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A Letter from Our Board

Dear Intermountain Friends,

Intermountain's Board of Directors wants you to know our deeply respected and dearly loved Jim FitzGerald has announced his intention to transition out of his role as CEO. We have entered this season of change with profound gratitude to Jim, and with continued hope and enthusiasm for the future of Intermountain. The Board has established a Search Committee which has already begun the process of finding our next CEO. We expect this process may take up to six to nine months.

Jim's accomplishments during his tenure as CEO cannot be overstated. His vision, integrity, and love for Intermountain's mission moved us from a single campus in Helena with four cottages, to a state-wide organization that provides residential care in Helena, Missoula, and the Flathead. Intermountain serves in more than 25 public schools in 11 Montana School Districts and offers diverse, integrated services in 13 Montana communities. Jim has overseen the expansion from treating solely children to treating families and adults, as well. Jim has worked tirelessly, making enormous improvements to Montana's system of behavioral health, including the founding of ChildWise Institute and the Behavioral Health Alliance. Jim's leadership in the field was recently honored with the 2020 Mignon Waterman Award and his appointment to the Governor's DPHHS Transition Advisory Team.



We are incredibly grateful for Jim's leadership, compassion, and dedication which have helped make Intermountain the highly effective, nationally recognized organization it is today. Our hope is that he will remain involved in some capacity well into the future.

We are so thankful to those who support us with their prayers, creativity, volunteer hours, and financial gifts. With continued support, Jim's successful legacy of "healing through healthy relationships" will continue for generations to come.

Please join us in thanking Jim for his years of service, leadership, and dedication. Jim may be reached at 3240 Dredge Dr., Helena, MT 59602 or leahb@intermountain.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Watson".

John Watson
IM Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela C. Schapper".

Pam Schapper
IM Board Past Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Lopp".

Bob Lopp
IM Board Chair Elect

The Need

An estimated 1 in 5 children in the US experience a mental, emotional, or behavioral health disorder. Only about 20% of these children receive care from a specialized mental health provider.

– *Maternal and Child Health Bureau*

Over 2.3 million youth in the US have severe major depression. 59.6% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.*

Not only are the number of youth searching for help with their mental health increasing, but throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, youth ages 11-17 have been more likely than any other age group to score for moderate to severe symptoms of anxiety and depression.*

**According to the 2021 State of Mental Health in America report published by Mental Health America*



The Hope

re·sil·ience | noun

the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness

Resilience is what we strive to build in the kids we serve. It is also a character trait we see so often in our staff and in our donors in the midst of a difficult season. Given the challenges of this

past year, finding ways to connect with children has taken some creative planning. Our teams have maintained connections with kids in more than 25 cities across Montana, sometimes by phone or by way of online meeting platforms, and sometimes even through socially distanced meetings in families' front yards. The need for our services has not decreased and neither has our commitment to support children, youth, and families.

We could not do this vital work without the support of donors like you standing by our side.

Thank You
for partnering with us to transform lives
Together
we are making a difference

What struck me was that so many people immediately thought about the needs of our kids and staff when everything shut down. A lot of people gave before we even asked, and others stepped up despite that they may have been dealing with their own hardships.

*-Teresa Meyer,
Intermountain Development Team*

1 + 1 + 1 = Hope

This is a story about Brandon

Brandon first came to Intermountain as a distressed first grader with significant anger issues. His home life was chaotic and he was shuffled from place to place and from school to school for the next several years, thus making it impossible for Intermountain to consistently support him. Intermountain staff came back into contact with Brandon shortly after being expelled from middle school due to violent behavior.

In collaboration with the school and his parents, the decision was made to enroll Brandon in the Intermountain Day Treatment Program. His family was notably skeptical, afraid this placement would prevent Brandon from ever returning to a “normal” school setting. Despite their apprehension, Brandon’s parents trusted Intermountain and had been pleased with the work our staff had done with Brandon in the past, thus allowing Intermountain the opportunity to work with him again, *on one condition . . .*



This is a story about the fences around Brandon...

