



# THRIVE

Healthy Families, Strong Communities at Mountain Home

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## A Fresh Season of Learning and Growth



Dear Friends of Mountain Home,

As the leaves begin to change and the days turn crisp, I'm reflecting on this season of transition, not only with the change in weather but with all the transformational changes happening at Mountain Home. Late this summer, we were able to officially move our families and staff into our expanded and newly renovated location at the former Hillside Manor nursing home. With 20 new residential rooms and additional childcare spaces, this home represents so much more than bricks and mortar. It's a promise to meet the growing needs of young moms and children in our community with dignity, care, and hope.

As a former professor, I can't help but get excited for autumn as it returns us to the rhythm of back-to-school. For the children enrolled in our childcare and preschool programs, it means new classrooms, new friendships, and new opportunities to learn and grow.

For many of the young mothers at Mountain Home, it means balancing their roles as students and parents. I'd especially like to acknowledge nine of our moms who enrolled this semester in college courses, pursuing education and training that will help them create brighter futures for themselves and their children. These moms walk into class with determination, often after long days of work and parenting. It's a powerful reminder of their resilience and of the community of support that makes their journeys possible.

And our expansion journey isn't done yet. This fall we began working on Mountain Home strategic planning that we'll be able to share with you all soon. Our expanded space and capacity has given us the chance to strategically and thoughtfully grow and continue to strengthen our programs.

None of this would be possible without you. Your generosity, encouragement, and belief in our mission make Mountain Home not just a safe place to live, but a foundation where families can thrive. Together, we are nurturing dreams, building stability, and investing in the next generation.

With gratitude,

Caitlin Borgmann  
Executive Director



Summer transitions to Fall at Mountain Home's new Hillside campus

# Mountain Home's BIG MOVE!

From July 28th through August 1st, Mountain Home staff and families made the exciting transition into our expanded location. The move was a true community effort—our team worked hand-in-hand with dedicated volunteers and partners to make sure every mom and child felt at home from day one.

Since August 1st, we've welcomed five families into our new 20-bedroom facility, and we're continuing to build staff capacity to serve even more. We are deeply grateful to the many community partners who rolled up their sleeves to make this transition possible. Please see the following page for a detailed thank-you and a full list of those who helped us turn this dream into reality.

Check out some photos of the newly renovated spaces we've been working on for our families:



# A HUGE Thank You to our Community Volunteers

Mountain Home would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the local businesses, community groups, and individual supporters who helped us design family rooms, organize, pack, and move our offices and home on South Avenue to Hillside. Other groups were instrumental in helping us clean our new space to allow us to move in, and even sponsored or cooked dinner for our families to help out the week of our move.



MAC Volunteers pose after cleaning our new facility!



MMA volunteers unload childcare equipment at Hillside

## THANK YOU:

- Atonement Lutheran Church
- Family of Bea Williams
- Family of Betty Verlanic
- First Interstate Bank
- First Security Bank
- Five Valleys Church of Christ
- Holy Spirit Parish
- HDR
- Jenny Brown & Beth Stensrud
- Kathy Ogren & Peggy Peschel
- Kim & John Boyle
- Kim Visser & Sharon Snavely
- Leah & Olivia Leitch
- Lynne Willstein & Lucy Condolora
- Marsh McLennan Agency (MMA)
- Missoula Alliance Church (MAC)
- Missoula RESIST Group
- Missoula Soroptimists
- SmithBlack Furniture
- Stockman Bank
- Tiffany McQuirk & Beth Woody
- Wagners Home Furnishings- Faith Meusey



# Building Our Future

This summer, Mountain Home staff came together in remarkable ways. From organizing the logistics of our big move to making time in their busy schedules to strategically plan for Mountain Home's future. Our team's dedication ensures that Mountain Home not only meets today's needs but is also prepared to grow and thrive alongside the families we serve.



Mountain Home staff gather for an orientation at our new building.

## Staff Celebrations

### September

- 🎂 Birthdays
  - Tempeste L.
  - Mandy N.
- 🎉 Work-aversaries
  - September 12<sup>th</sup> - Melodee S. (1-year)
  - September 16<sup>th</sup> - Maggie S. (1-year)
  - September 17<sup>th</sup> - John S. (1-year)
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Heather N. (10-years)
  - September 25<sup>th</sup> - Trish M. (2-years)

### October

- 🎂 Birthdays
  - Rose M.
  - Cassie S.
  - Katrina B.
- 🎉 Work-aversaries
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> - Katrina B. (2-years)
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> - Greta J. (7-years)

### November

- 🎂 Birthdays
  - Emma P.
  - John S.
  - Muriel D.
  - Mataiya B.
  - Macy B.
  - Lillian T.
- 🎉 Work-aversaries
  - November 1<sup>st</sup> - Tiffany F. (3-years)
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> - Nani H. (1-year)
  - November 10<sup>th</sup> - Desi L. (5-years)
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> - Rachel R. (3-years)
  - November 29<sup>th</sup> - Lillian T. (3-years)

### December

- 🎂 Birthdays
  - Courtney C.
  - Tiffany F.
  - Shelley G.
  - Nani H.
  - Nikki S.
- 🎉 Work-aversaries
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy W. (1-year)
  - December 4<sup>th</sup> - Muriel D. (1-year)
  - December 13<sup>th</sup> - Amy R. (4-years)
  - December 29<sup>th</sup> - Kelsie S. (4-years)

# Giving Hope, Building Futures

As 2025 comes to a close, your generosity can help moms and children at Mountain Home find stability and new beginnings. In addition to cash gifts, donating non-cash assets—like stock or retirement funds—can create a lasting impact while offering you financial benefits.

Every gift matters. Thank you for standing with young families. Make your gift today:

[www.mountainhomemt.org/donate](http://www.mountainhomemt.org/donate).



## Other Ways to Give

### Donate Stock

When you donate stock that has grown in value since purchase, you receive a charitable deduction for the current value and eliminate capital gains tax.

### Give through an IRA

IRA gifts can be a powerful way to save while you give. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can be applied to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can direct a QCD of up to \$108,000 from your IRA to Mountain Home. Even if you are not required to draw a distribution from your IRA, a QCD is a tax-smart way to make charitable gifts.

### Bequests

The simplest way to leave a planned gift is through your will or trust. To help you get started, you can use FreeWill online, or consult a tax professional.

### Montana Endowment Tax Credit

The Montana Endowment Tax Credit offers a unique way to donate while reducing your Montana state income tax. By making a planned gift to a permanent endowment, individuals can receive a credit for 40% of the qualifying charitable portion of their gift (20% for businesses), up to an annual maximum of \$15,000 per individual/business or \$30,000 for a couple.

### Cryptocurrency

We accept Cryptocurrency donations. Go to our website at <https://mountainhomemt.org/donate-crypto/> or follow this QR Code:



For more details on planned giving or to access these tax-smart giving options, please contact **Allison Strekal, Senior Director of Philanthropy**, at **406-203-1676** or [allison@mountainhomemt.org](mailto:allison@mountainhomemt.org).