

MOUNTAIN HOME • MONTANA •



The statement is simple.

The goal is not.

Our mission is to provide a safe, loving home where young mothers can discover their strengths and their children can experience the joys of childhood.

WELCOME TO OUR HOME

For every pregnant young woman without support, life can go one of two ways.

She can remain impoverished, unhealthy and unsafe. She can subject another generation to the same circumstances, and on it goes. Or, she can create a stable family. She can be a self-sustaining individual—maybe even a positive force in her community. And the cycle is broken. For that, she needs guidance.

Acceptance. Basic necessities. And even skills. In short, she needs a home.

Young mothers seek out Mountain Home Montana for a safe place to sleep and food to eat. They come for the basics. They leave with so much more. At Mountain Home Montana, we offer a place for young and pregnant women and young mothers to live, learn, get back on their feet, and start new lives.



Our Story

Mountain Home Montana was established by Laura Snyder, who brought together \$54,000 and our first board of directors on October 1, 1998, and served as president of the board until 2003. In 1999, Bonnie Hamilton donated her family home to the program, establishing a legacy reflected in a place young moms can really call home.

In August of the following year the home opened, with room for three moms and their babies. The home then grew to its present capacity of six moms in 2001. Since then, we have helped hundreds of moms find safety and learn how to care for their families. Our dedication to the success of Mountain Home has been unflagging.

Some of our board members, a re also founding members. Gypsy Ray is the Executive Director and a founder of Mountain Home. An expert in her field, Gypsy has been providing much-needed services for pregnant and parenting moms since 1993. Her passionate leadership and spirit have helped make Mountain Home Montana the success it is today.

A message from our Executive Director, Gypsy Ray *M.S.W.*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

During this economic crisis I am sure that you have all heard about the struggles that non-profit organizations and charities are facing as we strive to raise the necessary funds to meet the increasing needs of our clients. Now more than ever we depend on financial support from our donors. I would like to thank all of our partners and supporters, new and continuing, for helping to make 2008 such a successful year for Mountain Home Montana.

As you will read in this report, it has been a rewarding year with lots of exciting outcomes for our



programs. Financially, we were able to meet our revenue goal and continue to provide quality services without increasing our cost of operations. We had successful fundraisers and fun community projects.

We do this so that the young mothers and children we serve have their basic needs met, including food, clothing, shelter, safety and access to medical care. We also offer a variety of comprehensive programs such as an employment and training program, life skills education, parenting classes, on-site therapy and chemical dependency counseling.

Mountain Home Montana served twenty young mothers and their babies in 2008. However, with a full house and a waiting list, we had to turn sixty-nine pregnant or parenting young mothers away. We are working on a new project to increase our capacity to meet the demand for our services. The Transitional Living Apartment Project, to be built in 2010, is the addition of five apartments to provide more housing units for single parent families as they transition to independent living.

Thank you so much for supporting Mountain Home, Montana I hope you will continue to support us through your generous donations in 2009 and in the years to come so that we can continue to do this critical work in Missoula.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Gypsy Ray, M.S.W.
Executive Director

Mountain Home by the Numbers 2008

- 20 young moms
- 16 children, and 4 pregnant mothers to be
- 8 either had or obtained their GED or high school diplomas (40%)
- 11 attended a high school or GED program (55%)
- 2 enrolled in college while residing at MHM (10%)
- 8 reported chemical dependency abuse (40%)
- 16 participated in Mountain Home's Self Development MH/CD group (80%)
- 2 reported being in foster care at some point in their life (10%)
- 8 were involved with the Department of Child and Family Services (40%)
- Second pregnancy (not including abortion) before the first year of their first child (5%).
- 16 of these women were considered homeless (80%)
- 12 either had or obtained their driver's license (60%)
- 7 were employed while residing at MHM (35%)
- 5 participated in Mocha Mamas MHPOD (total of 169 hours)

Statement of Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2008

Revenue		Expenses	
Grant revenue	\$371,154	Housing Support	\$107,163
Contributions	\$126,529	Housing Operations	\$105,400
Fundraising	\$47,629	Employment & Training	\$91,829
Resident Fees	\$25,575	Administration	\$39,489
Coffee Shop Sales	\$19,985	Fundraising	\$17,392
Interest & Dividends	\$266	Community Capacity Building	
In-Kind Donations	\$475		\$238,425
Assets Released	\$2115		
Total Revenues	\$593,728	Total Expenses	\$599,698

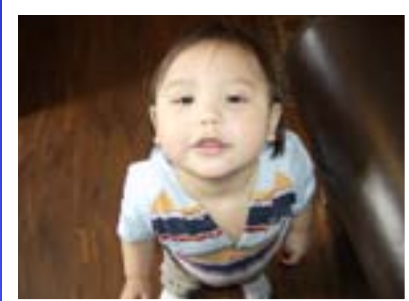
SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE TEEN SERVICES

Mountain Home Montana is the lead agency in a three year capacity building Systems to Improve Teen Services (SITS) grant that is funded by the Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program through the Administration for Children and Families. We partner with five other agencies that focus on serving youth ages 12 -21 and promoting positive youth development. Our partner agencies include Community Restorative Justice, Early Head Start, Futures, Missoula Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention Services (MAPPPS) and Missoula Forum for Children and Youth.

