



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

Missoula Works Alumnus Spotlight



When Missoula Works was just starting in 2017, Cheri was one of our first employees. She had recently become a wildland firefighter and was waiting to be called out for a fire that season. During this waiting time, Cheri needed to find a job as she was at risk of becoming homeless due to lack of income. After joining Missoula Works' **Get It Done** crew, Cheri's hard work earned her a crew lead position. She found that working with the crew was a rewarding experience because everyone held each other accountable and she took on a mentorship role. Cheri says it's easy for people to judge the types of folks she works with; rather, they're good people in a tough spot that need some help. As a recovering alcoholic, part of her recovery program is helping others in recovery. In turn, this energizes Cheri and aids in her

own recovery. She has enjoyed being a part of something that not only started from the ground up, but also helps the community. Throughout the program and even after leaving Missoula Works, Cheri still has Missoula Works as one of her support systems. Cheri says that Missoula Works has always had her back. Today, Cheri continues her career in fighting wildfires as a squad boss. This job has pushed her to become both physically and mentally strong. In the fire off-season, she is a volunteer EMT for the Frenchtown Fire Department and an artist specializing in wood burning. Missoula Works has loved seeing Cheri make these great strides in her life and we're incredibly proud of her! Support our mission of empowering people through employment. Call us first! (406) 926-3400 or email getitdone@missoulaworks.com

Housing Advocate Network

"Great news! The city has hired a new Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator and a Mental Health Diversion Specialist, both of which will be housed in the city police department. This is a great step towards insuring that folks with mental health issues get help and not handcuffs."

Zeke Campfield, Housing Advocate Network Director

Salvation Army's winter shelter program 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.

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



Thank you Lithia Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for the **\$500 donation** to support a Family Promise families staying at the Sleep Inn last month. We appreciate our community partners!



Still feel like giving? Gas cards or gift cards for families are always helpful. The Day Center appreciates kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, including paper towels. Thank you! For drop-off information, give us a call at (406) 207-8228.

See Them Home!



Thanks to all who have supported the See Them Home Campaign to build the Meadowlark, Emergency Family Housing Center and Domestic Violence Shelter. So many groups participated in hundreds of creative ways. From apples to nativities to tattoos- each group found a way to raise funds for this campaign. We had a great celebration on January 18th! Thanks to our workerbee See Them Home Team who have been working tirelessly this past six months to engage our congregations in this campaign. Nancy Marks (Immanuel) Becky Boehmer (Limitless) Denise Giuliani and Maureen O'Malley (St Anthony's)

Shawn Decareaux (River Valley) Sister Mary Jo Quinn & Louise Yamasaki (Blessed Trinity) Lorraine Carlson (First United Methodist) Vicke Schend (St Paul Lutheran) and Rebecca Pettitt (MIC)

Construction of our new facility, The Meadowlark, is moving right along. The concrete walls of the underground parking garage are now nearly complete.

The front of the building will face Third Street (shown in picture here), with access to the parking garage through the back of the building.

We are now at 90% of our 8 million Goal. To check out the up-to-date progress be sure to visit www.seethemhome.org and click on PROGRESS. If you haven't had a chance to donate- please do so!



Houses For Change

Hundreds of houses were all over Missoula this fall/winter, showing up in school classrooms, congregations, youth groups, businesses, and homes. Thank you to everyone who took a house. If you still have your house at home, it is not too late! In total, we raised over **\$10,000** in these small houses! Wow, thank you!



Recycling Works

Recycling a quarter million pounds of glass per year.

- **Drop-off event March 1st, more to come!**

RECYCLING WORKS IS NOW PICKING UP FROM ALL OF MISSOULA:

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

Sign up here: [Recycling Works](#)

Thank you everyone for making Missoula more sustainable!



Welcome Back

Welcome Back is a coalition of individuals 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 e-mail

welcomback2missoula@gmail.com

Easy ways to give to MIC!

We are looking for a few office items. Call and/or email Laurie to donate laurie@micmt.org or 207-8228

- Office Conference Table
 - Waiting Room Chairs
 - Small Desk
 - Waiting Room Lamps, a pair
 - Storage Shelving
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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



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 streets, near the Brooks Street Clear Water 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!

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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