event that would be a great use of Thrivent Action Teams!

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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