

Letter from the President

Hello friends and neighbors,

\$587,023. Recently I was asked to reflect on all that has happened with the Moonlight Community Foundation since 2013. \$587,023 is the amount of money the MCF has given out since then.

On behalf of the entire Moonlight Community Foundation Board I would like to thank all of our donors who made that number possible. Each year we endeavor to give out at least 10% more than we had the previous year and this wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you also to all the non-profits in the area that make this town better, safer and a place for so many of us to call home, no matter how many weeks we get to spend here.

For those of you who haven't yet given to the Moonlight Community Foundation I'd like to take a moment to convince you why you should consider giving to MCF.

In 2019, MCF is aiming for 100% participation from each homeowner and club member to give to the Foundation. In 2018 we had about 35%. I am respectfully asking each and every one of you to give what you can in thanks for all that Big Sky has given to you.

If you haven't noticed, Big Sky, along with Moonlight, is bustling. Driving around you see development almost everywhere. With both visitor and population numbers on the rise, so, too, are the issues that the town is facing. Two of the biggest problems confronting Big Sky right now are affordable housing and mental health. MCF is trying our best to help be part of the solution for each. We gave money to

the Big Sky Housing Trust to fund their Down Payment Assistance Program, and we also gave money to Women in Action so they can bring in a second counselor, as the wait time for new patients could be up to six weeks - far too long when you need someone to talk to. These are just two of the 35 grants and \$226,000 our foundation - YOUR foundation - gave out in 2018. But there is still a lot of good to be done for the Big Sky community.

Giving back to this community that has given my own family countless opportunities, adventures and escapes – in the simplest of terms – feels good. We hike and bike on trails here, and then cool ourselves by jumping off the Green Bridge into the crisp, clean waters of the Gallatin. We get dressed up and head to a world-class performance at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center. On Thursday nights in the summer you can find us enjoying the free "Music in the Mountains." We educate our kids at the local public school where they learn by doing. Our kids attend Camp Moonlight because it's the greatest summer experience around. The Morris family donates to the Moonlight Community Foundation because we believe in the mission and because it feels good to give back to this area that has given us so much. We hope you join our family.

With Gratitude,

MCF Board President

Heather Morris



2018

Giving by Program

2018 TOTAL \$226,287





Save the Dates - 2019

Moonlight Spring Social March 24, Moonlight Tavern

Ski Bridges of Madison **County Annual Fundraiser** July 21

Camp Moonlight Registration

Camp Moonlight Session 1:

May 1

July 22 - 25

Moonlight Trail Day

Session 2:

July 13

July 29 - Aug. 1

MCF Granting by Category 2015-2018

MCF has granted over \$587,000 over the past four years.



Making a grant request is easy

MCF has a biannual grant cycle. Grant applications are due on May 15th and November 15th of each year.

Grant applications are available on our website MoonlightCommunityFoundation.org. The Grants tab on the website contains all the information required to submit a grant.



Camp Moonlight

Camp Moonlight, our flagship program founded in 2013 to promote youth development, continues to grow beyond our wildest imagination! Every year, campers come together to discover the beauty of nature and wildlife, and to develop outdoor skills that will forever impact their confidence and curiosity of the world around them. A typical adventure day at Camp Moonlight may include fly fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, or orienteering to an overnight backcountry excursion for our older "Bear" campers.

Camp Moonlight also offers the opportunity to mentor and inspire a new generation of young adults. Our Junior Guide program, ages 14-17, provides teenagers valuable life lessons and leadership skills as they lead young campers under the guidance of experienced Adult Guides. In 2018, we awarded 38 Camp Moonlight scholarships totaling \$17,100 to local children and families allowing them to experience the wonders and joy of camp life. In addition, MCF funded wilderness training to our Adult and Junior Guides.

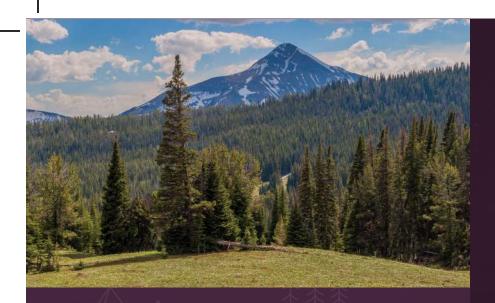
The friendships, laughter, learning, and adventures are forever treasured and embedded in the hearts and minds of our campers as well as our guides. Thank you for supporting our youth education at Camp Moonlight.

Registration for 2019 Camp Moonlight will begin May 1, 2019. The camp is open to all children ages 5-17.

