



July Newsletter



GET IT DONE CREW!

Thank you for all of the support during our Kickstarter! If you need the crew please call us: **926-3400**

What It Is:

Missoula Works is an organization started by MIC with a mission to employ anyone committed to work. To do this, Missoula Works runs a staffing agency and the newest edition is the "GET IT DONE" Crew. This crew does lawn service, building or house maintenance or most anything a person wants off their summer project list.

Upcoming Events!

If you have an event you would like us to highlight, please let us know!

Volunteers Needed: The Greek Festival is in need of **15 volunteers** for the upcoming festival. Please contact Father Rob if you are available! frrob@annunciationmt.org



Join us for the 4th annual

Missoula Greek Festival:

Athens Under the Big Sky

Friday & Saturday, July 14-15

301 S. 6th Street West

Featuring the LIVE Greek Music of Helios, a 6-piece Greek band from California. Plan to join us for great music, tasty food, and community fun! For more information, visit and like our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MontanaGreekFestival

**Be a part of the Greek Festival by Volunteering
and help us support Family Promise of Missoula!**



Did you know that over the last four years, in addition to being a fundraiser for Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, the Greek Festival has also donated a portion of the proceeds to local area non-profits, totaling over \$8,000! This year, we are excited to continue supporting Family Promise of Missoula in the work to house homeless families. Please join in our support by volunteering to serve at the festival. For a list of festival volunteer opportunities, [CLICK HERE](#), or visit:

<http://signup.com/go/eweMEoW>

31st Annual Gary Turbak Memorial Back-to-School Clothing Project

Socks and Underwear Needed!-

Monday- August 14th

Event Information- Note from Jan Turbak:

The 31st annual Gary Turbak Memorial Back-to-School Clothing Project will be held on **Monday, August 14th**. Last year nine Missoula churches participated in the socks and underwear drive for the clothing project at St. Paul Lutheran. It was a huge success, but we're hoping for the participation of even more MIC churches this year. The kids were so excited as they chose whole packages of socks and underwear!



For those of you new to the project, it was started by my late husband, Gary, in 1987. That year we had \$1,300 to give a couple shirts and jeans to 80 children. Last year our budget was \$10,000, and we gave a top, jeans, a whole package of socks and underwear AND a new pair of shoes to about 300 children! We never dreamed the project would still be going and growing so strong! We get referrals from agencies such as WIC and WORD and invite parents to bring their children ages 4-12 to the basement of our church where we have clothes for them to try on and take home for the first day of school.

As one of the MIC churches, we are asking for your help again this year. We would like to place a box in the back of your church for donations of socks and underwear.

Clothes Boxes: July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th

I will deliver the boxes to you, but we need to have someone bring the box of items to St. Paul Lutheran Church on **Monday or Tuesday, Aug. 7th or 8th**. I will provide an announcement to put in your church bulletin and ask that you make announcements on Sundays starting in July.

Please consider being a part of this important project to help families in need in our Missoula Valley. Please contact me as to whether or not

you are willing to be a part of this project. Email me at garyturbak@bresnan.net

Jan Turbak

Do you have books?

Calling all congregations! It is time to search bookshelves, basements and local bookstores for new and gently used books to donate to this year's Back-to-School Bash, which will be held in mid-August. The Bash provides backpacks stuffed with school supplies for needy local students. Books collected during the summer enable every child who attends the Bash to select one or two books that appeal to his or her interest and reading level. We need books for about 500 elementary students, 300 middle school students and 400 high school students. That's about 1,200 books! We also accept books aimed at preschoolers to offer something for the younger brothers and sisters who attend the Bash.

Please contact Lucia Solorzano Work from Holy Spirit Episcopal Church at lucia.solowork@gmail.com if you would like to have a plastic book-collection bin at your place of worship. She will bring the bin as soon as you wish, write a short notice for your church bulletin, and collect the bin at the end of July or sooner if it is overflowing!





Family Promise Update

- Currently, we have 2 families in Family Promise (we met with a family of 5 today)
- With this additional family we will have **3 families** in Family Promise, **9 children**, and **5 adults**
- If you are interested in volunteering to support one of our congregations please let us know! jencerta@micmt.org We need extra support!

MIC and Family Promise Needs

- **Clothing for Family Promise Family:** Unfortunately, recently one of our current families had some of their personal belongings taken from the Day Center. This included all of the Mom & 16 year old girl's underwear and bras, as well as all of Mom's clothing. Please contact Jen if you have any items you can donate to this family. **Jen:** jencerta@micmt.org
- **Fans!:** it is very hot out there and the Day Center is struggling to keep things cool. If you have an extra fan please contact **Jen:** jencerta@micmt.org

- **Small stuffed animals:** we are hoping to give out a small stuffed animal to every child in the program. If you have new or gently used stuffed animals please contact **Jen:** jencerta@micmt.org

MIC Tours

We're starting something new here at MIC, to spread the word about our work and help get more people involved! Please come yourself, and bring a friend, to a tour of the Family Promise Day Center, and learn more about all of our programs! The tours will happen once a month on a **Thursday**, from **12-1pm**.

The next tour will be **Thursday, July 20th**, from 12-1pm at the Day Center. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Rebecca at MIC (207-8228 or rebecca@micmt.org) so we can get an accurate count for food :)

If July doesn't work, let us know if a future tour will work!



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