

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since taking over the Director position here at the Foundation for Community Care, I have been struck by one thing over and over again. Trust. The amount of trust the Foundation has earned over the last 32 years is absolutely humbling and inspiring.

Eastern Montanan individuals, families & businesses trust the Foundation for Community Care to make their charitable giving as effective and meaningful as possible. The Foundation has been honored to receive gifts of all sizes from people representing Richland County and beyond. Many donors direct their gifts to specific causes, others entrust the allocation of their funds to us. All of our donors share a sense of community that magnifies the significance of their donation well beyond its dollar value.

Here is what the Foundation can offer you:

- Flexibility & Focus

You decide how, when and where to give your money. Foundation staff helps you transform your wishes into action.
- Reliability

Your charitable funds are invested and professionally managed in a large, well-diversified portfolio.
- Efficiency

Giving through the Foundation for Community Care reduces or eliminates the time and expense of giving multiple donations to a variety of organizations. Your gift to the Endowment can affect the entire community.
- Financial Stewardship

The Foundation can help you achieve maximum tax advantage and work with your financial advisors and attorneys to incorporate giving into your plans.
- Support & Leadership

Foundation staff, volunteers and board members work to identify the greatest local needs, so your donations can make the greatest impact.
- Insight

The community is our top priority. The staff and board of directors is always accessible to engage and transition all generations of philanthropists.



Gina Heckey
Executive Director

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2015 Grant & Scholarships

The Foundation for Community Care was founded in 1983 with the mission of “Helping to Ensure the Continuance and Quality of local Healthcare Services.” A portion of the earnings from the endowment fund are awarded each year to fund area healthcare needs, as you’ll read below. 100% of every donation made to the Foundation for Community Care stays in our community for current and future healthcare needs.

2015 was a banner year, with over \$252,000 in community grants, and \$9,000 in local scholarships awarded. The Foundation scholarship program was created to support our local graduates who choose to pursue a healthcare related degree. This was the first year we were able to honor the memory of Jessica Vannatta with an education scholarship as well.

Since the beginning of both programs, over \$3 million has been given out by the Foundation for Community Care.

2015 Scholarship Award Winners:
Maci Holst, Karley Leland, Krista Steinbeisser, Tammy Jones, Jessica Vieyra, Bailee Jo Fink, Josi Tippet, Victoria Hill, and Hailey Steinbeisser.

2015 Grant Recipients:
Savage Manor, Richland County DUI Task Force, Richland Opportunities, Inc, D.A.R.E Program, Richland County Senior Coalition, Sunrise Pregnancy Center, Mental Health Advisory Council, Richland County Health Department, Richland County Ambulance Department, and Healthworks. Sidney Health Center departments: Extended Care, Rehabilitation, Medication Assistance, Laboratory, Physical Therapy, Surgery, Emergency Department.



“This system has added another level of safety and accuracy in our work. It also saves us time, which translates into a higher quality of service for our customers.”
Lynn Beyerle, Pharmacy Director.



“I believe my purpose in life is to help people. I believe that careers in healthcare genuinely help by promoting the best human connection... the most powerful feeling in the world”

Tori Hill
Biology for Pre-Medicine Student
Carroll College, Helena, MT

The Foundation annually awards scholarships to students from Richland County that are pursuing a degree in a healthcare curriculum. Priority is given to those students who plan to return to the area. Since 2006, \$48,500.00 in scholarships have been awarded to local students.

OUR LEADERS

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE

Mission

The mission of the Foundation for Community Care is to help ensure the continuance and quality of local healthcare services.

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FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY CARE

Upcoming

EVENTS

October:

27th – Red Ribbon Celebration

November:

7th – Wine & Food Festival

December:

All Month – Light A Life Campaign

16th – Holiday Open House

February:

12th – Shut out Cancer

20th – Cattlemen's Ball

Visit our website for more information about these and other upcoming events:



www.foundationforcommunitycare.org



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CHARITABLE GIVING

Ensuring Quality Healthcare | Working Together | Giving Back



When you think of the holiday season, what comes to mind? Gift exchanges? Holiday parties? Home-baked pies? Taxes?