Over the past year this grant has funded three studies of Missoula Services which include “Exploring Emergency Housing Options for At-Risk Youth in Missoula” and “Chemical Dependency and Mental Health in Missoula: Gaps, Assets and Resources” and Mountain Home Montana’s organizational needs assessment. SITS also sponsored three community workshops including a STEEP workshop, “Where Do We Go from Here” and a Coalition workshop. The SITS grant is in its final year, but the impact it has had on Mountain Home Montana, our partner organizations and the Missoula community will be lasting.

Services we provide our Residents

- 24-hour Staff Support
- Case Management
- Life Skills Classes
- Parenting Classes
- Access to Health Care
- GED Preparation
- High School Enrollment
- Access to Social Services
- Mental Health Therapy
- Birthing Classes
- On-site Job Training
- Addiction Group & Counseling
- Transportation Assistance
- Recreational Activities



Mocha Mamas e3 MHPOD

Mocha Mamas is a drive-thru espresso stand located on the Mountain Home campus at 2606 South Avenue in Missoula. Proceeds benefit the organization. Our goal is to serve great coffee and provide superior customer service so that customers keep coming back.

In addition to great coffee, Mocha Mamas provides the Mountain Home Program for Occupational Development (MHPOD). MHPOD is a 60-hour job training program that allows young mothers, and mothers-to-be, an opportunity to hone work and interview skills in a safe, nurturing and non-judgmental environment.





The Festival of Trees

The Tradition Continues....

The 10th Annual Festival of Trees Benefit for Mountain Home Montana raised more than \$25,000 last year. In addition, the Festival provided a series of four community events to kick off the holiday season. The generosity of the Missoula community has made the Festival of Trees bigger and brighter every year. This success in 2008 kicked off a happy holiday season for Mountain Home Montana.

The Gala Tree Party and Live Auction attracted a crowd of over 150 guests and generated auction revenues of \$12,300 and \$5,000 in Fund-an-Item contributions. The Festival's Live Auction had 26 Items which were elaborately decorated themed trees, two wreaths and a lovely piece of furniture. The Teddy Bear Tea Party hosted over 100 little guests including parents and grandparents to an exciting tea party with Ms. Claus and crafts for the kids to do. This event raised nearly \$700.00. The Silent Auction at Southgate Mall experienced another successful year with over 100 items up for auction. Successful bidders raised \$4600.00! Sue Britton put on a wonderful event display at Southgate Mall. The Tour of Trees was back by popular demand, People of all ages love seeing the trees decorated by local businesses, festival designers, and individual decorators from the Missoula community. Each year these artists donate their time and effort to design a holiday themed tree or wreath to be auctioned off at our Gala Tree Party.



Festival Volunteers...

There are so many volunteers involved in bringing the Festival of Trees to Missoula. Last year, a 10 member steering committee, Mountain Home Montana Board Members, Mountain Home Montana staff and more than 100 volunteers helped produce the Festival of Trees, many working throughout the year. A big thanks to all of you! Save the date for Festival of Trees 2009. November 30th Southgate Mall Silent Auctions begins, December 3rd the Tour of Trees opens to the public, December 4th is Gala Tree Party & Live Auction at the DoubleTree Hotel, and December 5th is the Teddy Bear Tea Party at the DoubleTree Hotel.

When a young mother leaves Mountain Home Montana, she leaves as family. We care for our family.

Transition Services

Mountain Home Montana has continued to provide support services to our mothers and their children as they transition into independent living. These services have included case management, crisis management, obtaining household items and furnishings, home visits, life skill building, and advocacy. We have developed a Youth Advisory Council that is a group of past residents who are assisting Mountain Home in fundraising events and program development. This council is focused on providing past residents an opportunity to gain leadership skills, develop a peer support system, and create a sense of self-worth.



Past Residents

In 2008, Mountain Home Montana staff provided 603 additional hours of support services to young women who had transitioned out of Mountain Home Montana, illustrating the extra help that these young women need as they adjust to a life outside of Mountain Home. Many of these hours were dedicated to helping resolve crisis situations, helping in acquiring basic needs and providing overall support. Some past residents have struggled so much during the transition to independent living that they have returned to Mountain Home Montana to live in a home that feels safe and secure. Upon leaving the program 77% of clients move into permanent housing. However, after 6 months that percentage drops to less than 33% and 23% become homeless, demonstrating that these young mothers need more support and training to be successful at independent living.

