

Mountain Home Montana

2013 Annual Report





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Our Mission

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



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2013 Management

Shari Strachan, Executive Director
 Afton Russell, Operations Director
 Gypsy Ray, Clinical Director
 Julia Bell, Medical Director

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us with several transitions in 2013. Established in 2000, we were fortunate to have Gypsy Ray as our Executive Director for 13 years. Gypsy's vision, dedication, and passion for this organization were the driving forces behind where we are today. Our Board of Directors undertook a comprehensive search for a new director when Gypsy expressed her desire to utilize her LCSW degree as our Clinical Director. It is my honor to serve as the Executive Director of Mountain Home Montana.

Over the last year, I've been impressed by our organization's commitment to a tradition of "mission first." The first consideration in every decision, by the staff and by the board, is "How will this affect the girls?" Despite the executive transition, our team ensured that the young mothers and children at Mountain Home Montana continued to receive the benefits offered by our excellent residential, supportive services, and mental health programs.

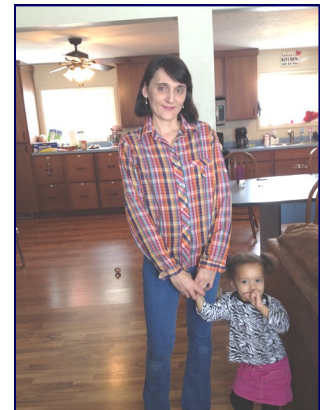
Having a baby and navigating early childhood as a parent is very hard, no matter who you are or what you've come through in your life. For these moms, it is an especially hard time. Our Mountain Home Mamas are **strong, courageous, and full of hope** – for themselves, for their babies, for their future! The work they complete while at Mountain Home is truly life-changing.

Thank you for your contributions of financial support, goods donations, and volunteer service. Please continue to be involved, keep in touch, and share yourselves with us in the years ahead!

Sincerely,

Shari Strachan

Shari Strachan
Executive Director



Guiding Principles

We strive to provide an environment where:

- * The basic needs of the young mothers and their children are met (food, clothing, shelter and access to medical care).
- * Information about child development is shared with the young mother so she can better respond to the needs of her child.
- * Unconditional care surrounds the young mother and her child. This means that staff commits unflinchingly to her and helps her learn that her behavior does not define who she is as a person.
- * Services and supports are individualized to meet the unique needs of each young mother and her child.
- * Change occurs by accessing the young mother's strengths and reinforcing positive behavior.
- * Individual plans are comprehensive, include all life domains and account for all of the young mother and child's needs.
- * Positive parenting strategies are promoted as a disciplinary technique.
- * Individual plans and house activities consider the culture of each young mother (values, spiritual beliefs, religious practices, rituals and ceremonies).

Significant Accomplishments of 2013

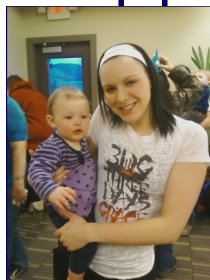
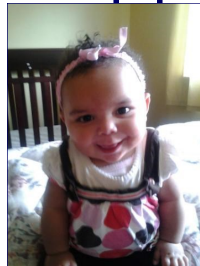
The Numbers

- 60 mothers and children were supported in our house and apartments
- 111 referrals from family, friends, and agencies
- 17 women in our Mental Health Center
- 20 is the average age of young women in our program this year
- 8 clients received their GED while living with us
- 8 newborns' first home was Mountain Home Montana
- 23 families had presents for the holidays
- We served young families from the following counties in Western Montana: Jefferson, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver-Bow & Yellowstone.

Leonard A. Hamilton and Bonnie R. Hamilton Endowment Fund



Our beloved Bonnie Hamilton who gave Mountain Home the gift of our original home, passed away in 2012. In her will, Bonnie left us another house and expressed her desire for us to use the proceeds from its sale to establish a permanent endowment. Bonnie's wish was honored with the establishment of the Leonard A. Hamilton and Bonnie R. Hamilton Endowment Fund. The founding gift was a staggering \$191,500. Working with investment advisors, our board of directors has implemented an Endowment Investment Policy that will protect this asset and honor Bonnie's intent with the gift. Mountain Home Montana plans to hold an Endowment Push to garner cornerstone gifts for this wonderful foundation!



Mental Health Center

Women who come to Mountain Home Montana are often times at a breaking point: young, single, disadvantaged, and parenting. They come from a variety of situations ranging from abuse to the literal homelessness of living on the streets. These women need mental health services. The chaotic nature of their lives simply makes it difficult for them to access other services in the community.

Our board and staff recognized the special opportunity in our setting to make these connections possible, and successfully achieved a Mental Health Center license from the State of Montana.

With the Mental Health Center, we offer the opportunity for our mothers to heal through mental health support. After a lifetime of trauma and distress, this truly helps promote stabilization and enhance their outlook for successful independent living!

Emergency Bedroom

In response to our community's need for housing homeless families, Mountain Home Montana opened an Emergency Bedroom in the basement of our house where a homeless mother and child can be sheltered for up to 7 days while a safety plan is put together for them. This offering was made possible through an Emergency Solutions Grant, and Emergency Grant from United Way of Missoula County, and individual donations to Mountain Home Montana.

