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# CHURCH GRATITUDE REPORT



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# FROM THE CHAPLAIN

As Partners with Intermountain,  
you give hope to those who  
have nearly lost all hope



Through your faithful prayers and your ongoing support, you keep what hope our children and their families have burning bright. In the difficult work of processing trauma, hope is an invaluable commodity. As these children work through adversity, they are learning to trust someone other than themselves for the first time. That trust is absolutely necessary for their ongoing development and any chance they have for healthy relationships.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating . . . this is YOUR ministry.

Every gift you give, every prayer you utter, every conversation you have that shares the mission and ministry of Intermountain is an expression of the love of God extended to vulnerable and hurting children.

You are accomplishing the miraculous every day—redeeming the hearts and souls of children one relationship at a time. You bear the good news with us that hope has come, healing is possible, and there is a future beyond their loss, their grief, and their hurt.

Sincerely,  
Chaplain Chris Haughee

Thank you for all you have  
given us because it has helped many  
many people including me. From HBA.



You have made a  
difference in my  
life with the help you  
have provided.



*Notes from Intermountain Kiddos*

YOU GIVE HOPE



# Intermountain Will Soon Have A Chapel



## BECAUSE OF YOU

We have good news, friends – Intermountain recently received a \$100,000 cap-off matching gift to be used to renovate a vacant cottage into Van Orsdel Commons, a chapel on campus for our residential program in Helena!

We have until November 11, 2016, to raise the matching funds in order to receive the entire grant, and all gifts earmarked for the chapel will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to the amount needed to complete this project. To date, because of people like you, we've raised more than half of what is needed, but we're still busy asking individuals and churches to help us raise the remaining funds.

### Your gift will:

- be matched, dollar for dollar, up to the full amount needed to complete this project.
- strengthen the Chaplain's Program by creating a home for spiritual efforts that continuously show their efficacy in improving children's lives.
- enable the Chaplain's Program to provide more and better care for children and families.
- result in stronger and more resilient children following discharge from Intermountain.
- enable children to attend weekly fellowship in a chapel rather than the school cafeteria.
- provide a comfortable and consistent setting for individual mentoring and family meetings that promote spiritual development and healing.

If you would like more information, or if you know of someone who might be interested in this unique opportunity, please contact Ralph at [ralphy@intermountain.org](mailto:ralphy@intermountain.org) or call 406-457-4801.



# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls Holds A Plant and Pie Sale to Benefit Intermountain

We are so grateful for our ever-expanding network of supporting churches, including the recent efforts of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. They held a pie and plant sale where half of the proceeds went to support the work of Intermountain. The other half of the proceeds went to support the youth servant team at the church that took a trip to Seattle for a service project.

Members of the church were invited to help the effort by bringing plants from their yards and garden, as well as baking yummy pies for the sale. Thrivent Financial also got into the act, thanks to members of the congregation, providing raffle items as well. The event was open to the public and the traffic was good and the sales were, well, fruitful!



The final profits from the sale totaled more than \$1900, that's a lot of daisies, geraniums, and berry pie!

Elizabeth Nauertz and Tonya Erickson organized the sale and made sure everything went off without a hitch. We appreciate their leadership in the Pie and Plant Sale, as well as all the members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We are thankful for all those who purchased plants and pies to support Intermountain. Members Doug Knapton, Judy Windauer, and Sherry Grogan helped with the plant stands and the raffles. Finally, we are thankful for all the others who helped make the event happen: Krista Conger, Wendy Davis, Laura Mills-Nelson, Dawn Baumgartner, Joyce Baltz, Dave Soleim, and Janet Reindl.

Their efforts will make it possible for Intermountain to continue bringing hope and help to children and their families in the Flathead area and throughout Montana.







# A STORY FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM

During a recent chapel time at Intermountain, Chaplain Chris asked the kids to write something on a wooden block that stood between their healing and them. They shared these feelings:

Trusting people who want to help me.  
-Anna

I am very stubborn and I choose not to share my feelings.  
-Brenden

I feel sad all day.  
-Caleb

Chaplain Chris then helped the children use the wooden blocks to build a wall – a wall separating them from the healing they so desperately wanted. Next, they said a prayer and then they knocked down the wall!

By this time, many children were nodding their heads. This made sense to them. They understood the walls they had placed in the way of God and others which prevented healing of their heavy and hurting hearts.

This is the kind of powerful experience you give to kids in need when you support Intermountain.

You help kids like Anna, Brenden, and Caleb break down the walls they've built which keep out the very people they need to let in.