Intermountain staff were not allowed to say the word “therapy” when working with Brandon. Whatever the reason, this was a condition of allowing us to provide services to a young man we knew we could help. Due to the breadth of services we offer and the width of geographical area we serve, our staff regularly encounter a wide range of family values, traditions, and practices. Therefore, it is critical when we find fences within a family, to hearken back to our mission statement, *Healing Through Healthy Relationships*. We know that the only way to make an impact on a child, family, or community, is to connect with them, and meet them at the fence line.

Our staff got to enter Brandon’s family life, and his community. Even though Brandon’s family had a different culture and different perspective, the one thing that consistently united us with Brandon and his family was hope. Hope for a better future for Brandon.

This is a story about Brandon and you...

During his year and a half in our Day Treatment program, Brandon learned frustration tolerance, the trust of adult care, and many other skills that allowed him to successfully reintegrate into his public middle school.

Brandon is now about to complete his first year of high school and is doing better all the time. He and his family have a strong, trusting relationship with their Intermountain case manager, and they know the entire Intermountain family is in their court. Brandon has new hope for a successful future, and we could not be more proud of the hard work done by the entire family.

So how is this also about you? Brandon's story is just one example of what kids in our care experience. Sometimes there are several steps forward and sometimes there are steps back. The needs of the family and the child often change, but Intermountain provides a myriad of programs that allow us to support kids and families regardless of which step they are on. Your financial support of Intermountain makes possible the transformation of children, their families, and the communities in which they live. Thank you for helping us *Heal Through Healthy Relationships!*

Three Intermountain services working together to help Brandon and his family find hope for the future



CASE MANAGEMENT

Coordinates and guides families through mental health and other support services.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Provides year-round, K-12 school-based services, including individual, group, and family psychotherapy, behavioral support, crisis care, and recreation.

DAY TREATMENT

Provides self-contained education and therapeutic programs within schools.

Intermountain Welcomes A New Chaplain

Let us introduce you to Rev. Sami Pack-Toner

Intermountain is excited to welcome Rev. Sami Pack-Toner to our Helena Residential Campus. Recently we asked Sami about this new calling to serve the children and families of Intermountain Residential.

What drew you to consider the chaplaincy at Intermountain?

I have always admired the work that Intermountain offers and strives to offer. Being a “cradle Methodist” from Montana, it has always been a place I knew about. In my adulthood and ministry, I have learned more about the intentional work that has evolved through the generations. I have always felt a spiritual nudge toward the intersection of mental health and ministry and social work. Recently, that nudge has turned into a call. I am thrilled and honored to serve the residential kiddos on their own spiritual journeys.

What unique gifts, skills, or passions do you hope to employ in your service to the children?

My experience with service toward children has been constant through my teen years and adulthood. I lifeguarded and taught swimming lessons all through high school, college, and grad school. I also worked at a preschool and taught gymnastics between college and grad school. Though the crowd of kiddos was varied as far as mental health needs, those jobs helped me practice the important skill of communicating with kids. I have been in charge of, and helped with, a variety of children’s ministries, and it is one of the most joyous pieces of my current job. It causes me to grow in my faith and challenges my theology. I look forward to working with the teams at Intermountain as I learn how to serve the residential kiddos.

How can we be praying for you and Shane as you transition into this new role?

We appreciate your prayers for our transition from a ministry at Helena United Methodist Ministries and for the congregations I have served. I am grateful for everyone’s support as we adjust to new challenges and adventures.

Sami will continue to serve Helena United Methodist Ministries until her new appointment as Intermountain’s chaplain, effective July 1. Sami is a go-getter though, and has already found time in her busy schedule to begin the necessary trainings essential for working with the Residential children. Sami and her husband, Shane, live in Marysville, MT, and love to spend time outdoors and skiing.



Road to Intermountain

MONTANA NATIVE
*grew up in
Sheridan, MT*

U OF GREAT FALLS
*Psychology &
Criminal Justice/
Social Work 2010*

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2014*

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I am so honored to serve the children in Intermountain’s care, and I look forward to continuing strong relationships with congregations and faith communities that support this vital ministry.