Community Projects

On April 5th, 2008, the Missoula Kiwanis clubs sponsored the first 5K Walk for Kids in Crisis. Proceeds from the event went to support Mountain Home Montana and Watsons Children's Shelter. The walk was held at Fort Missoula and event participants received refreshments and T-shirts for their efforts. Thank you Kiwanis!

2008 was a make-over year at MHM! Blackfoot Telecommunications Group, Xi Delta Sorority, Priority One, and three student volunteers from the Social Work department at the University of Montana all contributed to re-decorating bedrooms. Each room was painted a bright, fun color, and bedding and other accessories were provided. Also, due to generous donations from the Flaherty family and the Missoula Optimist Club, we were able to have the upstairs bathrooms remodeled. Old fixtures were updated and a bath tub was installed in one of the bathrooms. Each bathroom was also painted a bright new color. The newly decorated spaces add character to MHM and make the house feel more like home to our residents.

2008 Board of Directors

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18 Mile Peak up to \$100

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 All Lanes Moving
 Bitterroot Floral
 Boyce Lumber
 Bresman Communications
 Bridge Pizza
 Costco
 Crackle Photography
 Culligan Water
 Dick Beighle
 DIRECTV
 Dollar Rental Car
 Double Arrow
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 Electra Chapter #7
 (Order of the Eastern Star)
 Gateway Printing
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 Kiwanis of Missoula
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 Mike Williams Photography
 Missoula Copy Center
 Missoula Optimists
 Missoula Rotary
 Missoulian
 Morgenroth Music
 Mountain FM Broadcasting
 Mountain of Giving
 OZ Architects
 Paradise Falls
 Pepsi Bottling Co.
 Pink Grizzly
 Pyramid Printing
 Rockin Rudy's
 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 Safeway
 Sentinel Kiwanis
 Skin Clinic
 Sons of Norway
 Sorella's Day Spa
 Southgate Mall
 Tana Burke
 Target
 Todd & Roxanne Metvier
 Tri State Restaurant Supply
 U of M. Kenny Dove
 United Way Day of Caring
 (Blackfoot Telephone)
 University of Montana SW Students
 Walmart
 Walmart SuperCenter
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 Xi Delta Sorority
 YMCA of Missoula
 Zip Beverage

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Bottles for Babies 2008

Atonement Lutheran
Church of the Nazarene
Clark Fork City Church
High Point Church
Lolo Community Church
Mom's Club
Spirit of Christ Mission
Spirit of Peace
St. John the Baptist
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Festival of Tree Donors & Designers

Anderson ZurMuehlen
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Joanne Lizotte
Kay Langland & Heather Wilcox
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Kim Visser - Allegiance
La Bella Vita
Lambert Family Chiropractic
Leah Borow
Missoula Garden Club
Monte Dolack Gallery
Mother Moose
Mountain West Bank
Doug Lawrence & Michele Benson
Mountain West Coop
Quilters Group
Red Hat Shopping Divas

Rick Beck
Ruth Lutz

Southgate Mall Silent Auction

Barbara Christenson
BB's General Store
Big Sky Brewing
Bob Eder
Bob Mann
Book Exchange
Brady's Sportsman Surplus
Brown Derby Restaurant, Anaconda
Carousel of Missoula
China Woods
Coldwater Creek
Colleen Purcell
Doncaster
Earth and Wood
Ellie Blue
First Night Missoula
Garden City Ballet
Gloria Dobbs & Gerd Pokorra
Go Fetch
HomeWorks Hardware
Janet Turbak
Jani Rodolph
Jean Charney
Jean Maier
Jean Sautter
Joann White & Janet Erickson
John Thompson
Joy Grier
Joyce Perkins
Julia Jennings
Karla Long
Kay North

King Ranch
Kingfisher Fly Shop
Laura Snyder
Learning Tree
Libby Petite
Lois Reimers
Magic
Malaya Taylor
Malia Fortunati
Mary Manning & David Dobroski
Melissa Spears, MOP's
Misty Williams
Nancy Rice Fritz
Noteworthy
Oscar Benson
Paula Hofmann
Robin Brown
Rocky Healy, Walmart Supercenter
Scotty's Table
Shadow Mountain Art
Shari Miller
Sharon Delaney
Sheila & Mike Houck
Shirlee Clark
Sue Britton
Sue Olson
Taren Gross
The Pearl
Traci Beighle
Tsunami
Wayne Dalton Doors
Wheat Montana
Whooping Cranes Gallery
Wide World of Travel Wood Fusion
Yvonne Wells

Thank you to all who give
through



To all those who have con-
tributed this past year,

Thank You.

You give a gift that contin-
ues to pay dividends to our
home and our community.

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