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INTERMOUNTAIN AND BIGFORK SCHOOLS CHAMPION *CHANGE*

Intermountain and Bigfork Schools are collaborating to offer a new Day Treatment program in the school starting this fall. Matt Jensen, Superintendent of the Bigfork School District, visited and observed the Day Treatment program on Intermountain's Helena campus and immediately felt the program would



work well to serve elementary children in the Bigfork School District who are struggling with emotional distress. He and Marvin Williams, Intermountain's Director of Education, soon worked out the details for the program, including the funding stream from the school district.

The biggest hurdle, according to Williams, was helping the school officials understand the difference between Intermountain's Day Treatment program and a program already in the school called Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT). CSCT is a more commonly known program that provides services to kids in the general education classroom, while Intermountain's Day Treatment is a self-contained setting where services are provided throughout the child's school day rather than sporadically.

Jensen stresses the need for early intervention for children struggling with emotional distress and other issues that not only interfere with their ability to learn but also with their ability to cope with life. He makes note of the Flathead health study that demonstrates high rates of children drinking, using drugs, becoming pregnant, and contemplating suicide at a very early age. Jensen says, "Our children need to come first and schools need to be in the forefront of finding solutions."

Dear Friends:

In this issue of Fine Gold, you will hopefully get a glimpse of the extraordinary changes that are made possible through your support. Your shared passion for this mission of transforming the lives of kids - many of whom are in seemingly hopeless circumstances - is something that I am thankful for each and every day! If you haven't already heard, the opportunities before us to restore emotional health and provide safe environments for hurting children just got a little more difficult because of government cuts in funding. As you can imagine, many of the over 1,000 struggling children whom we serve each and every day are not only the most severely impacted by early childhood trauma, but they are also among the most economically impoverished. While this is sobering news, we have weathered storms of this nature many times over the last 108 years. As we enter the giving season, I urge you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help us weather this most recent challenge. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and financial support, and may our collective efforts on behalf of these children and their families be richly blessed!

Sincerely,  Jim FitzGerald, Intermountain CEO

Camden's Story

YOUR HELP ALLOWS FAMILIES TO BUILD *TRUST*

Seven-year-old “Camden’s” mom was highly abused throughout her life. In fact, horrific abuse goes back three or four generations in their family. Camden’s mom is both hyper-protective and terrified of her children’s emotions. She is desperate to protect them from anything negative, but is unable to deal with the normal negative feelings that inevitably exist in her kids.



Camden has a “light up the world” smile, according to his Intermountain therapist. When he first came into therapy, he had one emotion that he was willing to express: happy. As he progressed in treatment though, he became willing to express other big emotions. He did this by hiding under his therapist’s desk and building a fort of pillows around himself. His therapist would try to guess his emotion: Angry? Sad? Terrified? When the therapist got it right, Camden would burst out of his fort, sending the pillows flying.



At the same time that Camden was learning how to express emotions other than happy, his mom was doing the same. She was taking Intermountain’s Circle of Security parenting class, learning to be “Bigger, Stronger, Wiser, and Kind” for her kids. In the past, her immediate reaction to her kids’ strong feelings was anger. She’s now learned how to talk to her kids instead of yell and scream. In a recent joint therapy session, Camden was able to sit in his mom’s lap and just “be sad.” It was a breakthrough for them both.

While it used to take almost an hour for Camden’s therapist to get him to express his emotions, it now only takes a few minutes. At home things are better, too. Camden’s older brother has returned to the home from inpatient therapy, and their mom is continuing to improve the way she reacts to her kids’ strong emotions. She now has a steady job. She’s terrified of failing, so she’s tempted to quit, but she hasn’t. **She’s determined to break the cycle of generations of abuse in her family, and Intermountain is determined to help her succeed.**

One Volunteer's Story

WHY I LOVE *FESTIVAL OF TREES*

by Sharon Witham, Funland Committee Chair

My entire family has been involved with the Festival of Trees and Intermountain for over ten years. While sometimes the event can seem overwhelming, the support from the community is faith renewing. It is truly magical to see multiple groups of volunteers who step up to perform and work the event. Some of these volunteer groups include students from local high schools who run the children's area, the Boy Scouts who help us clean and organize the trees for delivery on Sunday evening, Carroll College students who run the cookie booth, and steering committee volunteers who work year-long planning Festival of Trees.

