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Remembering Giants

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LONG LASTING *LEGACIES*

As a century-old nonprofit organization with deep Montana roots, Intermountain cannot possibly count the thousands of dedicated donors and volunteers who have poured themselves into its mission and have brought the organization to the point where it is today. But sometimes we stop and gratefully look back at just a few of those dedicated servant leaders. Here are three who left us in 2016 but left a legacy that continues to bless kids and families.

Primrose and Emanuel “Bub” States

Prim: 1923 – 2015 / Bub: 1921-2016



If we had to use one word to describe Bub or his wife Primrose, the word would have to be “faithful.” The couple spent the majority of their adult lives raising a family and working the farm in Redstone, a small community in extreme northeastern Montana. Active in the Redstone United Methodist Church, Bub and Prim were faithful supporters of Intermountain for as far back as we have records.

Over the course of decades, Bub and Prim gave hundreds of gifts to support the mission of Intermountain. Almost always, these gifts were in honor or in memory of their friends and family – a touching testament to the faithful and loving hearts of both Bub and Prim.

Bub and Primrose States

Three days before Christmas in 2015, after 69 years of marriage to Bub, Prim passed away. Shortly thereafter, Intermountain received yet another gift from Redstone. This one from Bub...in memory of Prim. Less than a year later, Bub passed away at the age of 95. And in the weeks and months following his passing, Intermountain received many gifts from his friends and family...these gifts in loving memory of Bub. A faithful life well-lived and a legacy well-preserved.

William R. Miles, Jr.

1923 – 2016

There are few families who have a more intertwined history with Intermountain than Bill Miles, Jr. and his family. Bill's grandparents, Fred and Emma Gamer, frequently housed Intermountain founder, Brother William Wesley Van Orsdel, in their home and donated the land for Intermountain's original campus north of Helena. Emma served on the Intermountain board for three decades, from 1912 to 1941!



Emma Gamer

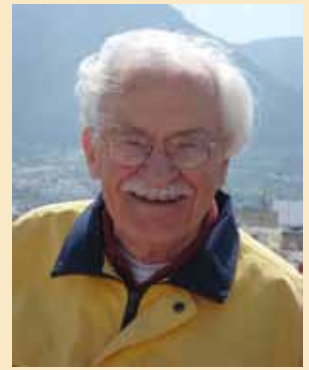
The legacy of the Miles family's involvement with Intermountain lives on in the work we do today. The campus established under Bill's leadership still serves as the heart of our ever expanding service reach.

Bill's involvement in our mission began after World War II, when he served on the Board of Trustees for two decades until the mid-1970s. During that time, Bill was instrumental in hiring beloved administrator Bob Wix and led the organization in building the current residential treatment campus on Lamborn Street in Helena. After his service on the board, Bill continued his support of Intermountain until his last years of life.

Hon. Gordon Bennett

1922 – 2017

The Honorable Gordon Bennett passed away February 9, 2017, at age 94. During a long lifetime that began in Scobey, Montana, in 1922, Gordon was many things... farmer, mediator, journalist, lawyer, and District Court judge. He was also a devoted husband and father, friend, and advocate for children.



During his tenure as a District Court judge in Helena, Gordon became increasingly frustrated by the adverse effects on children resulting from divorce custody cases. In every aspect of life, Gordon always turned his convictions into action. In this situation, we remain blessed that he chose Intermountain. His dedication to Intermountain and better futures for the children we serve was evident both in his generosity and in his sense of volunteerism.

“Gordon was a great board member and supporter of Intermountain’s 109-year-old mission for Montana’s youth,” according to Intermountain CEO Jim FitzGerald. “With his clear thinking, incisive wit, and the least amount of words, Gordon could illuminate an issue, turn it inside out, and upset most everyone on either side. But more than anything, Gordon personified the compassionate power of a well-trained mind, and we are grateful for the seeds he planted.”

Kevin's Story

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PROVIDING HIM WITH *HOPE*

Kevin was adopted as a baby. His birth mom and adoptive mom had struck up a friendship at work during the pregnancy, and when Kevin arrived, his adoptive mom was right there to help with the baby. His birth mom struggled with addiction and soon decided to give Kevin up for adoption to the woman who had been helping her care for him.

Despite the consistent love of his new family, Kevin continually struggled, particularly with women. In fact, he didn't like to follow any adult direction, and he had difficulty at school.

He was extremely anxious, but he expressed his anxiety in a way that made him seem like a know-it-all. He irritated his classmates by correcting them all the time. He suffered from Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) as a result of being separated from his birth mom, and he needed a lot of support.