Thank you for your connection to Intermountain and for the support you give.

## YOUR ENGAGEMENT MEANS SO MUCH

### UMC Board Member Helps Intermountain Launch Send-A-Kid-to-Camp Campaign

In June, Intermountain Board Member Crystal Amundson helped Intermountain launch a new campaign aimed at raising funds to send Intermountain kids to summer camp on Flathead Lake in Northwest Montana.

At the UMC Yellowstone Annual Conference (YAC), held in Helena this year, Crystal challenged attendees to give \$40 each, the cost to send a kid to camp for one day. The group responded and Crystal raised more than \$1,700! She also sent many pastors home with "kits" to help them raise even more support from their congregations.

Thank you, Crystal, for your energetic, creative approach to raising support for Intermountain kids!





# YOU MADE EASTER SPECIAL

2016 brought something different to Intermountain's Easter observance and built upon our ecumenical Lenten observances. Our children had the opportunity to learn about a variety of religious observances around the Easter holiday, and this concluded with attending the Easter morning service at Plymouth Congregational Church in Helena.

Easter started early in the morning with the children being surprised by a special basket left for each child by their bedroom door! Easter baskets for all our children at our Helena campus were prepared by Grace Community Fellowship.

After breakfast, kids and staff attended the Easter service at Plymouth Congregational Church. Pastor Roger Lynn and the congregation went out of their way to make sure everyone felt comfortable and included in the celebration.



Easter is another reminder to our staff, children, and families that we are in this journey of transformation and growth through relationship alongside a great multitude of faithful supporters.

Thank you, our many faith-based donors and friends, for praying for the staff and children. We appreciate your continued faithfulness to partner with us in the mission of bringing health and healing to children and their families.

## COTTAGE NAMED FOR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU

Pastor Tim Lanham, recalls the Secret Santa project his small Presbyterian congregation worked on each Christmas as a frustration and a disappointment. "We wanted to have mission work that was more fulfilling," he says. "We wanted to be a partner."

The partnership between Intermountain and Sunrise Presbyterian Church was celebrated recently when one of Intermountain's new residential cottages was named Sunrise! Pastor Lanham, along with several of the 180 members of the Great Falls church, gathered with members of the Intermountain board and staff in Helena for prayers and fellowship and to watch the sun peek over the top of the new cottage bearing the Sunrise name.





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Board member John Watson noted Lanham and his congregation have done a good job of using Intermountain as a primary mission of the church. Having a facility named for the church is, “a worthy honor,” Watson said, given what the small church has accomplished.

“It’s amazing,” said Intermountain Board President, Rev. Marianne Niesen. “This is what church people should be about.”

Over the last 10 years, Sunrise members have provided teddy bears, blankets, shoes, coats, Christmas gifts, and books, among other items for the children. But they have also been responsible for providing more than \$1 million for the facilities and operations of Intermountain, including funds raised through the creation of elaborate tree packages sold at the annual Festival of Trees. One of those packages included an operational 1926 Mercedes convertible kit car. That tree brought the largest single bid in the history of the event – \$62,000! But more than that, several members of the church are familiar faces at Intermountain events and as hosts bringing others to informational tours of the campus.

Two girls who live in Sunrise Cottage presented the church members with poems written by residents of the cottage and also delivered a mural created by the children. Church members said the art would be put on display in their church building.



It was a great day full of love and support, and we are so thankful for Sunrise Presbyterian and everything they do.



Above: Sunrise Pastor Tim Lanham and Intermountain Board President Rev. Marianne Niesen.



