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# He's Not Nobody, He's James!

Since the beginning of September, and for the first time since the pandemic, I've been fortunate enough to volunteer in the cottages once a week cooking dinner.

Recently I was introduced to one child who simply said, "I'm nobody." Olivia, his counselor, deftly stepped in and said, "This is 'James,' and he's had a tough day." This reminded me clearly and loudly how vital our work with children is.

Sometimes you walk into a cottage, and you can just tell it's been a tough day. The quickest sign is when "time on silence" is a prerequisite for all the nighttime transitions, from free time to prepping for dinner, to being seated for dinner. It was a living example of the idiom, "All is quiet on the home front."

The next week was a radically different experience. The cottage was VIBRANT. This week James was playing guitar, smiling, and full of life. When I played a song for him on guitar, he said, "Wow, you play guitar!?! I thought you just cooked!" We shared a nice laugh.

The two little exchanges that James and I had were healthy reminders that we're all after a very similar thing. Worth. When volunteering weekly before, I got to see these little week-by-week changes. James will discover his worth and be willing to put himself out there in time.

And that's why we are so focused on Hope. Hope keeps us in the fight. It helps us discover, "I'm not nobody, I'm somebody."

A wise clinician once said, "trauma + relationship = resilience." Intermountain staff are tirelessly working to be the relationship piece of that equation. Thank you for the support you offer to make that possible, and I sincerely hope you enjoy this issue of Fine Gold.

Tyler Zimmer  
*Director of Development*

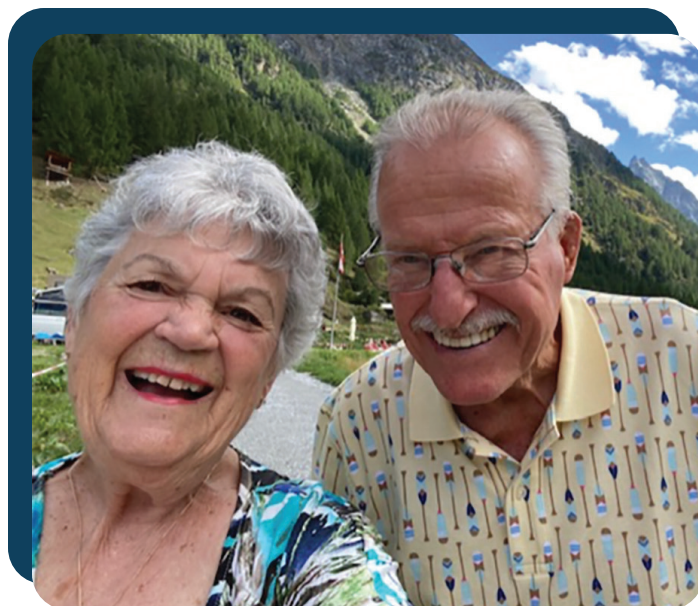




# Q&A with Jan Beekman

**Q: Jan, what got you interested in Intermountain?**

A: My husband, Bob, and I have been attending Madison Valley Presbyterian in downtown Ennis for a long time. One day, an Intermountain staff member came down with a graduate of your residential program, and the speech they gave was so moving that we began to get involved in the community fundraisers at our church.



**Q: What really helped you understand Intermountain's mission?**

A: After giving through our church, we were invited to attend a campus tour with a group. I had no idea how devoted the staff were, how much love was poured into the children, and how moving the work truly is. Once we saw campus and actually got to meet the children, we fully understood what "Healing through Healthy Relationships" was all about. It's more than just words, it's written into the staff's hearts.

**Q: How have you gotten further involved?**

A: Bob and I support through monthly giving. I often quote the King James version of Proverbs 17:8 which says, "A gift, withersoever it turneth, it prospereth." We know that when we send in our gift to Intermountain, you will use the gift to benefit the children and not to line somebody's pocket. We are blessed to donate our small amount monthly and know some child will "prosper."