Sometimes, as adults, we forget the true meaning of Christmas. We get caught up in the retail madness and frantic search for the perfect gift! Festival of Trees reminds us that Christmas isn't all about finding that perfect gift. Sure, the preparation for the Festival can be crazy - my house looks like Christmas exploded in it about a month before Festival! In the end, I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Each year, we look forward to seeing the faces of the children as they delight in the beautiful trees. We relish hearing the joyful music from the choirs and watching the performers, both young and old, sharing their true gifts of time and caring to help each other. But, most importantly, we love remembering it's all for the children of Intermountain!

Every child deserves to have a magical Christmas - every child deserves to share in all the joy and love the Christmas season represents. Intermountain's Festival of Trees is truly what makes Christmas all it should be for my family and me!



Sharon Witham
FOT Funland Chair
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Sharon Witham has served on the Festival of Trees Steering Committee for 11 years in various roles and spent numerous hours making Funland a magical experience. Sharon is the Training and Event Coordinator at Opportunity Bank of Montana and one of over 500 volunteers who help make this event Helena's unofficial kick-off to the Christmas season in Helena.



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“One generation plants the trees;
another gets the shade.”

— Chinese proverb

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Intermountain's first ever Occupational Therapy camp held at our Community Service Center on Dredge Drive in Helena was a huge success this summer. Directed by Lisa Sommers, Certified OT Assistant, 38 children joined in the skill and confidence building fun!

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Board of Directors

INTERMOUNTAIN BOARD GETS NEW *LEADERSHIP*

Intermountain Children's Services statewide Board of Directors met recently to elect new leadership for the next two years. Outgoing President, Rev. Marianne Niesen of Helena, passed the gavel to the new Chief Governance Officer and President of the Board, Pam Schapper of Whitefish. Schapper has been on the Board since 2008.

John Watson of Great Falls will serve his second appointment on the track for the Board President office. Watson was formerly President from 2011-2013. Rev. Cathy Barker of Helena took office as the Board Secretary.



New to the Board are Jim Lawrence, Helena, and Dr. Michael Priddy, Missoula. Retiring members, Matthew Dale of Helena, and Dr. Bill Reynolds of Missoula, were honored for their many years of service and dedication to the mission and to the children Intermountain serves. Both will continue as Emeritus members and maintain their close relationship with the organization. Rev. Carol Karres, Great Falls, was also honored as she leaves the Board to retire with her husband. Carol broke ground on the Board as the first appointed representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Board members are geographically diverse and strong community leaders. The Board allocates the majority of its seats to Intermountain's four supporting denominations: United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



2017 Board of Directors: Pam Schapper - President, Whitefish; John Watson - President Elect, Great Falls; Rev. Marianne Niesen - Past President, Helena; Kori Dee - Secretary, Helena; Crystal Amundson, Billings; Marsha Anson, Polson; Rev. Cathy Barker, Helena; Rev. JP Carlson, Bozeman; Frank Cannon, Helena; Linda Cladis, Billings; Katherine Curtis, Whitefish; Mike Hudson, Hamilton; Carol Karres, Great Falls; Jim Lawrence, Clancy; Robert Lopp, Kalispell; Don Patterson, Bigfork; Dr. Michael Priddy, Missoula; Nancy Staigmiller, Absarokee; Nancy Trudell, Helena.



Summer Program

EXPERIENCING *FIRSTS*

Intermountain's Summer Program allows kids to continue the work they had been doing in their school-based programs into the summer months. One of the most important things the program does is give kids "normative childhood experiences," says Daniel Champer, Intermountain's Director of School Based Services. He calls them "firsts."

