

Meaningful Change Leadership Intensive

The next training will be **January 16 and 17 from 4:30 - 9:00pm**, both days. At the training you will learn: Organizing for Change: How to inspire and mobilize people for meaningful community change. Engaging Political Leaders: Skills and practices for effectively influencing policy makers. Crafting Effective Communication: Crafting your powerful story for media, face to face meetings, giving testimony. **Email casey@micmt.org to register. Requested Donation-\$35** (We never let finances get in the way of participation).

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community Presents:
No Room at the Inn: A Festival of Crèches
 1475 Eaton Street ~ Missoula
 December 8-10, 2017
 for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, and Family Promise of Missoula



Gala Opening and first viewing of crèches
 6:00-8:00 pm, Friday, Dec. 8:
 Hours of recams, beverages, hot food, wine and cheese. Music featuring The Jim Deason Trio. Reservations preferred.

Viewing of Nativity
 Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 Musical services for the season featuring Missoula faith communities. Festive foods of various origin. Viewing of crèches available.

Christmas Eve
 Sunday, Dec. 10, 1:00 pm
 Every hour with traditional music. Light meal, viewing of the crèche display. Reservations preferred.

Crèche exhibits
 Continuing throughout the event for trade items, donations and gift items for purchase. Kaffee for goods and services donated by the Missoula community.

Sponsorships available
 Crèche and Nativity welcome.

Information/ tickets:
 406-237-2849
www.johnfloridis.com/missoula
 Online purchase at micmt.org

Individual Street View Donation: \$40.00 in advance
Family Promise Dinner Donation: \$100.00 in advance
Crèche purchase at event only

Monday Gala Donation: \$50/ person in advance, \$40/ person at the door

Thursday Home Birth Donation: \$10/ adult, \$5/ child, \$20/ family of five or more (family of 2 adults + children)


Monday Christmas Eve Donation: \$10/ adult, \$5/ child, \$20/ family of five or more (family of 2 adults + children)

What is a crèche?
 Crèche is the French word for crib or manger. A crèche or nativity is a display of the figures of Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus, surrounded by animals (shepherds, kings, an ox, and donkeys). It is a scene that depicts the birth of Jesus.

Why a crèche display?
 Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity are both projects to benefit the homeless, with a common goal: the "strong family" - the Son of God was born, for there they was "no room at the inn."

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

December's Peaceful Season
 An Intimate Evening Of Acoustic Guitar Carols
 And Songs Of Darkness to Light



To Benefit Family Promise of Missoula
JOHN FLORIDIS
 Sunday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
 202 Brooks St.

Contributions encouraged at the door

Sponsored by Boone Karberg P.C. / Rattlesnake Market and Cafe
 and in honor of the John Ellis Endowment

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December Newsletter End of Year Giving

As we come to the end of 2017 please remember MIC and Family Promise in your end of year giving. To make a donation visit the MIC website www.micmt.org, call us 406-207-8228, or send donations to 202 Brooks Street Missoula, MT 59801.

We have accomplished a lot this year with your generous donations- in kind, volunteer hours, and financial contributions.

Here are some of our accomplishments so far this year.

Family Promise
 5,020 nights of shelter for families
 10,040 meals served
 18 families housed

Housing Advocate Network
 46 people served
 2 state policies changed

Missoula Works
 Launch of Missoula Works and the GET IT DONE Crew 46 people employed this year!

