



2000-2010 Annual Report

Mission:

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

Vision:

We envision a world where all children have a safe, loving home where they can grow and learn.

Ten Years...

Mountain Home Montana has come a long way in its first 10 years. In August of 2000, the home opened with room for three moms and their babies. The home then grew to its present six bed-room capacity in 2001. In 2010, we broke ground on the Transitional Living Apartments; an expansion that will provide five individual apartments, a Children's Center and new playground. Over the years we have helped hundreds of young moms and their children find safety and learn how to care for their families.



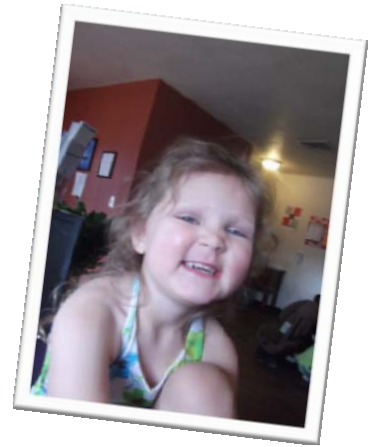
Mountain Home by the Numbers 2000-2010

- 789 Referrals
- Housed a total of 204 mothers and 162 children
- Average age of young mothers was 17 years
- Less than 1% of moms had a second pregnancy within a year compared to 38% nationally
- Served families from 18 counties including: Big Horn, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Glacier, Hill, Lincoln, Flathead, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Mineral, **Missoula**, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver-Bow & Yellowstone.



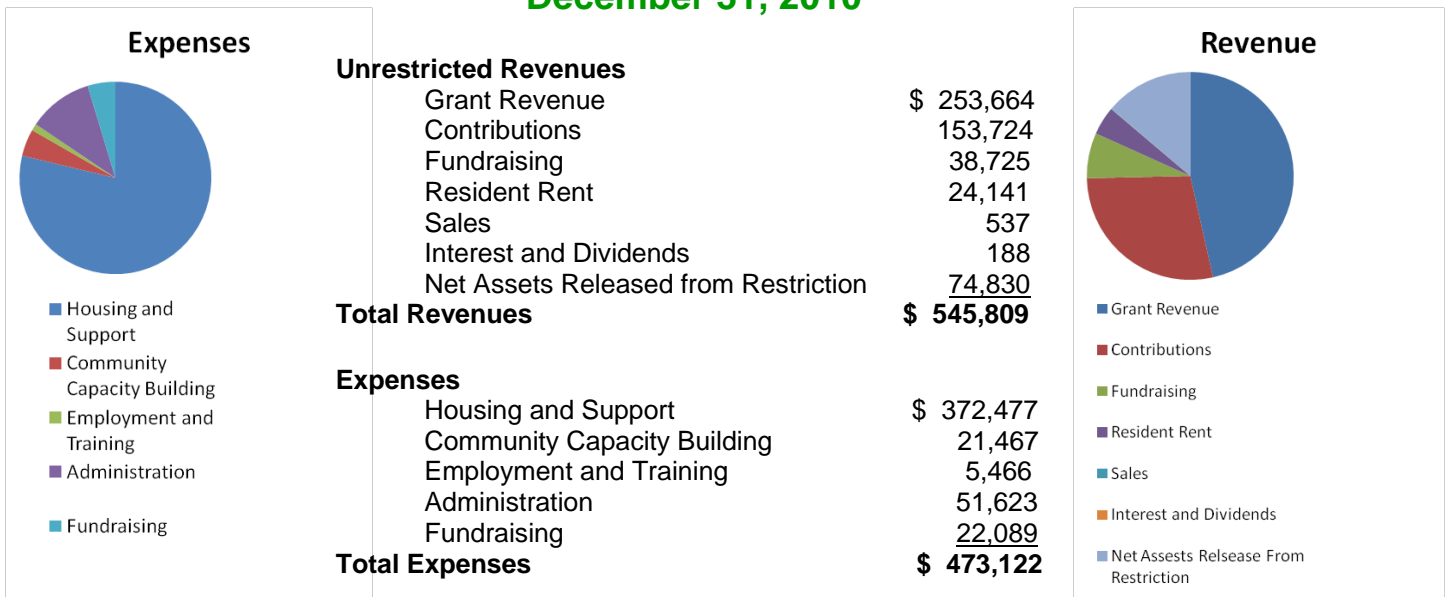
Mountain Home 2010

Program overview



Mountain Home Montana is a Transitional Living Program located in Missoula, Montana providing a 6-bedroom Transitional Living Home and will soon add 5 Transitional Living Apartments for homeless young mothers and their babies. The Home is a 24-hour staffed group home where pregnant and parenting young mothers learn basic life skills and develop parenting skills with intense supervision and support. The Apartments will be individual apartments where young mothers and their babies prepare for independent living in the community in a safe, supportive environment.