The holiday season is a great time to make some last-minute tax moves before the year is over. Here are seven favorites:

- 1. Ask for a New Year's Bonus Instead of a Christmas Bonus**
By delaying your bonus by only a week, you can push the payment of taxes on the income 15 months into the future — a year from next April.
- 2. Clean Out Your Closets and Donate to Charity**
You can clean out the old clothes, sporting goods, books, and other household goods that you no longer use and welcome the New Year with new space in your life, and get a quick tax deduction to boot.

Document these donations by making a list of the items at the time you donate.

- 3. Pay Donations by Credit Card**
Payments made by credit card are deductible in the year they are charged, not the year they are paid, so you can donate to your favorite charity by December 31 and not pay the bill until next year.
- 4. Contribute the Maximum to Your 401(k) or 403(b) Retirement Plans**
Some employers will allow you to catch up on contributions by increasing your deduction on your last paychecks of the year. If you are 50 or over, don't forget that you can contribute an additional \$5,500 "catch-up" contribution in addition to the regular 401(k) or 403(b) limit.
- 5. Check the Balance in Your Flexible Spending Account**
A wonderful fringe benefit, these helpful plans allow you to set aside a portion of your salary before taxes for certain purposes, such as child care or health care expenses.

These plans did work on the "use it or lose it" concept: any amount unused at the end of the year was lost, however the Treasury and IRS modified the rule and now employees

may be allowed to carry over \$500 of unused amounts for next year's expenses. Your employer may also offer the existing plan option to use unused amounts for up to two and half months following year end.

- 6. Bunch your Medical Bills**
Medical expenses are only deductible when they exceed 10% of your adjusted gross income (still 7.5% if you are over 65). If your income is low this year or your medical expenses are high, speed up your deductions accordingly. If you want to take the deductions this year, pay any outstanding medical bills before year-end, stock up on prescriptions, get new glasses, and pay your health insurance premiums before the end of the year.
- 7. Don't Forget to Gather Your Receipts**
You can deduct union dues, legal and professional fees relating to tax and investment advice, and unreimbursed employee business expenses of mileage, equipment, education, and supplies, among other things. If you pay a lot of expenses for your job or your investments, gather up the receipts and cancelled checks so you can save more money when you file your taxes.



You are not too young to need a will or trust.



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OUR STAFF

Melissa Boyer Earns CGPA certification

Melissa Boyer recently underwent an intense training and testing process to earn a designation of Certified Gift Planning Associate. The program is designed to increase knowledge and expertise in gift planning. Beginning with the tax legislation enacted in 1986—which dramatically increased capital gains taxes—professional financial advisors and donors turned to other charitable planning instruments such as the charitable remainder trust to fulfill a philanthropic desire and simultaneously avoid, minimize, or delay the capital gains taxes. An aging donor population and an unprecedented growth in asset values further strengthened the attractiveness of other planned giving instruments such as the charitable remainder trust and charitable gift annuity. Melissa Boyer, Planned Giving Officer, has a strong knowledge of the community and its donors, and her technical knowledge now allows her to work to fulfill the financial needs of any individual or organization who turns to the Foundation for Community Care.



Dain Earwood, Community Engagement Coordinator

Dain Earwood is originally from Washington, but relocated from the Evergreen State to Montana over a decade ago. He was recently hired to fill the Community Engagement Coordinator role for the Foundation for Community Care.

Dain has had a passion for art his whole life. His work has been published in several newspapers and the MAEA Signature Magazine in Western Montana. He was recognized as student of the month by Sidney High School for his accomplishments with his artwork. Dain graduated from SHS in 2013 and shortly thereafter began work in Sidney. He's new to the Non-Profit world but is eager to learn everything he can to become as philanthropically equipped as possible.



When asked how he felt about his new role, Dain stated, "I'm excited to be working with such an enthusiastic group of people, they make every day more interesting than the last. I have nothing but good things to say about what the Foundation for Community Care does, and I feel lucky to take part in what this organization contributes to the area."