For eight-year-old "Amber," it was eating her first ice cream cone. "I'll never forget the smile on her face," the Intermountain therapist says. Amber ordered three scoops in three different flavors: chocolate with red hots, bubblegum, and coffee. It couldn't have tasted very good together, but she ate every bite and she "probably said thank you 150 times." Eating an ice cream cone on a summer day is something most of us take for granted, but for Amber, who had been placed in eight different homes in the same number of years, it was a "first" and will hopefully be a good memory she'll always have with her.

The "first" for Tucker, Bill, and James was learning to trust an adult male in a stressful situation. The group had traveled to Lewis and Clark Caverns for the day. They came to the part in the tour where the guide turned off the lights. The boys were terrified, their Intermountain therapist says. "They all wanted to hold my hand," he says, "but there were three of them. I didn't have enough hands!" So, with two in hand and one clutching his elbow, the therapist and the three boys completed the tour of the caverns. The boys learned that it was possible to trust an adult man and have him come through for them. "It was a corrective relationship experience," the therapist says, "showing them that not all men are bad."

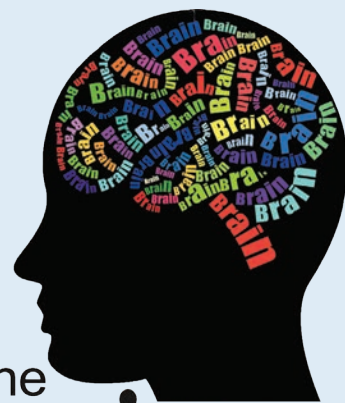
"The Brain Behind The Behavior": A ChildWise Seminar

It doesn't take a brain scientist to tell you that adolescents can be frustrating! A teen's life is shaped by factors such as family, friends, school, and communities. But there are also powerful neurological issues at play. What can we do to reduce the danger? Neuroscience has made great strides in shedding light on the changes occurring in a teenager's brain and why they behave the way they do.

On September 28th and 29th, 2017, ChildWise Institute is presenting "The Brain Behind the Behavior", featuring both national and Montana-based experts. Keynote speakers include Judy Cameron, Ph.D., a professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh, and Delaney Ruston, M.D., mother of two and creator of the award winning documentary SCREENAGERS, which will also be viewed at the Summit. Breakout sessions will be provided on top issues Montana's teens are facing every day: Substance Use; Suicide, Self-harm, and Mental Wellness.