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# Little Library Highlights the Gift of Giving

The story of Intermountain's Little Library began almost a year ago at the 2021 Festival of Trees, Once Upon a Storybook Christmas. The library was part of a tree package purchased at the annual event. The purchaser generously chose to donate some of the items in the package back to Intermountain, including bookshelves and the Little Library.

The bookshelves and the library were brought to the school at Intermountain's residential campus. Upon seeing the Little Library sitting in the hallway outside of her classroom, teacher Kathy Slack saw its potential.

"My class does paintings, so we said we would paint it," she remembers.

That January, after Festival of Trees and the holidays had wrapped up, Kathy's class started a unit studying the symbols of Montana and Montana history. As a class, they chose a few of the symbols to draw and paint to decorate the library: meadowlark, cutthroat trout, and mourning cloak butterfly.

"I like to connect art as much as possible and get them out and about to experience what we're studying," Kathy said.

Kathy, an artist herself whose work can be enjoyed throughout her classroom, sketched the drawings on the wooden box. Afterwards, the students picked up their paintbrushes and added some color. By the time they got to painting the door, the students were studying pollinators, so

they added some bright yellow bumblebees to the front.

Since the project started in January, it has spanned two classes of students. Kathy's current class includes five students, third and fourth graders.

The students are proud of their work and look forward to walking by it, something they will have the opportunity to do thanks to generous Intermountain neighbors and supporters that jumped at the chance to give it a home in their front yard.

Stan and Glenda Bradshaw have lived on the same street as Intermountain Residential for more than two decades.

"We've been here 23 years, and they are good neighbors," Stan said.





When it came time to find a home for the Little Library, Terry Chaney, Intermountain's Senior Development Officer, planned to call around to neighbors who had supported Intermountain in the past. It didn't take long to find someone to house it. In fact, the Bradshaws were the first ones he called.

The couple had thought about having a Little Library in the past, but Stan admits to not being a very handy guy. So, when they got the call, they told Terry they would love to have it.

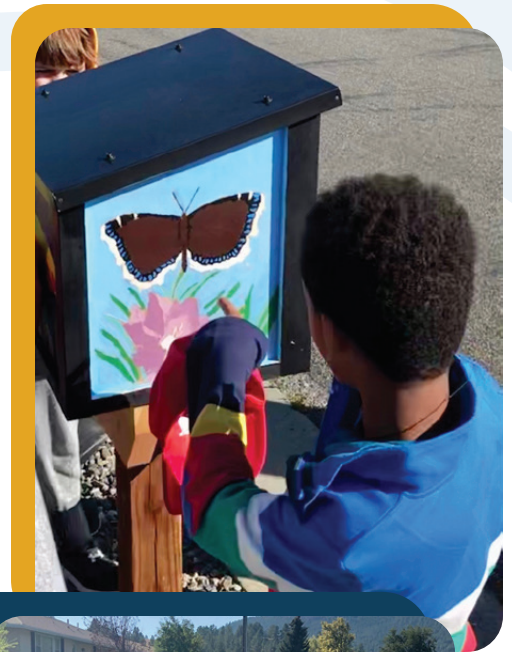
Today, the library has found a permanent home on the Bradshaws front lawn, which is visited throughout the day by friendly neighborhood cats and walkers who donate books they have already read. It has become a true community project with new books showing up all the time.


Just like the other neighbors who have already added the Little Library as a stop on their walking route, the students who crafted the colorful box look forward to stopping by as well.

"They are really excited about it and really happy we'll be able to see it when we walk to the park or walk to the museum," Kathy said.

The story of Intermountain's Little Library is truly one of generosity that started with a generous donation by SMA at the Festival of Trees, the donor gifting the package back, the students and teacher who shared their talents to decorate it, and the Bradshaws who gave it a home. It will continue to be a vehicle of giving and sharing as books are donated and borrowed from its sturdy wooden walls.

Learn more about the Little Library program at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).