Lori Wilhelm, Fundraising Assistant

The next time you come in the front door at the Foundation, you will see Lori Wilhelm sitting front and center, and she's so happy to be here. This organization has touched her family in such a profound way since receiving the Angel Fund, that when the opportunity arose to serve as the Fundraising Assistant, she didn't hesitate to apply for the position.

Lori is married to the love of her life, Alvin, who is the owner and operator of A 2 Z Construction. It's a family run business with their daughter Chelsie (who works from AZ), and their three sons Austin, Preston, and Nate. Their future son-in-law, Brett Zadow, works right alongside them. Alvin and Lori also have an amazing grandson, Graysen, who also lives in Arizona.

Having moved from here to Arizona and back, Lori learned to appreciate having roots in her community. With many friends and family members here in Sidney, she's thrilled to be able to also meet you, our donors.



EVENTS

Old to New

Don't miss the Foundation for Community Care's 2015 Wine & Food Festival on Saturday, November 7th, from 7-10 pm at the Richland County Event Center in Sidney. The theme this year is 'Old to New' in celebration of the changing landscape of Richland County.

Throughout the evening, attendees have the opportunity to sample an array of different wines and delicious appetizers from local caterers and restaurants. You will also have a chance to browse and bid on artwork donated by local, talented artists.

A limited amount of tickets will be sold this year, they will go on sale on October 1st at the Foundation for Community Care. Tickets are \$75 each and include a commemorative wine glass featuring the Extended Care building at Sidney Health Center. Local artist Bill Clark has been the designer behind the wine glass art for the last 22 years.

All proceeds raised during the event directly benefit the Foundation's Endowment Fund, helping ensure the continuance and quality of local health-care services. Get dressed up for a night out with great food, wine & art.

For more information about the 2015 Wine & Food Festival or the Foundation for Community Care, please call 406-488-2273 or stop by the Foundation office located at 221 2nd St. NW in Sidney. You must be at least 21 to attend the event. Tickets are non-refundable.

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL



NOVEMBER 7, 2015

7:00 - 10:00 PM

**Richland County Fair Event Center
Sidney, MT**

Admission: \$75.00 per ticket

Tickets are available for purchase at Sidney Health Center and the Foundation for Community Care or by calling (406) 488-2273. No tickets will be sold the night of the event.

**INDIVIDUALS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND.
ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE CARDED AT THE EVENT.**

All proceeds benefit local healthcare through the Foundation for Community Care's Endowment Fund.



MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Owen's Story

By Meagan Dotson

By March of 2013 we were well aware that our lives were going to change forever; I was pregnant with our third child and busy thinking about the tiny life that would have such a big impact on our family. My thoughts were of baby names and little clothes the day I walked into Sidney Health Center and found out we would be having a boy. That was also the day I learned that my son had spina bifida and would later learn he had, and still has, OEIS Complex.

"Don't go online and research it (OEIS Complex)," one doctor told me. "It's only going to scare you."

Good advice especially since I lacked nothing in the terror department. But life doesn't wait for you to find your courage and we only had a couple of months to get everything in order before I had to be in Denver in case of premature labor. My cousin told me about the Medical Emergency Fund at the Foundation for Community Care and I quickly applied; money isn't something you want to have to think about in the midst of medical crisis, but expenses are a reality. The Medical Emergency Fund helped with the cost of being in Denver from June until mid-August.

Fortunately my sister lives about 15 minutes away from University Hospital, where Owen Joshua Dotson was born on July 3, 2013 via emergency cesarean before they took him across the street to Children's Hospital, where he would spend the first few weeks of his life. I didn't have a warm baby placed in my arms, but rather just a few moments to caress his skin before they wheeled him off. He was very real and this was really happening. At two days old he had his first life-saving surgery and at approximately two weeks he had his second surgery and all we could do was wait.