New Grants

In December 2013, we received notification that Mountain Home Montana was awarded funding for two pilot-projects: Recovering from Mental Illness through Employment (\$210,000) and establishing a Mental Health Drop-In Center (\$110,000) for our clients. These grants were awarded by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, State of Montana. Mountain Home Montana received the highest scores out of all applying organizations in the state.



2013 Financials

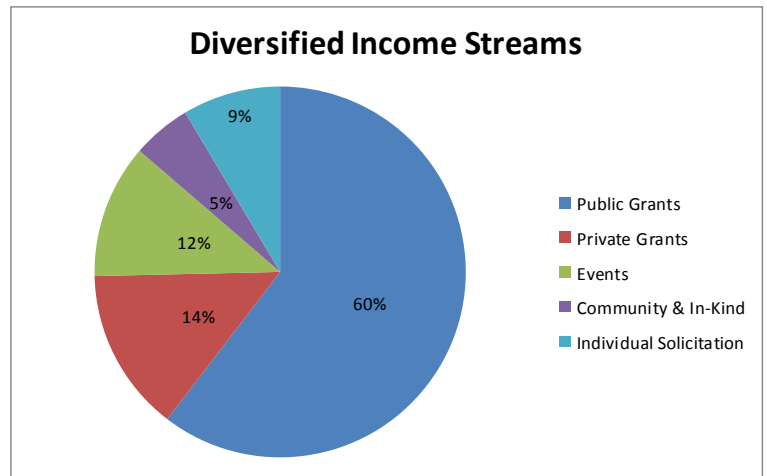
Financial Information

We are committed to a diversified income structure in order to maintain a healthy revenue stream for Mountain Home Montana while keeping our expenses to a minimum. Our Finance Committee and Development Committee monitor progress throughout the year of our annual goals. In 2013, Mountain Home Montana had an operating budget of \$500,000. We undergo an annual audit that is published on our website, along with our IRS Form 990.

Public Grants

- B. Hamilton Project—HUD (federal)
- Missoula County CBO Fund (county)
- Second Chance Homes—DPHHS (state)
- United Way of Missoula County (community)

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www.mountainhomemt.org



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2013 Festival of Trees

Our signature fundraising event raised \$32,000 in 2013.
We thank all of our designers, sponsors, and volunteers for their support!

Presenting Sponsor:



Teddy Bear Tea Sponsor:



Wine & Pine Sponsor:



Festival Sponsors:

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- CB1 Collections Inc
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- Community Medical Center
- First Interstate Bank
- Garlington, Lohn & Robinson
- Missoula Pediatric Dentistry
- Missoula Pharmacy

- Muralt's Travel Plaza
- Northwestern Energy
- Pacific Source
- PayneWest
- Republic Services
- Rosauers
- Treasure State Bank
- Western Montana Clinic

A special thank you to Sheila Callahan for being our auctioneer for the live auction at our Wine & Pine event!



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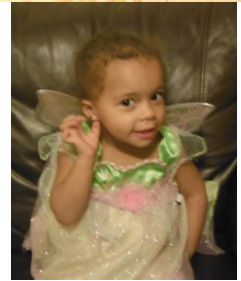
We also extend our sincere gratitude to the generous guests of our fundraising events, our generous in-kind donors and our dedicated volunteers. Our sincere apologies to anyone whose name was mistakenly left out.

*Thank you to our
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Betty's Divine
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Misty's Salon & Spa
Mood Boutique
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*Thank you to the Dennis & Phyllis
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Forward funding for our lobby
makeover (kudos to Kylie Barnes,
Drew Mihelish, and Elissa
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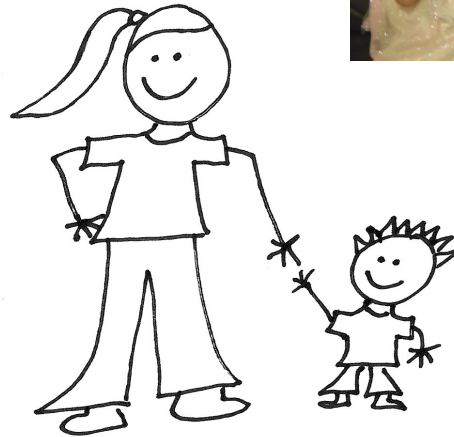
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and the
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for our
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Community and Events



Community Partners

At Risk Housing Coalition
Carousel of Missoula
Child & Family Services Division
Child Start, Inc. (Head Start)
Community Physicians Group
Extended Food & Nutrition Education Program
Family Promise
Human Resource Council
Missoula City/County Health Department- Public Health Nurse Home Visiting Program
Missoula County's Best Beginnings Council
Missoula Early Head Start
Missoula Housing Authority
North Avenue Youth Farm, Youth Homes
Office of Public Assistance
Open Aid Alliance
Ronald McDonald House
The Lifelong Learning Center, MCPS Adult Education
The Parenting Place
United Way of Missoula County
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2014 Events Calendar

Bottles for Babies April-May
Clothing for a Cause April
Mothers Day Luncheons May
Your Mama Fundraiser May
Miles for Mommies May
Annual June Yard Sale June
Plus One Program
Festival of Trees December

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