If you have an interest in enrolling or sponsoring a child, please email us at info@moonlightcommunityfoundation.com







Wilderness Society

Big open spaces, natural landscapes and the sheer beauty of Montana is what likely drew you here in the first place. In 2018, MCF funded the Wilderness Society's ongoing efforts to protect the Gallatin and Madison Ranges through collaborative conservation and forest planning. The Wilderness Society administers protections in recreation areas including along the Gallatin River and throughout the National Forest — the very areas that we have all come to love and appreciate in Big Sky.

Women In Action

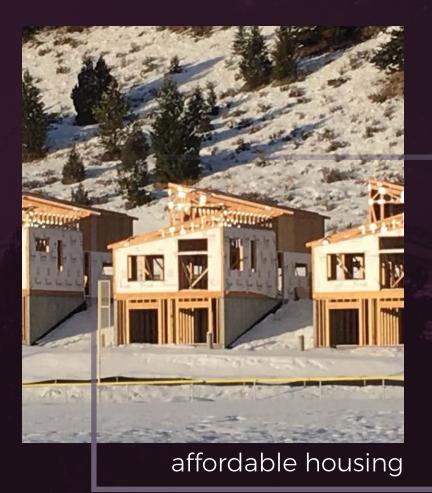


Women In Action is committed to identifying and meeting the needs of the Big Sky community through a variety of service projects that engage residents of all ages. For several years, MCF has been partnering with Women in Action as the organization addresses one of Big Sky's most pressing needs: access and affordability of behavioral health services. Through partnerships with Alcohol and Drug Services of Gallatin County, MSU's Human Development Clinic, and Dr. Hillary Morin, WIA is able to support a variety of services, including individual, couple, family, and substance use disorder therapies.

Thanks to a Moonlight Community Foundation grant, WIA and the Human Development Clinic are able to bring a second master's level counseling intern to Big Sky in the 2019-2020 academic year.







Down Payment Program



As Big Sky continues to grow, so does the need for affordable housing. Moonlight Community Foundation views this as one of the more critical issues facing the Big Sky community and has offered its support to the Big Sky Down Payment Assistance Fund, which provides between \$10,000-\$55,000 in loans to qualified local workers to help them purchase a home or condo in Big Sky using a conventional mortgage. Applicants must be employed in Big Sky for 12 months, and their purchased property must be owner-occupied. The loan has 0% interest and is repaid upon resale of the property, with appreciation share. This creates a revolving fund that allows future qualified buyers to benefit from the program with subsequent loans and is managed by the Big Sky Community Housing Trust.

This deed-restricted entry-level ownership opportunity for Big Sky workers is located in Meadow Village behind the softball fields. Total demand for down payment assistance for the 52 MeadowView units is anticipated to be over \$1 Million. The support of MCF is vital in providing housing opportunities to community members who desire to live and work in Big Sky.

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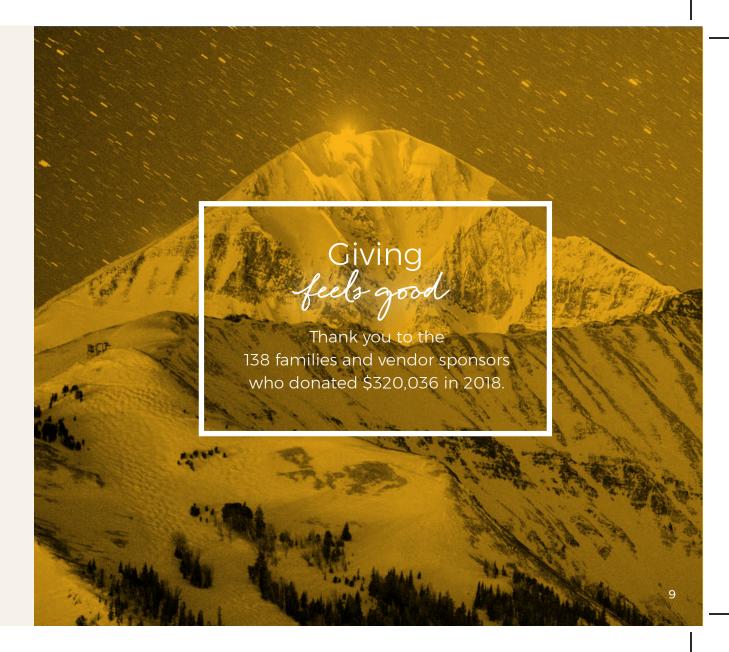
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