Today, Owen is a happy, sweet little boy who loves Thomas the Tank Engine, chocolate milk, and the iron statues out-



side of the Foundation for Community Care. He's had three surgeries and he has many more ahead of him. We have received an overwhelming amount of support from our family, friends, and the community and have been fortunate to work with some amazing doctors, nurses, and specialists. But, I will always recall the last appointment I had in Billings before moving to Denver for the summer. My regular doctor was gone and his partner was filling in for him. Without even introducing herself, she walked into the exam room and told me that I needed to move to Denver, relocate our family, and plan on being there for the next two to three years because of the severity of Owen's condition and the difficulty that would come with living in such a rural area. She could've been right; Owen requires a lot of medical travel but I am willing to do that because it's what he needs and this is our home. I can do that because there are people in this community that choose to give selflessly to help those that they may never know. Giving to the Medical Emergency Fund is a gift that gets people where they need to go and then it brings them home. Thank you.

Light a Life Campaign

The Medical Emergency Fund helps local people with emergency travel when they suffer from an illness or medical condition our local doctors feel would be best treated outside of the area. These families face worry, stress and extreme financial burdens. The Medical Emergency Fund helps ease this burden, a gesture which sometimes makes all the difference during a very serious healthcare crisis. The Medical Emergency Fund allows community members to answer the

call for help that is needed by so many.

In 2015 23 families' lives were brightened by the Medical Emergency Fund during their time of need. \$6,750 was given out to ease the financial burden these families felt while traveling to receive medical treatment. With your help, we can do more.

When you make a gift to the Medical Emergency Fund, either

a memorial gift or an honorary gift, we'll send a special card to whomever you request. For every gift, a star will be put on display at Sidney Health Center. If you'd like to Light a Life this holiday season, visit our office at 221 2nd Street NW, Sidney. You can also call our office at (406) 488-2273, or mail your gift to the address above.



RIBBON WALK

Supporting Cancer Services in Richland County



The 2nd Annual Ribbon Walk event featured a new celebration and memorial ceremony. Live butterflies were released in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those lost to cancer.

"Butterflies are a symbol of new life and we felt it was a perfect way to celebrate cancer survivors and honor loved ones we've lost," stated Toni Zieske, Ribbon Walk committee member. "For the cancer survivor, it is the celebration of facing a difficult battle and finding new hope and life. For those releasing in memory of a loved one, it is remembering the joy and happiness of having them in our lives and releasing them to a new and better place."

The Ribbon Walk took place on Friday, June 19 at Swanson Field at Sidney High School. Due to inclement

weather, the butterfly ceremony was postponed until the following Tuesday, giving supporters and survivors twice the chance to celebrate.

Raising over \$30,000, all proceeds from the event went to benefit the Richland County Cancer Coalition and Sidney Health Center's Cancer Care Center through the Foundation for Community Care. The Cancer Coalition offers assistance to individuals with a cancer diagnosis with non-medical household expenses; while the Cancer Care Center provides the latest and most up to date medical equipment and programs.



3rd Hard Hat Tour Campaign a Success

High Plains Veterinary Clinic, in conjunction with the Foundation for Community Care offered a limited, exclusive tour of their eagerly anticipated location opening. A \$100 donation to the Foundation's Endowment fund secured a spot in a tour of the state-of-the-art clinic on Tuesday, May 26th. Owners J.J. Hovde, DVM, and Gary Schieber, DVM, led the tour. In addition to an insider's view of the new location, donors also enjoyed a BBQ dinner and locally brewed beer by Meadowlark Brewery.



Successful 22nd Annual Foundation for Community Care Benefit Golf Scramble

What a day to have a golf tournament! Saturday, August 29th, 2015 marked the 22nd Annual Foundation for Community Care Benefit Golf Scramble at Sidney Country Club.

Teams began arriving at 7am to smoky, gray skies, which helped keep the temperature down. Sunny's Family Restaurant and Yellowstone Painting provided a hearty and flavorful breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and sausage links to get our golfers swinging hard on their first tee off.