# CHURCH & CHURCH GROUP GIVING

Giving since January 2015

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Butte, MT	ELCA Montana Synod Great Falls, MT	Geyser Community Presbyterian Church Geyser, MT	Libby United Methodist Church Libby, MT
American Lutheran Church Harlowton, MT	Epworth United Methodist Women Kalispell, MT	Glendive United Methodist Church Glendive, MT	Life Covenant Church Helena, MT
Bethel United Methodist Women Sheridan, MT	Evangelical Lutheran Church Women Big Timber, MT	Golden West Lutheran Church Conrad, MT	Lincoln United Methodist Women Lincoln, MT
Bigfork Community United Methodist Church Bigfork, MT	First Congregational UCC Glasgow, MT	Golden West Lutheran Church Women Brady, MT	Lonsdale United Methodist Church Sidney, MT
Blessed John Paul II Council of Catholic Women Bigfork, MT	First Congregational UCC Great Falls, MT	Grace Community Fellowship Helena, MT	Lonsdale United Methodist Women Sidney, MT
Bozeman United Methodist Church Bozeman, MT	First Congregational UCC Homeland Circle Big Timber, MT	Grace Lutheran Church Big Sandy, MT	Mayflower Congregational UCC Billings, MT
Brady United Methodist Church Brady, MT	First Lutheran Church Helena, MT	Grace United Methodist Church Livingston, MT	Mission Valley United Methodist Church St Ignatius, MT
Calvary Community Church Stanford, MT	First Presbyterian Church Anaconda, MT	Grace United Methodist Church Billings, MT	Missoula First United Methodist Foundation Missoula, MT
Cascade United Methodist Church Cascade, MT	First Presbyterian Church Butte, MT	Grace United Methodist Church Dillon, MT	Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference UCC Billings, MT
Chester United Methodist Church Chester, MT	First Presbyterian Church Sheridan, WY	Grace United Methodist Women Missoula, MT	Montclair United Methodist Church Belt, MT
Chinook United Methodist Church Chinook, MT	First Presbyterian Church Polson, MT	Grace United Methodist Women Billings, MT	Mountain View Trinity United Methodist Women Butte, MT
Choteau United Methodist Church Choteau, MT	First Presbyterian Church Helena, MT	Grand Avenue Christian Church Bozeman, MT	Mountain View Trinity United Methodist Church Butte, MT
Christ United Methodist Women Great Falls, MT	First Presbyterian Church Great Falls, MT	Grass Range United Methodist Church Grass Range, MT	North Bethesda United Methodist Church Bethesda, MD
Christian Science Society Helena, MT	First Presbyterian Church Harlem, MT	H.U. Club of Trinity Church Butte, MT	Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Helena, MT
Columbia Falls ELCA Columbia Falls, MT	First Presbyterian Church Bozeman, MT	Harlem Yoked Parish Harlem, MT	Our Savior's Lutheran Church Columbia Falls, MT
Columbia Falls United Methodist Church Columbia Falls, MT	First Presbyterian Church Stanford, MT	Harlowton Federated Church Harlowton, MT	Pine Creek United Methodist Women Livingston, MT
Community Congregational Church Absarokee, MT	First Presbyterian Church Dillon, MT	Headwaters Covenant Church Helena, MT	Pleasant Prairie Lutheran Women Flaxville, MT
Community Presbyterian Church Jordan, MT	First Presbyterian Church Whitefish, MT	Hinsdale Lutheran Church Hinsdale, MT	Plentywood United Methodist Church Plentywood, MT
Community Protestant Church West Yellowstone, MT	First United Methodist Church Miles City, MT	Hobson United Methodist Church Hobson, MT	Plymouth Congregational UCC Helena, MT
Community United Methodist Church Shelby, MT	First United Methodist Church Glasgow, MT	Hope Lutheran Church Anaconda, MT	Polson Community Church Polson, MT
Corvallis United Methodist Men's Group Corvallis, MT	First United Methodist Church Sheridan, WY	Hope Lutheran Church Powell, WY	Powell United Methodist Church Powell, WY
Crossroads Christian Fellowship Bigfork, MT	First United Methodist Church Missoula, MT	Hope United Methodist Church Billings, MT	Powell United Methodist Women Powell, WY
Dayton Ladies Aid Society - Presbyterian Church Big Arm, MT	First United Methodist Church Billings, MT	Huntley United Methodist Church Huntley, MT	Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund Havre, MT
Dutton United Methodist Church Dutton, MT	First United Methodist Church Women Great Falls, MT	Hysham Presbyterian Women Hysham, MT	Presbyterian Foundation Jeffersonville, IN
	First United Methodist Church Women Missoula, MT	Judith Gap Community Methodist Church Judith Gap, MT	Presbyterian Women Chinook, MT
	First United Methodist Women Billings, MT	Lewistown United Methodist Church Lewistown, MT	

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# CHURCH & CHURCH GROUP GIVING

Giving since January 2015

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Presbyterian Women in the  
Presbytery of Glacier  
Helena, MT