-Rev. Sami Pack-Toner

Hope for Healing

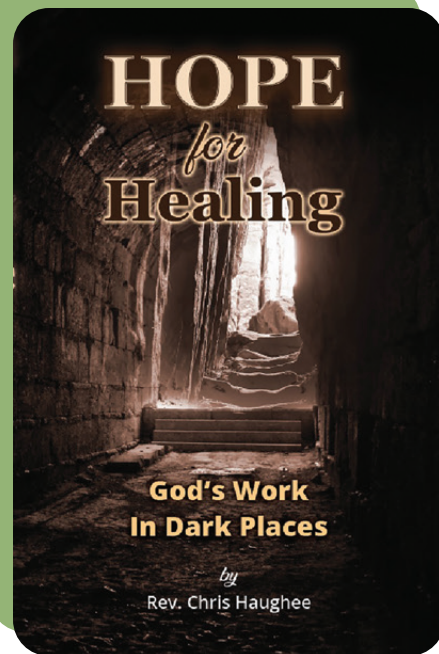
Give yourself thirty days to experience the profound ministry of Intermountain Residential in Helena, Montana! *Hope for Healing* is a unique devotional book. It stems from Rev. Dr. Chris Haughee's ministry as chaplain to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families, gleaned from articles, sermons, and other writings (2012-2020). It will draw you further into the heart of a ministry of advocacy for children that are near to the heart of God—not in spite of their difficulties in life—but precisely *because* they have endured the worst this world can offer and have found hope and healing. You will find your faith enriched and your appreciation grow for the hard work these children, their families, and—God willing—an increasing number of churches and communities of faith willing to engage to find resilience and empowerment for the sake of our world and God's Kingdom. There are thirty days of personal devotions that can also be used in small group settings using the optional discussion questions in the back of the book. Each day includes a lesson, key verse, key thought, and a prayer.

Chris Haughee came to Intermountain in 2012 with a commitment to advocate for the clients Intermountain serves while seeking to equip and encourage local congregations in trauma-informed ministry. Chris continues to serve Intermountain part-time in the role of church liaison and development, reaching out to Intermountain's faith-based supporters and sharing his heart and passion for the ministry of bringing healing and hope to children, teens, and their families. Chris now spends his time in both Montana and Washington state, making trips back and forth at regular intervals.

I am excited to see how this new chapter unfolds, and my commitment to Intermountain has never been stronger. I hope this new devotional book helps individuals and congregations see how we are all vitally important to God's plan to bring healing through healthy relationships.

-Rev. Chris Haughee

For inquiries about obtaining a copy of this book, please call 406-457-4850.



"It takes a gentle yet strong heart to build trust with children who have been deeply wounded. Rev. Chris Haughee has this unique quality. His knowledge of trauma-informed care together with his love for Jesus changes lives."

Lisa Qualls, Author of *The Connected Parent: Real-Life Strategies for Building Trust and Attachment*



"Our world needs more encouragement like *Hope for Healing*. This book shares needed stories for hurting parents, communities of faith, and those who care about traumatized kids. You will gain thoughtful insights from Chris' experiences, both from working at Intermountain and his own family."

Dana W.M. Holzer, Former Chaplain of Intermountain, 1999-2012

"*Hope for Healing* takes us directly into the heart of Intermountain—the children—through stories, reflections, prayers, scripture and children's drawings. Chaplain Chris Haughee loves the children Intermountain serves, and gently invites us into their world as supporters of the mission of hope and healing."

The Rev. Jessica Crist, Retired Bishop, Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Tax Savings for You, A Legacy Gift for Intermountain

A Q&A WITH ESTATE PLANNING GURU GERALD ALLEN

Former Board Member, Gerry Allen, is a retired Butte attorney who worked with many estate planning clients in his practice. Gerry was born in Butte and moved to Three Forks at age five. As the years rolled on however, the call of Butte was too strong, and he and his late wife, Nancy, made Butte their home nearly 50 years ago. Both Gerry and Nancy have been avid supporters of Intermountain.



