



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

Inspiring Stories - A Day Off

Sierra & Bishop

I met Bishop for the first time at the Family Promise day center around noon on a Thursday. He was the only person in the house and the TV was on. In my head, socialization raised the stigmatizing question: *Why isn't he out looking for housing, or work if he doesn't have it?* I pushed back and introduced myself. He was kind, authentic, and happy, and within a few minutes I learned that it was his first day off from his new job. "I've worked every day since I started two weeks ago," he said, proudly. Bye, bye, stigma.

Despite living without housing, Bishop was highly skilled and it didn't take him long to find work. While roofing with the Get it Done Crew, but he got word that there was another position that was more aligned with his skill set. The manager of a hot, new restaurant downtown wasn't in yet, but he was asked to bring in a résumé. Bishop got to work and created one. He returned to the restaurant, again same day, and was met by the manager. "The head chef won't be in until tomorrow," they said, "but come back." Bishop was there first thing the following day and the chef hired him on the spot. "I love it there," he said, intertwining his fingers behind his head. His income increased, too. "I'm always looking for better work and I have a lot of experience." Bishop's had his hand in numerous construction fields and has always moved up in pay throughout transitions. "I'll get a raise in a few months here, too." He seemed to like everything about the gig. "I get meals so that helps a lot." He laughed and shook his head. "I brought a menu home for my wife because she loves the food so much. I call her before I leave and she orders right off of it." Sierra loves her work as well. She moved quickly through Missoula Works, helping the Get it Done Crew with one move and then landed a high-paying job, also downtown. This was the motivation they needed.

“Housing is harder to find,” Bishop said. He and Sierra had been homeless for two months, moving congregations every week through the Family Promise Missoula program. They were both in recovery and had barriers to housing, but they also had confidence and energy. All of their steps were lined up and they were eager to climb them. “Tomorrow’s my Monday,” Bishop said, a common phrase among service industry workers who tend to work on weekends. “It’s nice to have a day off, though.”

End of Year Giving

As we come to the end of 2019 we are very grateful for all of you, our supporters in this work. As you know, we still have much to do. Please consider giving an end of year gift this year. You can make donations by going to our calling our office: 207-8228, emailing us mic@micmt.org or going to our [MIC Website](#).

Thank you for your gifts this year and always!

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Housing Advocate Network

- **Salvation Army has kicked off its winter shelter program**, which works to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness gain access to - or maintain - housing during the coldest months by leveraging funds for either rent or deposit. For information on qualifications, or to pick up an application, stop by the facility at 355 S Russell or call 549-0710. The program includes extra cash incentive for folks who undergo educational programming, like a budget workshop.
- **Looking for a unique way to support** the needs of folks experiencing homelessness? We're gearing up for the next edition of Project Community Connect, which is an all-day one-stop resource shop for folks to connect to resources, learn about employment opportunities, pick up clothing or get a haircut - plus new this year is "Homeless Court", an opportunity to get some assistance quashing misdemeanor violations, etc. This year's event happens **Friday, Jan. 31**, at Revive Church, 2811 Latimer. Volunteers are needed!

Every day, hundreds of individuals and families in Missoula face the stresses of homelessness. While they sit on waiting lists and wait for solutions, volunteers with MIC's Housing Advocate Network use relational currency to help keep these people connected to resources and community. Interested in being trained as a volunteer housing advocate? Call 207-8228, ext. 5, or email zeke@micmt.org

Missoula Works

Mama's Promise



**European
Style
Christmas
Market**

**90 VINTAGE,
HANDMADE & GIFT BOOTHS**

MUSIC FOOD trucks
Warming BONFIRES Santa
Twinkly Lights Hot Gluhwein
German Sweets

FRIDAY DEC. 6TH 5PM-8PM
SATURDAY DEC 7TH 10AM-4PM
MISSOULA FAIRGROUNDS



MISSOULA HOLIDAY 12.08.19
MADE FAIR ADAMS CENTER
10AM-6PM 220 ARTISTS

A MODERN HANDCRAFTED MARKET

FREE ENTRY & PARKING \$10 VIP PASS 10AM-11AM HAPPY HOURS 4PM-6PM

PLEASE BRING A RECYCLABLE FOOD ITEM TO HELP SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD BANK

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Get It Done is proud to present **our new truck!** Thanks to the generous donations to Get It Done, we were able to purchase an additional truck. This truck will allow our teams to double the number of jobs they can complete and give 2-3 more marginalized Missoulians access to employment! Support our mission of empowering people through employment!

Call us first! (406) 926-3400 or email us at getitdone@missoulaworks.com



GET IT DONE.

Provide employment opportunities to marginalized Missoulians today!

Snow Removal

(406) 926-3400

Or email us at getitdone@missoulaworks.com to learn more and sign up!

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SeeThemHome.org



Events:

No Room at the Inn: December 13 & 14

A fundraiser for Family Promise, See Them Home, and Habitat for Humanity.

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, 1475 Eaton Street

December 13 Gala Opening and first viewing of crèches. 6-9 pm Hors d'oeuvres & beverages, silent auction, and photograph exhibition, No-host wine and beer, Music by The Avalon Trio & crèche display. Reservations preferred. Donation: \$40 per person; \$50 per person at the door.