Presbyterian Women Madison  
Valley  
Ennis, MT

Presbyterian Women of Hot Springs  
Hot Springs, MT

Presbyterian Womens Association  
Gordon, NE

Presbyterian Women's Association  
Whitefish, MT

Presbyterian Women's Association  
Wolf Point, MT

Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Bozeman, MT

Red Lodge Community Church  
United Church of Christ  
Red Lodge, MT

Redstone United Methodist Church  
Plentywood, MT

Roberts United Methodist Church  
Roberts, MT

Roberts United Methodist Women  
Joliet, MT

Roy Community Church  
Roy, MT

Salmon United Methodist Women  
Carmen, ID

St Francis Parish Council of Catholic  
Women  
Valier, MT

St John Lutheran Church  
Great Falls, MT

St John's Lutheran Church  
Helena, MT

St Luke's Lutheran Church  
Shelby, MT

St Paul's United Methodist Church  
Helena, MT

St Paul's United Methodist Women  
Helena, MT

St Peter Episcopal Church  
Helena, MT

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
Belgrade, MT

Steamboat Springs United  
Methodist Church  
Steamboat Springs, CO

Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
Great Falls, MT

Ten Sleep United Methodist Women  
Ten Sleep, WY

Terry Community Presbyterian  
Church  
Terry, MT

Union Presbyterian Church  
Powell, WY

United Church of Christ,  
Congregational Women's  
Fellowship  
Fairfield, MT

United Methodist - American Baptist  
Women  
Hamilton, MT

United Methodist Church  
Pine Bluffs, WY

United Methodist Church  
Richey, MT

United Methodist Church  
Riverton, WY

United Methodist Church  
Sun River, MT

United Methodist Church  
Sunburst, MT

United Methodist Church  
Scobey, MT

United Methodist Church  
Stevensville, MT

United Methodist Church  
Harlem, MT

United Methodist Church  
Big Sandy, MT

United Methodist Mens Group  
Havre, MT

United Methodist Women  
Miles City, MT

United Methodist Women  
Fort Benton, MT

United Methodist Women  
Big Sandy, MT

United Methodist Women  
Roundup, MT

United Methodist Women  
Carmen, ID

United Methodist Women  
Bozeman, MT

United Methodist Women  
Saint Ignatius, MT

United Methodist Women  
Lewistown, MT

United Methodist Women  
Grass Range, MT

United Methodist Women  
Riverton, WY

United Methodist Women  
Columbia Falls, MT

United Methodist Women  
Stevensville, MT

United Presbyterian Women  
Stanford, MT

Valier Methodist Women  
Valier, MT

Valier United Methodist Church  
Valier, MT

Van Orsdel United Methodist  
Church  
Havre, MT

Waynesville United Methodist  
Church  
Waynesville, OH

West Side United Methodist Church  
Great Falls, MT

West Yellowstone Community  
Presbyterian Church  
West Yellowstone, MT

Whitefish United Methodist Church  
Whitefish, MT

Whitefish United Methodist  
Women  
Whitefish, MT

Winnett United Methodist Church  
Winnett, MT

Yellowstone Conference UMC  
Billings, MT

Yellowstone Conference United  
Methodist Women  
Missoula, MT

First United Methodist Church  
Great Falls, MT

Grace Community Fellowship  
Helena, MT

Harlem Yoked Parish  
Harlem, MT

Headwaters Covenant Church  
Helena, MT

Jump Youth Group  
Chinook, MT

Laurel United Methodist Church  
Laurel, MT

Life Covenant Church  
Helena, MT

Lincoln Community United  
Methodist Church  
Lincoln, MT

Mission Valley United Methodist  
Church  
St Ignatius, MT

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
Helena, MT

Presbyterian Women Madison  
Valley  
Ennis, MT

Roberts United Methodist Church  
Roberts, MT

Salvation Army Church/Community  
Corps  
Helena, MT

Shield's River Lutheran Church  
Wilsall, MT

St Paul's United Methodist Church  
Helena, MT

St Peter Episcopal Church  
Helena, MT

Townsend United Methodist Church  
Townsend, MT

Townsend United Methodist  
Women  
Townsend, MT

United Community Church  
Colstrip, MT

United Congregational UCC  
Butte, MT

United Methodist - American Baptist  
Women  
Hamilton, MT

United Methodist Women  
Miles City, MT

United Methodist Women  
Shelby, MT

United Methodist Youth  
Roberts, MT

## IN-KIND GIFTS

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
Butte, MT

Blessed John Paul II Council of  
Catholic Women  
Bigfork, MT

Bozeman United Methodist Church  
Bozeman, MT

Cascade United Methodist Church  
Cascade, MT

Federated Ladies Aid  
Harlowton, MT

First Assembly of God Church  
Helena, MT

First Christian Church  
Helena, MT

First Congregational UCC  
Sheridan, WY

First Lutheran Church  
Glasgow, MT

First Presbyterian Church  
Kalispell, MT

First Presbyterian Church  
Polson, MT

First United Methodist Church  
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- Benefit from payments that may be partially tax-free;
- Further the charitable work of Intermountain with your gift.