Intermountain was able to provide some of that support at Kevin's school, but one day, Kevin walked out of the Intermountain school-based office, out of the school, and all the way home. The school staff, the Intermountain staff, and Kevin's mom were panicked. They found Kevin safe at home, but he had packed a bag with some clothes and some food. He was planning to run away. The Intermountain therapists arrived and helped Kevin and his mom work through the crisis.

“His mom said all the right things,” one of the therapists said. “She told Kevin that she loved him, that she didn't want him to leave, that this incident had scared her, and that she was so happy he was safe.” Seeing how much his mom cared about him in that moment was very powerful for Kevin. As he continues to deal with his RAD symptoms, his mom is committed to helping him every step of the way, and so is Intermountain.



Be “Child Wise”

AN INTERMOUNTAIN *APPROACH*

Intermountain “DNA” Now Captured in Printed Word

“It’s not about what you do TO children but who you are FOR children.” That is the principle at the core of Intermountain’s many services for struggling children and families, and now it is the central message of a newly published book, *Be Child Wise: A Dynamic Approach to Raising and Caring for Emotionally Distressed Children*, according to CEO, Jim FitzGerald.

“We’ve trained for decades and now, here’s what we know. We wanted to capture that and make a contribution to the practice of helping emotionally disturbed children.”

**Dr. Elizabeth Kohlstaedt,
Intermountain Clinical Director**

People at Intermountain sometimes talk about the agency’s “DNA” which is a shorthand way of saying there is a common understanding of the complexities of serving seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and a common commitment to finding ways to help them and their families heal. It is the shared wisdom of many years of working with children who share the SED diagnosis.

In the middle of the last century, Intermountain was led by an able educator and administrator named Helen Piper. In 1932 she wrote, “The social orphan stands just as much in need as the child whom death has robbed. We seek to help each child find his place. It is our desire to have the children live a free, joyous life.” Intermountain’s current leaders are driven by the same desire.

Be Child Wise was at first envisioned as a curriculum for a college level class but, after hearing about the project from FitzGerald and Todd Garrison, who helped raise funding and develop the project, the Gilhousen Family Foundation provided major support for the development of the material. The book is currently in publication. For more information, please visit www.childwise.org.

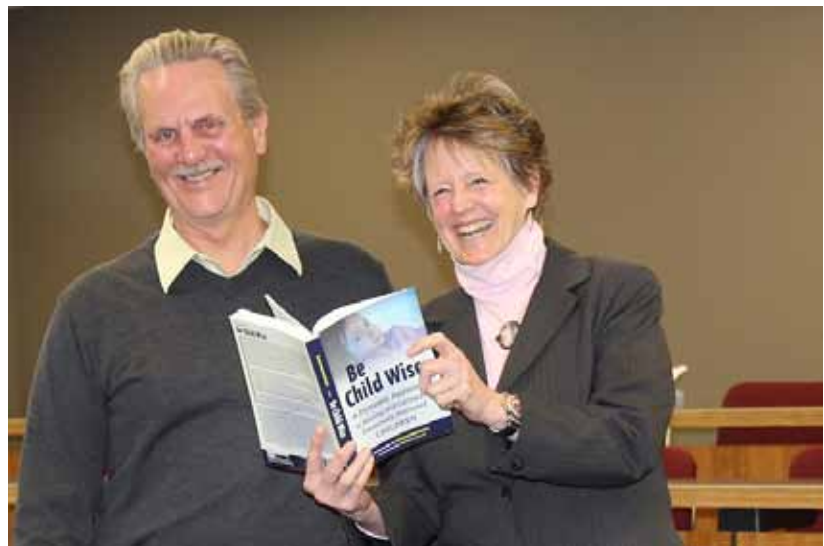
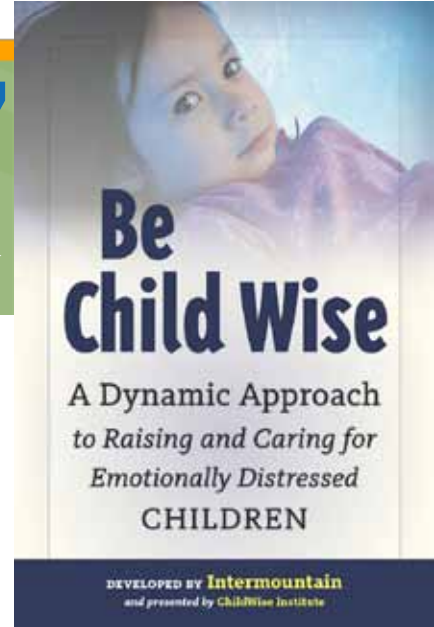
Garrison is now the Executive Director of Intermountain’s offshoot organization, ChildWise Institute. ChildWise Institute was formed in 2011 and has trained almost 9,000 Montana

teachers, community leaders, professionals, and parents to recognize and understand how adverse childhood experiences (ACE’s) affect the way we see our world. The Intermountain DNA is spreading across the state and beyond. Intermountain school-based therapists were interviewed for an article about teen anxiety, depression, and suicide that appeared in TIME last November.