Gerry Allen with his daughter, Beth, and grandchildren.

Gerry, I've heard it said that deferred retirement assets are a good place to start if you are interested in a planned gift.

Yes. Unlike most assets that we accumulate during our lives, deferred retirement assets – like an IRA – that survive us, will likely be taxed before they pass to children or other heirs. And those taxes could be significant. So, if you are looking to make a planned gift to a qualified charity like Intermountain, you might want to look to these assets first.

How might an IRA owner benefit Intermountain now, during the owner's lifetime?

The owner could make an IRA charitable rollover gift (also known as a Qualified Gift Distribution – QCD). Let's say you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA. However, you don't need the income, and don't want to pay taxes on it. Give it to Intermountain. This is a very savvy way of saving taxes while helping Intermountain. You can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year up to \$100,000, reducing your taxable income, even if you do not itemize, and make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limit on charitable gifts.

How can I leave a portion, or all of, my deferred retirement funds to Intermountain upon my death?

It is very easy. You simply complete a beneficiary designation form, provided by your retirement plan custodian. And as I mentioned, if you designate a qualified charity like Intermountain as your beneficiary, you will benefit from the full value of your gift because your IRA assets will not be taxed at your death. And your estate may benefit from an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift.

Gerry, I understand there has been a change in the tax law which can have a substantial impact on retirement account beneficiaries.

Yes, the SECURE Act, passed in 2019, made significant changes that affect beneficiaries of IRAs.

No change was made with respect to surviving spouses, however, all other beneficiaries are affected, such as children and grandchildren. Before that act was passed, a child who is named as an IRA beneficiary could “stretch” the annual distributions over the child’s life expectancy. For example, if a child, age 50, was named beneficiary of a parent’s IRA, the child beneficiary could “stretch” the benefits over the child’s expected life, maybe 35 to 40 years. Now, however, under the SECURE Act, the child must draw out the entire account within 10 years. The elimination of the “stretch” IRA could result in significant loss of dollars, particularly where a beneficiary is enjoying her peak earning years.

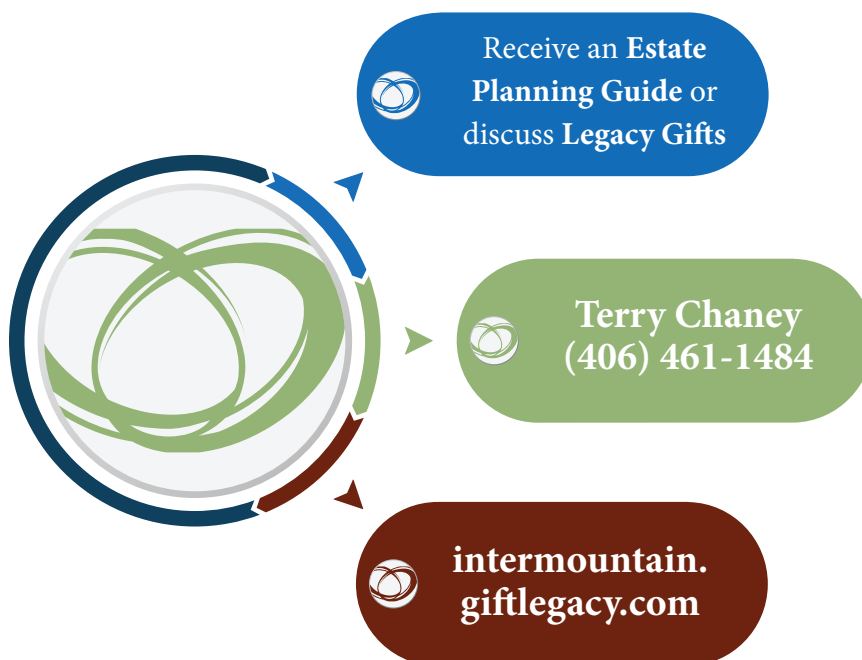
Large distributions from a parent’s IRA would be taxed at the top rates above the beneficiary’s regular income. What to do? The owner could name a charity (I like Intermountain!) as beneficiary of all or part of the IRA. As I mentioned before, 100% of the dollars would go to the charity without tax. For a larger account, a Charitable Remainder Trust might be helpful. The Trust could provide for benefits to be payable to a child over 20 years with the remaining assets then going to charity.