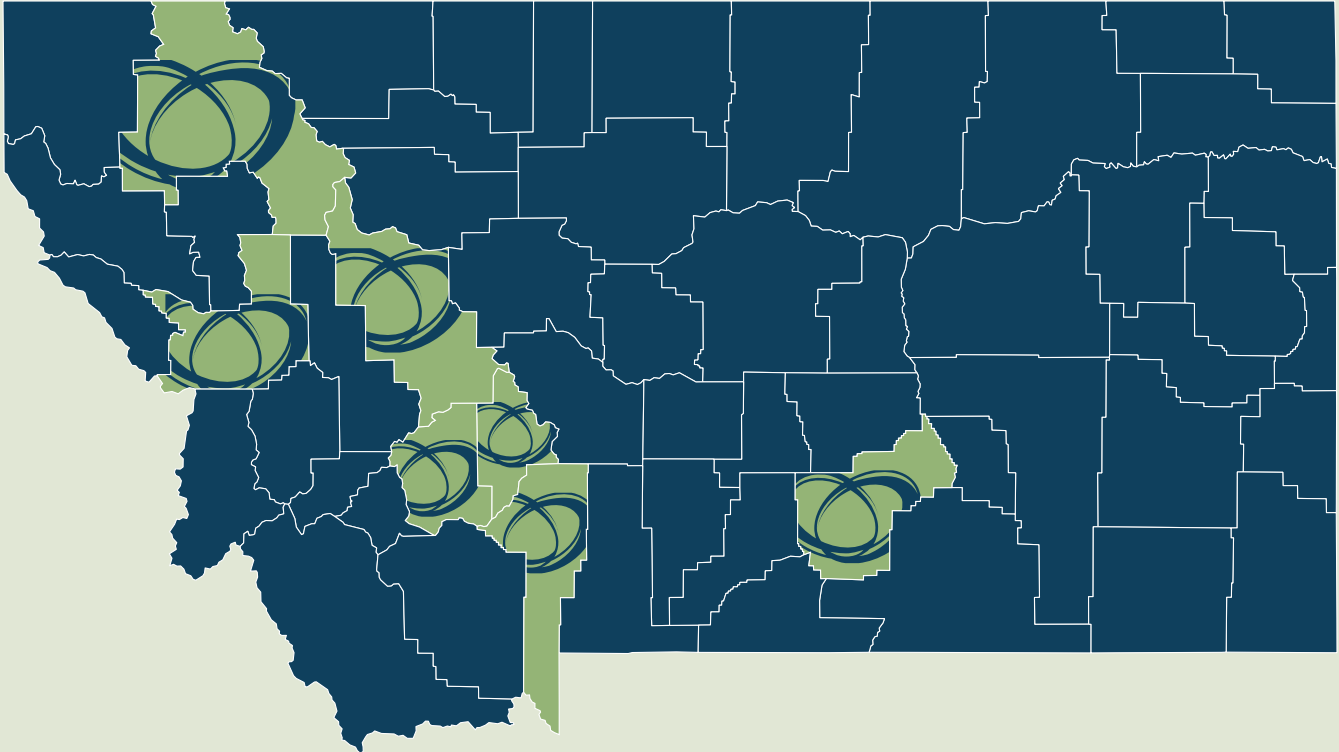


# Intermountain by the Numbers

Through a variety of services,  
we can reach more clients in  
more places than ever before. At  
Intermountain, we are always  
dedicated to bringing hope and  
healing to the lives of people  
in the communities we serve.  
Today, we are finding new ways  
to meet people where they are at  
and provide services that meet  
their needs.

## Counties Where We Provide Services:

Broadwater County | Flathead County | Gallatin County | Jefferson County  
Lewis & Clark County | Missoula County | Yellowstone County



### Average Ages by Program:

22	Co-Occurring Substance Use and Emotional Distress Therapy
21	Psychiatry
17	Outpatient
13	Family-Based Services (Case Management)
11	School-Based Services/CSCT
11	Residential
11	Occupational Therapy
8	School-Based Outpatient Therapy

### Other numbers of note:

- Through our many therapeutic offerings, we have provided **951** individual services so far this year.
- Within our billable services, **59%** of those we serve are Medicaid clients.
- Across Montana and as far away as Maine, **186** employees share their time and talents at Intermountain.
- Volunteers log over **2,000** hours each year at events like our Summer Round Up and Festival of Trees.