“Fr. Patrick Beretta spoke at a conference on Trauma Informed Care in Butte recently,” Intermountain’s Clinical Director, Dr. Elizabeth Kohlstaedt said. “He said, ‘If it’s a problem, you have to solve it. If it’s a truth, you have to integrate it.’ That’s my hope. That’s what will make a difference—the integration of this knowledge.”

“I hope it continues to stimulate a broader conversation in the state and in the country,” FitzGerald said.

ChildWise Institute, a college class, a book, trainings around the state, a conversation ignited and growing: these are the fruits of dedicated professionals, hard-won wisdom, and the support and unrelenting faith of our supporters like you who have continued to believe in our mission through the decades.



MEMORIAL GIFTS: August 1 - December 31, 2016

The past few months have been a busy and exciting time at Intermountain. With *your* help, we have begun the remodel of the former Bridger Cottage into the Van Orsdel Commons, our new children's chapel on the Helena Residential campus, published our book (343 pages), "Be Child Wise", a guide for parents and caregivers, added key staff throughout the agency and helped more children and families throughout Montana than ever before, serving over 1000 children and families on a daily basis! Please enjoy this edition of "Fine Gold" with our deep appreciation for *your* sacrifices on our behalf. We wish you a happy and healthy summer!



-- Jim FitzGerald, Intermountain CEO

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Available Speakers:

Jim FitzGerald, MSW, Chief Executive Officer: Jim joined Intermountain in 1978, working as a cottage counselor in the residential services program. Prior to becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2001, Jim was Director of Operations, working in all facets of program development, training, policy, and finance. Throughout his career, Jim has focused the agency upon strengthening families and improving society's ability to provide prevention, protection, treatment, and permanency for all vulnerable youth. A dedicated leader in youth advocacy, he has played a vital role in the state and national forums of child welfare, mental health, and public policy. Jim is also the CEO of ChildWise Institute, a Montana not-for-profit 501c (3) organization established by Intermountain. Jim holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Montana.



Elizabeth Kohlstaedt, Ph.D., Clinical Director: Liz is a licensed psychologist and has been the clinical director of Intermountain for 25 years. She has served as adjunct faculty at Syracuse University and has trained medical interns from Upstate New York Medical Center and psychology, social work, and counseling interns from across Montana. Dr. Kohlstaedt has appeared on Prime Time Live, National Public Radio, and in the Los Angeles Times to discuss attachment disorders, and has trained staff, parents, and professionals across Montana. She holds a Master's in Education from Indiana University, a Master's in Experimental Psychology from Arizona State University, and a Doctor in Clinical Psychology from the University of Montana.

Rev. Chris Haughee, Chaplain: Chris has twenty years of experience in children's and youth ministry. Chris oversees the spiritual development and cultural nurture of the children in the residential program. Chapel services are offered twice a week for two different age groups. Chris also serves as a liaison with Intermountain's supporting churches and faith communities. Chris has been an Intermountain employee since 2012. He has a Master's of Divinity and a Doctoral degree from Multnomah Biblical Seminary.