As teams followed their shots around the golf course, they were greeted with ice cold Blue Rock beverages, sweet and salty Sunrise City Kettle Corn, and the opportunity to win \$10,000 with a lucky hole-in-one drive sponsored by Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Coop. Other new additions to the tournament this year were a long drive specialist, Ryan Cooper, who would drive your tee shot for a donation, and the Hot Shot Ball Canon. The Hot Shot is capable of shooting your golf ball up to 400 yards. For a donation, teams shot the ball canon to land their ball on the front edge of the green. These additions to the tournament seemed to be quite popular with participants, and all donations to the golf tournament went directly to benefit the Foundation's Endowment Fund. As always, the mini golf style putting challenge was a hit with 6

holes of frustration and delight.

Lunch was served in the clubhouse from 11am-2pm. The Fringe restaurant provided juicy hamburgers and grilled chicken breasts, fries, chips, fruit, salads, and a build your own ice cream sundae bar for dessert. No one went back on the course hungry or disappointed.

Each year, this tournament brings a very special group of people together. The golf tournament is a fundraiser, but more than that, it's a gathering of givers. Thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, Sidney Country Club Staff, and to our donors for making this event happen each year. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to our winning teams!

- 1st place-Tournament**
Garth Kallevig, Brent Kallevig, Mitch Kallevig, Cody Kallevig, Eric George, Jake Hemphill
- 7th place-Tournament**
Jeff Aisenbrey, Caleb Dasinger, Jim Lander, Rick Sandau, Wayne Thorn, Terry Wilkinson
- 16th place-Tournament**
Joe Couture, Sheila Couture, Larry Abbott, Dollie Abbott, Josh O'Donnell, Patty Kittleson
- 1st place-Putting Contest**
Larry Herman, Donnie Petty
- 2nd place-Putting Contest**
Steve Colvin, Brian McNutt
- 3rd place-Putting Contest**
Jim Lander, Terry Wilkinson



Red Ribbon Week

The Foundation for Community Care is proud to partner with area businesses, individuals and schools to recognize Red Ribbon Week 2015. Red Ribbon Week is a nationally celebrated week intended to draw attention to drug abuse awareness and education.

The theme this year is "Respect Your Community" and will culminate in a free local concert and educational speaker. Red Ribbon Week typically focuses on children between the ages of 10-18, asking family members, neighbors and friends to have open and honest discussions about drug use issues in Richland County and beyond.

Tuesday, October 27th, former medical examiner, Dr. Gary Dale, will present a direct and hard hitting look at the implications of drug abuse, and 'The Voice' season 5 finalist, Kat Perkins, will have an

inspirational message and concert. Thanks to the generosity of a variety of community leaders and sponsors, a free BBQ dinner will be provided for all in attendance, as well as information from area health and wellness specialists and organizations.

Please plan to attend the event at 6:30 at Sidney High School, and bring your smart phone or mobile device to participate in our text-to-give initiative to help fund future Red Ribbon Week and local drug abuse awareness events!

Text 'DRUG' and a donation amount to 41444 to help continue educational opportunities for area youth. See you on the October 27th!

RESPECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Richland County Comes Together

featuring: **Kat PERKINS**

And Guest Speaker **Dr. Gary Dale**

FORMER STATE OF MONTANA MEDICAL EXAMINER
SPEAKING TO STUDENTS & THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AT 6:30PM IN THE SHS GYM ON OCTOBER 27TH

IN CONCERT
"The Voice" - season 6 semifinalist
OCTOBER 27TH
SHS GYM • 7:30PM

FREE COMMUNITY FEED! 4:30PM
GOAL \$35,000

This event will cost approximately \$35,000. To help absorb the expense, the Foundation For Community Care is accepting donations from anyone who would like to do so. Donations are 501c3 tax deductible.

Text "DRUG" to 41444 To Donate

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Thirty-One Fundraiser for Sidney Health Center Cancer Care Patients

During the month of October, in recognition of Breast Cancer awareness month, you can shop for a great cause. Independent consultant, Julia Lee, is offering a month long special on purchases of Thirty-One brand tote bags stuffed with goodies for patients undergoing cancer care at Sidney Health Center. Totes will contain useful items to ease the stress of chemotherapy treatments, such as games, lotion, blankets and snacks.

Bags will be for patients of any age or gender and can be purchased for \$35 by contacting Julia directly at 406-478-9220.

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