This is very helpful, Gerry! Thank you for your time, and for your leadership support over the years. Do you have any parting words?

It has been my pleasure to support Intermountain over the years. I have witnessed first-hand how Intermountain has changed the trajectory of children and families who were struggling to find their way. And the work that Intermountain is doing today will pay dividends long into the future. The work of Intermountain is just amazing, and I’m grateful to have the opportunity to do what I can during my lifetime and through my legacy. None of what I have said should be considered legal or tax advice. I am retired and not licensed to practice law in Montana. However, I do love Intermountain, and the work done by you folks. I urge any of its friends to contact Intermountain and their own tax advisor to see how they might plan with their own retirement accounts.

The work of Intermountain is just amazing, and I’m grateful to have the opportunity to do what I can during my lifetime and through my legacy.

- Gerry Allen



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Swinging Into Action

There sat at Intermountain an old swing set that had seen many, many kids over the years and served its purpose well, but whose time for retirement had come. There were some issues springing up that could potentially cause injury to a child or cause nervousness and anxiety, which is exactly the opposite of the trust and care Intermountain works to instill within relationships with the kids we serve.

Jerilyn Lecce, Intermountain Occupational Therapist, went far beyond the call of duty to ensure a new and more suitable replacement was found. After attempting to raise enough money on her own, approaching relatives and even holding a garage sale, Jerilyn knew she needed to dig deeper in order to afford the product that would best meet the needs at hand. She spent many hours researching options and partnered with the Development Department to pursue grant funding. Jerilyn's diligence paid off! A portion of a grant from the Zinngrabe Charitable Foundation in 2020 was to purchase one adaptive swing kit. Some assembly required. Quite a LOT of assembly, actually, and that is when she called in the Boy Scouts!

Troop 212 of Helena was contacted, and 14-year-old Life Scout Mayes took on the task as his Eagle Project. Eagle Projects are meant to teach communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills as one Scout plans and leads others in the execution of a project for a benefitting organization. Mayes chose to not only lead the assembly of the kit that had been purchased, but also studied the kit down to the minute detail in order to replicate a second identical adaptive swing for a second Intermountain location!

Mayes took detailed notes, counted hardware, studied the quantity, lengths and angles the boards needed to be cut to and then hit the pavement requesting material

donations from local businesses. He acquired donations from Home Depot, Builders FirstSource, and even a private contractor who just happened to see Mayes in his Scout uniform in a parking lot and offered to help.

Mayes' grandfather made the trip from Idaho to Helena to help cut the boards and prepare the materials, and then came time for construction. Mayes rallied other Scouts in his Troop and lead the charge, instructing the crew on how to assemble both swing sets.

In just two days' time, two new and sturdy adaptive swing sets were built and now stand ready to help strengthen children in so many ways, for so many years to come.

A remarkable gift from some remarkable young men. *Thank you from the staff and children of Intermountain!*



Wishlist

Would you like to help provide for some of our most pressing needs? From rocking chairs to roller skates, our online Wish List details the items requested by our various Intermountain services.

Visit the Wish List online at intermountain.org/waystogive/wishlist or call Teresa at 406-457-4804 to discuss various needs.

A very special THANK YOU to the Zinngrabe Charitable Foundation for their generous contribution to this project. If you know anyone connected with a charitable family foundation and would like to introduce them to Intermountain, please contact Tyler Zimmer at tylerz@intermountain.org or 406-457-4801.


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I want to thank you for your love and respect that you showed me when I was young. You really made me feel safe and secure. That was a pretty rough part of my life and I'm thankful that you were there to guide me through it. It makes me strong for my family and it is a great example for me to keep in my mind when I'm raising my own family.

- A young mother and former Intermountain client



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