MIC and Family Promise Needs

Grocery Requests This Week: sandwich bread, lunch meat, juice, healthy snacks (crackers and cheese, granola bars, yogurt/go-gurt, pretzels, fruit leather/fruit snacks), fruit, butter, milk, individual portion chip bags (e.g. from Costco), coffee, creamer, cup of noodles/other quick lunch options, ground beef, tacos & fixings for tacos

Day Center Needs & Special Requests! Lysol Lime & Rust Remover Toilet Bowl Cleaner (black label), paper towels, kitchen garbage bags, laundry detergent

Do you know of an affordable apartment for rent for a single mother of three?
 One of our families STILL needs help with finding housing due to a low credit score. She is an excellent candidate as a tenant! Despite being a high achieving, single mom with three kids, she needs help finding a landlord. She has been homeless on and off for the past year, and previously participated in the YWCA's Gateway Program at Hogan House. Thanks to her CCA mentors at Hogan House, she got connected with us. She is currently employed. She has been an amazing employee over at the Doubletree, and was recently promoted (with a \$2/hr raise!) So great news for her! Due to her work hours and lack of a vehicle, transportation is sometimes a challenge for her. She hopes to buy a vehicle with her 2016 tax return. Please reach out to Jen at (406) 529-4671 or jencerta@micmt.org if you know of affordable, safe housing for a hard-working mother of three.

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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 the 3rd Thursday, from 12pm-1pm.

The next open tour will be Thursday, December 21st, from 12pm-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 :) The following tour is Thursday, January 18th. If December doesn't work, let us know if a future tour will work!

Welcome Marilyn



Please welcome Marilyn to MIC as the new Housing Advocate Director. Originally from Cascade, MT Marilyn came to us from Child and Family Services and is finalizing her Master's in Social Work this spring at the University of Montana. Marilyn is a breath of fresh air, bringing so much joy and laughter wherever she goes. Stop by the MIC office to meet Marilyn, and to sign up for the Housing Advocate Training on December 6th at 5:30. You might be lucky and come at a time when Daisy, the new MIC mascot and Marilyn's dog child, will be in the office.

Welcome Martin



Hello, my name is Martin NoRunner, I am a father of 3 beautiful girls Aaliyah 7, Aamaya 5, and Rowan 3. I am a Montana native, Army VFW (OIF 2005), a University of Montana graduate 2010, and a small business owner of i.e. Recycling here in Missoula since 2010. I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to be of service to another community oriented business in a team setting as the Project Manager for Missoula Works.

Missoula Works Update

Greetings and happy almost-winter everyone! Missoula Works and the Get It Done Crew have been pounding the pavement since March of this year and we are trying to keep the momentum going! During the next few weeks - before the real snow hits - we are promoting our fall cleanup services for residential and commercial properties. We have a \$50 minimum for our crew to come out and tackle those leaves that are still piled in your lawn and flower beds. and we can supply a full half day clean up for \$199!

Why should you hire the Get it Done Crew:

There are currently 47 families on our wait list for Family Promise Missoula Works and the Get it Done Crew are owned by Missoula Interfaith Collaborative and all proceeds support homeless families in Missoula Our crew leads will often mentor members of our crew that have faced challenges to employment.

We are legit! Licensed and insured.

We have employed more than 45 people. Here are a few other things we do:
Residential and commercial cleaning
Holiday set up - light installation and tear down
Real Estate home sale preparation
Painting and wall repair
Snow removal
Post-event cleanup

Or anything that you don't have time to do

Call today to book our crew for your holiday needs! GET IT DONE CREW!

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 fall/winter project list.

We've Joined Amazon Smile

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Step 5: Thank you!

Opportunities For Children's Ministries

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church would like to notify the network of MIC churches of the volunteer coordinators they now have in place for two church-wide ministries focused on children, youth and families at risk, in the hopes of connecting them with others who'd like to explore joint ministries: **For opportunities to serve The Parenting Place, please contact The Rev. Anita Rognas at anita.rognas@gmail.com. For opportunities to serve Hellgate High School, please contact A'Lisa Scott at adfams@montana.com**



Holiday Handbells are coming! Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 2:00pm in the First Presbyterian Church. 235 S 5th St W. The bells will ring, and you can sing! Carol-singing and beautiful music by our handbell choir -- mark your calendars!



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints presents: An Evening of Christmas Music. Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:00p.m. Missoula L.D.S. Stake Center. 3201 Bancroft St, Missoula, MT. Featuring Christmas music performed by local musicians*