# Staff Spotlight

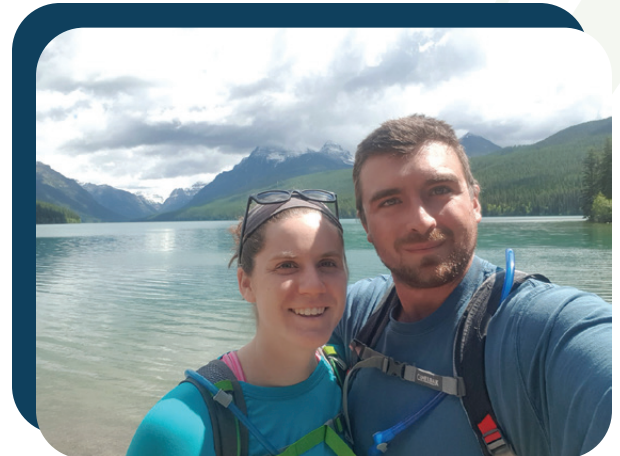
## Get to know Sarah Bassett, Intermountain's Rehabilitation Services Supervisor.

Sarah was recently promoted to her supervisory position after working as a direct care Occupational Therapist with Intermountain since 2019.

Sarah came to Intermountain from Colorado State University where she received her MS-OT degree. Her favorite part of being an OT therapist is seeing the hard work that kids put in during therapy, and then graduating from OT and reaping the rewards of their hard work. Getting to walk alongside them in their work is a privilege she does not take for granted!

She and her husband also run a wood crafting business, making hardwood décor to spruce up homes.

- **Originally From:** Lake Benton, Minnesota
- **Favorite Travel Destination:** Lakes in Minnesota - there's nothing like home!
- **Went to School:** South Dakota State University for undergrad and CSU for her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy. Sarah was also part of the Temple Grandin Equine Therapy Research Team in her master's program.
- **Favorite Hobbies:** Hiking, riding her horse, anything outside, being active, and that includes the mind with things like reading!
- **Favorite TV Show:** New Lord of the Rings show: *Rings of Power*.
- **Family Life:** She and her husband just got married in 2021!
- **Favorite Food:** Chocolate anything!





## Overview of Program

### The Earl and Linda Bates Complete Your Dreams

Scholarship was founded in 2006 by Earl and Linda Bates after attending a Recognition Day event at the Residential Campus in Helena. As the story goes, they were discussing just how impressed and inspired by the children and their hard work during their treatment at Intermountain. One question they asked themselves was, “what happens to the kids after they leave treatment and return home?” As they continued to discuss the future for these children the idea of the scholarship emerged. They wanted this scholarship to be something the children of Intermountain had to look forward to and for them to reconnect to the support they had during their time at Intermountain. They wanted the scholarship to be available to them through Intermountain. Just like Intermountain was there for them when they needed care as a child, it would be there again to offer financial assistance and emotional support as they entered higher education.” Linda then named the scholarship as Complete Your Dreams Scholarship (CYD) as it was a way for the children to be able to complete their dreams! In 2006, the CYD program saw its first two recipients. In 2011, it saw its first three graduates. The program has continued to grow each year and continues to see more recipients and graduates. To date, there have been 19 graduates with four of those graduating with Masters’ Degrees. For the 2022/2023 school year, the program has a total of 22 recipients across seven different schools.

## The Earl & Linda Bates Complete Your Dreams Scholarship

## Student Highlight

This young lady is a living example of what we mean at Intermountain when we say “lasting outcomes.”

Ashley Romero graduated from MSU Northern with an Associate of Science in Nursing in the spring of 2022. She was a recipient of the Earl and Linda Bates Complete Your Dreams Scholarship for the years she attended MSU Northern.

Currently, she resides in Rochester, MN, where she is a surgical floor nurse at the prestigious Mayo Clinic.

We are so proud of everything Ashley has accomplished and she represents everything that Intermountain, the Complete Your Dreams Scholarship Program, and Earl and Linda Bates are about!

Congratulations, Ashley - keep up the great work!



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