December 14 Gingerbread Brunch 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Join us anytime during the event for seasonal music, light buffet, cookie decorating, scavenger hunt, and viewing of the crèche display.

Reservations not required. Donation: \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$30/family of five or more.

www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org

- A Classy Christmas: **December 20**

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community Presents:
No Room at the Inn: A Festival of Crèches
1475 Eaton Street – Missoula
December 13-14, 2019
A benefit for Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise of Missoula

No Room at the Inn

Gala Opening and First Viewing of the Crèches
6:00–9:00 pm, Friday, Dec. 13th
Hors d'oeuvres & beverages, Silent auction, Photograph exhibition, No-host wine and beer, Music by The Avalon Trio & The crèche display. Reservations preferred.

Gingerbread Brunch
10:00 am–2:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 14th
Join us anytime during the event for: Seasonal music, Light buffet, Cookie decorating, Scavenger hunt & viewing of the crèche display. Reservations not required.

Crèche Exhibits
Continuing throughout the event
Fair Trade coffee, chocolate and gift items for purchase. Raffles for goods and services donated by the Missoula community.

Sponsorships available.
Crèche submissions welcome.

Information/tickets:
406-721-2409
www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org
Online purchases at missoula.org, click "Donate"

Friday Gala Donation:
\$40/person in advance, \$50/person at the door

Saturday Gingerbread Brunch Donation:
\$10/adult, \$5/child, \$30/family of five or more (family=2 adults+children)

What is a crèche?
Crèche is the French word for crib or manger. A crèche or nativity is a display of the figures of Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus, sometimes surrounded by shepherds, kings, an angel and farm animals. St. Francis created the first crèche in order to inspire devotion for the impoverished Holy Family.

Why this display
Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity are both projects to benefit the homeless. Into a homeless family, the "Holy Family", the Son of God was born. For them there was "No Room at the Inn."

"Immigration - Holy Family"
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Blessed Trinity Catholic Community



Limitless Ministries

An evening of music from the Bing Crosby Era.

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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. If you have a house that you want to turn in, please contact Rebecca @ rebecca@micmt.org.

Several businesses, congregations, St. Joseph's Elementary School, and individuals are decorating and using Houses for Change to collect donations for the campaign. So far, we've given out 400 houses!



Looking for a gift for the person who has everything? Consider donating a Welcome Basket in their name to give to a Family Promise family when they transition out of Family Promise into their home. Many families need most everything and these Welcome Baskets help offset the costs of moving into a new place. There are nine different Welcome Baskets, **as well as the opportunity to give gas cards or gift cards.** Sign up for 1-4 kits and once the family is moved in, you will get an email with information about how to deliver the welcome kit. It's been a great way to help our families get off to a good start!



For more information go to [Welcome Baskets & Gifts](#)

Thank you.

Family Promise Center Donation Requests:

- **Paper towels**
- **Bathroom and Kitchen Cleaning Supplies**

For drop-off information, give us a call at (406) 207-8228

Thank you!

The Annual John Floridis Concert, a benefit of Family Promise is right around the

MUSICAL JOURNEY OF DARKNESS TO LIGHT WITH ED STALLING
AND SPECIAL GUESTS

December's Peaceful Season Benefit Concert Series John Floridis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 7PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 300 EAST MAIN ST.

The donations from tonight's concert benefit Family Promise of Missoula. Family Promise is a program of the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative. 28 congregations and businesses work together to host homeless families each night. Families are provided with a place to stay, warm and nourishing meals, and friendship and hospitality.

This concert was made possible by several generous sponsors including: Boone Karlberg, Rattlesnake Market and Cafe, Randy and Theresa Cox, and the First United Methodist Church

BOONE KARLBERG RATTLESNAKE

MISSOULA First United Methodist Church Family Promise of Missoula MIC MISSOULA INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE

corner! Join us on December 22nd!

Recycling Works

ECO-FRIENDLY POP UP SHOP

Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
3-8pm Saturday Dec 14th

RECYCLING WORKS IS NOW PICKING UP FROM ALL OF MISSOULA. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT MISSOULA'S ONLY GLASS RECYCLER.

We sent our first shipment down to Salt Lake City! 40,000 tons! Thank you all for making Missoula more sustainable.

We offer:

- Once-monthly glass pick-up schedule.
- Every week compost pick-up.

Sign up here: [Recycling Works](#)



Welcome Back

Welcome Back is a coalition of men and women directly impacted by incarceration who are joined by community supporters to discuss the impacts of incarceration and re-entry, and to work together towards breaking down the barriers to re-entry. We do this through regular social gatherings and fellowship, through direct mentoring and advocacy with folks coming out of the corrections system, and by organizing to identify the pressures impacting these individuals and working with community partners to identify solutions.

Join Welcome Back at its monthly potluck 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul Lutheran Church, find us on Facebook or email

welcomeback2missoula@gmail.com



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

We're in need of a fancy paper cutter! If you have one to donate please contact Laurie at laurie@micmt.org



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.



MIC and Missoula Works have MOVED!

The MIC and Missoula Works offices have moved! We are now located at Atonement Lutheran Church, **2205 34th St.** at the corner of Schilling and 34th street, near the Brooks Street Missoula Federal Credit Union. Thank you St. Paul Lutheran Church for hosting us for these last six years, and thank you for still housing Recycling Works! Many more exciting updates to come!

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