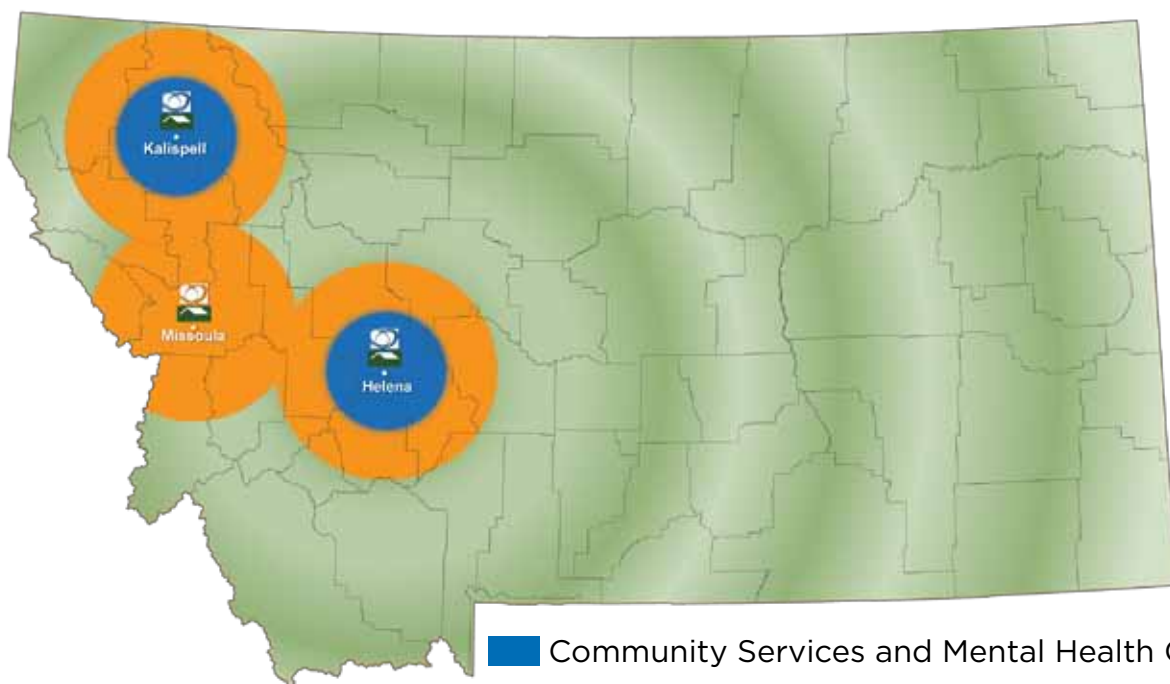


Terry Chaney, JD, Chief Development Officer: Terry Chaney, who joined Intermountain as Chief Development Officer in 2004, has over 30 years experience securing resources for child and family organizations. He also has three years of experience as a practicing attorney. In addition to oversight of Intermountain's fundraising activities, Terry assists clients with charitable gift and estate planning. Terry has a Juris Doctorate Degree from Pepperdine University.

Adam Jespersen, Associate Development Director: Adam, a Montana native, has been with Intermountain since 2009. Adam provides leadership and management of all fundraising activities and has specific expertise in grant writing and grant administration. Adam is currently working toward his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Montana.



YOU Help Intermountain Serve More Than Two Thousand Montana Children and Families Each Year



Home Support Services and Adoption and Foster Care: **248 SERVED**

Services Provided In 2016

Community Services and Mental Health Clinics **1,968 SERVED**

Residential Services: **83 SERVED**

By the Numbers

- 2,299 children and families served in 2016. 800 clients served daily.
- ChildWise Institute, created in 2010 to provide education, advocacy, and awareness, has trained more than 7,000 parents and professionals to date.

Licensed by the State of Montana as:

- Adoption Placing Agency
- Mental Health Center
- Therapeutic Youth Group Homes

Nationally Accredited by:

- AdvanceEd Northwest Accreditation Commission
- Council on Accreditation

Recognized Mission of: United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Income For You, A Gift For Intermountain

Life income gifts have always been an attractive way for donors to receive income while benefiting Intermountain. If you live in Montana, the Montana Endowment Credit might represent a further significant incentive for the creation of a life income gift. Here is an example of how you might benefit from such a gift:

Mabel Greene has been a faithful contributor to Intermountain for many years. She created a life income gift to accomplish three goals:

- Support Intermountain in perpetuity through an endowment gift;
- Provide additional income for herself;
- Partially offset the cost of a gift through charitable tax relief.

Mabel accomplished her goals by setting up a life income gift with \$50,000. She receives annually for life a payment of \$3,000, and \$1,146 of this amount is tax free until 2032. This is a guaranteed return of 6%. Mabel received a \$23,824 charitable gift deduction, an income tax savings of \$5,956. Further, in the year that she created the gift, she saved \$9,530 in state taxes through the Montana Endowment Credit.

You might think of these tax savings as ways of helping to increase your total benefits. Considering the tax savings that Mabel realized through her life income gift, her annuity is similar to 10.24% taxable return. Mabel could have realized even greater tax savings had she funded the life income gift with appreciated stock. But most important to Mabel is she was able to become a partner in Intermountain's vision of restoring hope for future generations!



For more information on how you might benefit from a life income gift, contact Intermountain's Planned Giving Office 406-457-4804.

Unique Professional Care for Montana Kids and Families



**Dr. Elizabeth Kohlstaedt, Dr. Eric Aune,
and Dr. Julian Nolen**

Nowhere is the vision of Intermountain's future more obvious than in the expansion of vital, in-demand psychological services. The faith and support of donors like you have allowed us to develop a sound psychological assessment clinic in Helena.

Joining our long-time clinical director Elizabeth Kohlstaedt, PhD, is Eric Aune, PhD, Pediatric Neuropsychologist, now providing a variety of services, including neuropsychological, neurodevelopmental, and targeted assessments.

Additionally, Dr. Julian Nolen is now offering general psychological assessments. These services are all in high demand and allow Intermountain to take one more step into the world of integrated services.

Thank you for helping to provide this high level of compassionate care to kids and families in need.