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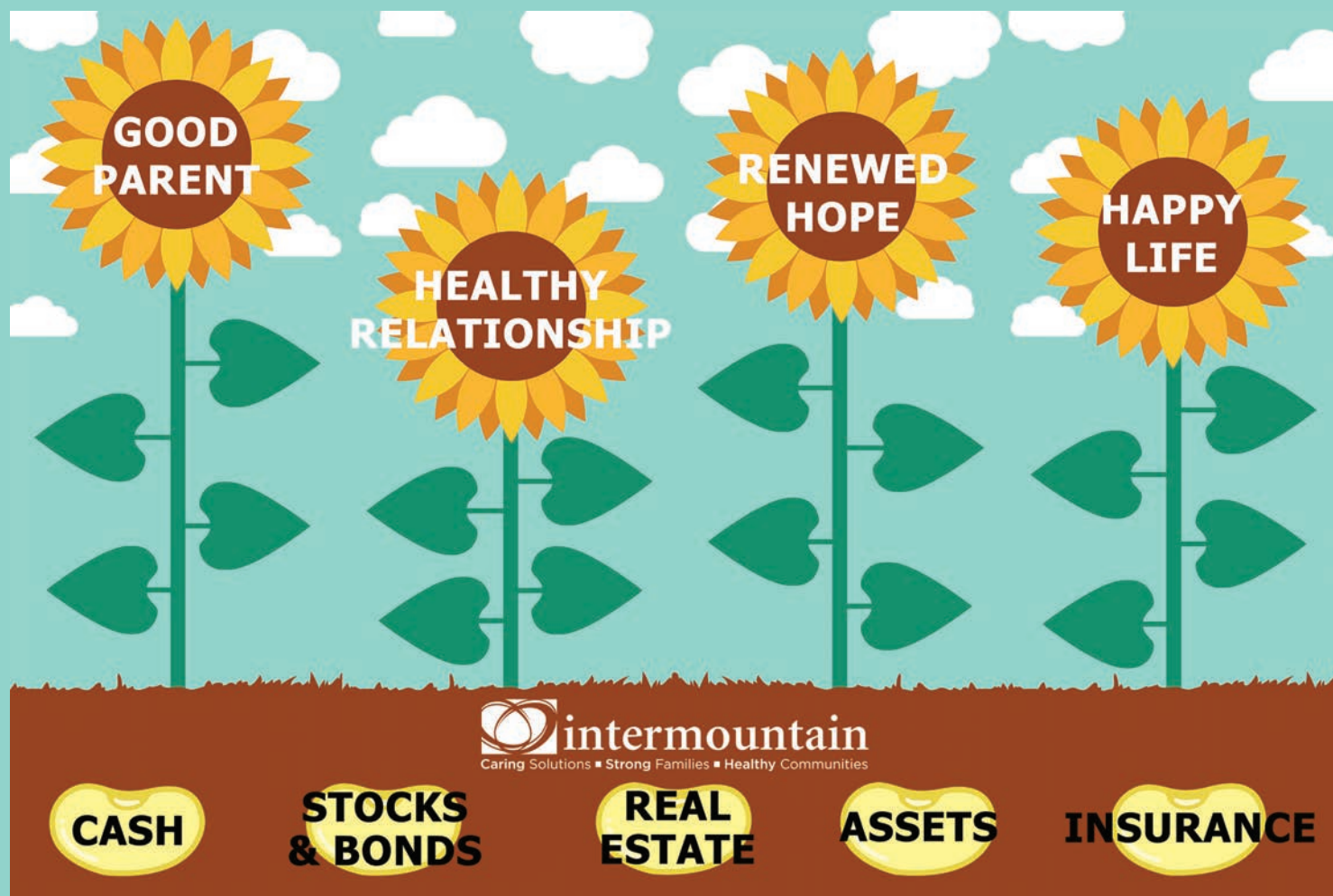


the
Brain behind
the **Behavior**

The Bountiful Harvest We See From the Seeds You Plant

Among the benefits of working for Intermountain is the opportunity to reconnect with former clients. There is a theme to many of their stories. An example is Deanna. She is only 25, but she has a wisdom that is beyond her years. When she talks about her painful past, you feel the weight of her sadness. You can see it in her eyes and her posture, and you can hear it in her quiet, monotone voice. She candidly acknowledges that every single day she still struggles to shake the vivid memories from her traumatic childhood.

When the conversation turns to her sandy haired, three-year old son Brandon, Deanna is transformed. She leans forward in her chair, her eyes light up, and in an animated, confident voice, she proudly says, “I am a good parent!” Intermountain helped Deanna let go of her anger at her mother. “I was so angry at her for what she did to me and what she let others do to me. But I realize now that she did the best she could. Her childhood experience was even worse than my own. I’m lucky because I got help!”



Intermountain also helped her to learn to trust again. Deanna says, “Because of Intermountain, I’m able to be there for my son in a way that my mom was not able to be there for me. And (here is an example of Deanna’s precocious wisdom) my son will likely – prayerfully – be an even better parent for his kids than I have been for him.” Thanks to gracious gifts from folks like you, adversity is not destiny! The positive change in lives like Deanna’s are like fruitful seeds that are planted and grow incrementally from generation to generation.

You can plant fruitful seeds today by including Intermountain in your estate plans or creating a life income gift. There are a host of options, and we have a team of friendly, qualified experts who would be delighted to help you find the option that is the best fit for your circumstances.

If Intermountain can be of service in any way, please call us (406) 457-4804.

Learn more at intermountain.giftlegacy.com