

When you give to the Helena Area Community Foundation, you are giving to our grantees. Please take a moment and see the impact your support had on the Helena area.

This year, HACF awarded grants up to \$1,000 per applicant for projects that promote: arts and culture, basic community needs, education, health services, historic preservation, land and environmental conservation, and youth programs.

6th Ward Garden Park: www.6thwardgardenpark.com

HACF awarded a \$500 grant to the Garden Park to purchase plants, especially edible varieties to produce food for the community.

AERO: www.aeromt.org

AERO used a \$500 grant from HACF to show the film about the life *Look and See, A Portrait of Wendall Berry* at the Myra Loy. The film encourages the value of small and local farms and economies. AERO was able to use proceeds from the screening to support its annual Expo.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena: www.bbbs-helena.org

BBBS was awarded a \$500 grant to support children on the wait list who are in foster care with an adult mentor. So far, five children have been served. The grant money may also fill gaps that are left from state funding shortfalls.

Bike Walk Montana: www.bikewalkmontana.org

When driving through Helena, you may have see the important billboard sponsored by Bike Walk Montana to promote the message to yield to pedestrians at all intersections. The Helena Area Community Foundation was proud to award the \$750 grant to pay for the billboard. As a result, other communities are interested in billboards around the state.

Career Training Institute: www.ctibrc.org

The Career Training Institute used \$500 from HACF to purchase phone cards for job seekers who receive SNAP benefits. So far, the purchase of phone cards has been successful locally for job seekers and nationally, as the federal government has changed policy and allows SNAP employment funds to be used to purchase phone cards.

CASA of Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties: www.casaoflcbwc.org

With the \$1000 grant from HACF, CASA was able to launch its Peer Coordinator Program. Currently, 66 CASA advocates serve over 230 children in the two counties who have been removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect. The Peer Program will allow staff to free up time answering questions from advocates and allow for more children to be served by an advocate.

Cohesion Dance Project: www.cohesiondance.org

CDP used it's \$800 grant from HACF to support its unique Adaptive Dance Outreach Program that provides dance classes for youth and adults with disabilities and special needs. The grant will allow the program to grow over the next three years and reach more students with more varied needs.

The Friendship Center: www.thefriendshipcenter.org

The Friendship Center is using its \$500 to help with Helena's transportation problems. Initially, the grant money was going to be used to service a donated car, but the car was too expensive to maintain. Instead, funds are being used to purchase taxis, bus rides and other transportation services for the Center's clients.

Girls Thrive: www.girlsthive.com

Girls Thrive is a newer organization in the Helena area and was able to use the \$1000 grant to grow its 4 and 8 week programs offered to teen girls. During the programs, teens run, mountain bike, rock climb, kayak, hike, swim and more. The grant was also used to do yearly service on the ten mountain bikes used.

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity: www.helenahabitat.org

HACF was proud to partner with other Helena organizations and businesses to in granting \$1000 to fund the Bixby House, the most recent Habitat house completed for a young family. With the help of other nonprofits and local businesses the family of seven now has a stable home.

Helena Food Share: www.helenafoodshare.org

HACF was proud to support for expanding nutritional options for kids with a \$1000 grant to Helena Food Share. Each Friday, the Food Share sends home packages of food to kids who likely do not have enough food for the weekend. The grant purchased, locally grown grains, like kamut, to include in the packs.

Holter Museum of Art: www.holtermuseum.org

The Holter Museum is always finding ways to bring art to youth. With a \$1000 grant from HACF, the Holter teamed with professional media artists from the MAPS (Media Arts in the Public Schools) program to lead teens in creating 3-5 minute documentary films about the teen experience.

Intermountain Children's Home: www.intermountain.org

Every youth should have the opportunity to attend summer camp with their peers. That is why HACF was proud to grant \$500 to support an occupational therapy camp for kids. The camp was able to raise a significant amount of funds from other businesses and foundations, but the grant from HACF made it possible and funded additional scholarships.

Kay McKenna Youth Foundation: www.kayskidsmt.org

Keeping kids safe and fed during the summer months is a top priority for HACF. The \$1000 grant to Kay McKenna Youth Foundation was used to replace funds that were lost for lunches each day and provided breakfasts for many of the children.

Lincoln Community Hall: www.facebook.com/lincoln-community-hall-521681751268122

Often the best support for a community is to make sure residents have a place to gather and celebrate. The Lincoln Community Hall was granted \$500 to complete maintenance on the hall and make it safe and usable for a variety of local events.

Lincoln Volunteer Ambulance Service

Volunteer ambulance services rely heavily on grants and donation, but are often difficult to secure. HACF was proud to grant \$500 to the Lincoln Ambulance to purchase more pediatric kits for the ambulances. The Service remains in dire need of more upgrades that are quite costly.

Montana Ethical Hackers: mthackers.com

One of HACF's goals is to provide a clean and safe community. The grant to MEH of \$200 was used to clean hateful and vulgar graffiti from the area of the Downtown Walking Mall.

Montana Shares: www.montanshares.org

HACF is always looking at ways to promote local nonprofits and their work in our area. HACF awarded Montana Shares, a partnership of nonprofits, \$540 to produce and film a weekly television interview series on Helena Civic Television that highlights area nonprofits.

Montana Independent Living Project: www.mILp.us

Affordable, reliable transportation for residents of Helena, especially the elderly. A grant of \$1000 helped MILP provide accessible rides for seniors to attend doctor appointments, family events, and daily activities on evening and weekends. The service is trying to remain available, but funds are desperately needed.

Myrna Loy Center: www.myrna Loycenter.org

Helena's teen suicide rate is a constant worry. The Myrna Loy Center has created a community art project for teens most at risk in the Helena Youth Homes, PAL, YWCA and expand art into smaller communities. HACF awarded \$1000 to continue the work from last year's grant and help the project secure national funding.

Rocky Mountain Development Council: www.rmDC.net

A keystone resource for Helena, the RMDC houses human and social services to residents in Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, and Jefferson Counties. Because the Council does so much, it is vital to communicate the services effectively. HACG granted RMDC \$500 to update and print a new brochure of 8 vital programs.

Youth Connections: www.youthconnectionscoalition.org

Helena area community foundation loves to support our youth and the \$1000 grant to Youth Connections funded the expansion of the Pure Performance program to area middle schools. The program educates and encourages a healthy lifestyles among teens, as the age of onset for substance abuse is 11.