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2010



12th Annual Festival of Trees Raised \$38,000 in Revenue

The holiday season came alive at the 12th Annual Festival of Trees benefit for Mountain Home Montana. The Festival of Trees brought three events to the community; The Gala Tree Party & Live Auction, Tour of the Trees and the Teddy Bear Tea Party.

The Festival of Trees featured 52 beautifully decorated creations and the Gala attracted a crowd of nearly 200 guests. The Tour of Trees welcomed the public to preview the trees with a special appearance by Santa and U of M's Monte's sidekick "Mo".



The Teddy Bear Tea Party hosted a breakfast for little guests among the trees where everyone enjoyed a story from Santa and dancers from the Nutcracker Suite.

Thank you to all our generous supporters, tree donors, business and individual donors who, each and every year, help make The Festival of Trees a success. And we especially want to acknowledge the efforts of our volunteers, many who work year 'round to make this event happen. Without your continued support, Festival of Trees would not realize the success it has achieved over the past twelve years.

A Look Back at 10 Years

A Young Mom Gives Back

Sarah was one of the first young moms to live at Mountain Home Montana. She had grown up in the foster care system and was in and out of the juvenile justice system as a young girl. When Sarah got pregnant, her life changed. She wanted to be the best mom she could be. Although living in a group home wasn't what she hoped for and the rules weren't always easy to follow, she took the opportunity seriously by taking parenting classes, participating in the life skills program, completing her GED and eventually moving into her own apartment with her daughter. We hadn't heard from Sarah for many years, but just this year she called our office to say that she had just purchased her first home and had some items to donate. This is an example of the work we do, we see growth while young moms are here, but we really see the impact ten years later.

Volunteers

There are a few volunteers that have been part of Mountain Home from the beginning. They have given their time and resources over the years to help get us where we are today.



Bonnie Hamilton

Bonnie donated her family home to Mountain Home Montana in 2000. Since then Bonnie has supported the organization through financial support and hosted our 10 year celebration at her private park. Bonnie's gift will be a lasting legacy.



Bob Mann

Bob stumbled upon Mountain Home Montana when a young man Bob loaned his trailer to be backed into our front porch. Bob came to fix the damage and instantly became one of our most called upon volunteers. Bob can fix most anything and has saved the day many times over the years.



Laura Snyder

Laura is the founding mother of Mountain Home Montana and one of our most avid supporters. She has served many roles over the years including Board President and Festival of Trees Chair. Laura has taken on several projects and given countless hours of her time to raise funds and support our organization.

Community Partnerships

Over the years Mountain Home Montana has stepped outside of the home and taken on projects outside of housing to help expand opportunities for young mothers in Missoula. These projects include: In my Mother's Arms, Mocha Mama's Coffee Stand, Baby Boutique Thrift Store, Pass It On Missoula Boutique, Systems to Improve Teen Services Grant and acting as a fiscal sponsor for Missoula Nonprofit Network.



In My Mother's Arms



Missoula Nonprofit Network



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I would like to thank you for being a part of our first decade and welcome you to the next. 2010 marked ten years of providing a home for young mothers and babies in Missoula, Montana. What started out as a dream in 1998, then the gift of a home in 2000 has now become a critical service in Western Montana.

In this troubled economy, families are struggling and specifically the youngest, most vulnerable families, young mothers and babies. The demand for our services increased and we had to respond in order to serve our mission. We initiated a needs assessment, started a capital campaign and in July 2010 we broke ground on a new building that would provide Transitional Living Apartments and room for expanded services.

As we prepare to complete our project in the next year, we hope you will consider donating to our "We Are Almost Home" close of our Capital Campaign. This final effort will help to keep our organization debt free, something we are proud to have maintained for the life of the organization.

Thank you so much for supporting Mountain Home Montana, we have been able to provide a home for 366 young mothers and babies over the last ten years because of your generous gifts of time, services and financial contributions. Thank you for helping us continue to **Turn Hope Into Home** for young mothers and babies.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Gypsy Ray, LCSW
Executive Director