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News & Updates May 2021



NeighborWorks Montana will be closed Monday, May 31, in observation of the Memorial Day holiday.



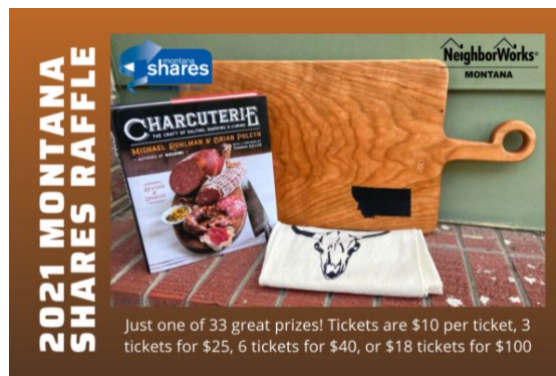
NeighborWorks Montana is hiring! Join our team as our Housing Network Specialist. This is a full-time position, with competitive pay and benefits. We prefer to hire for this role in Missoula, but will consider candidates anywhere in Montana.

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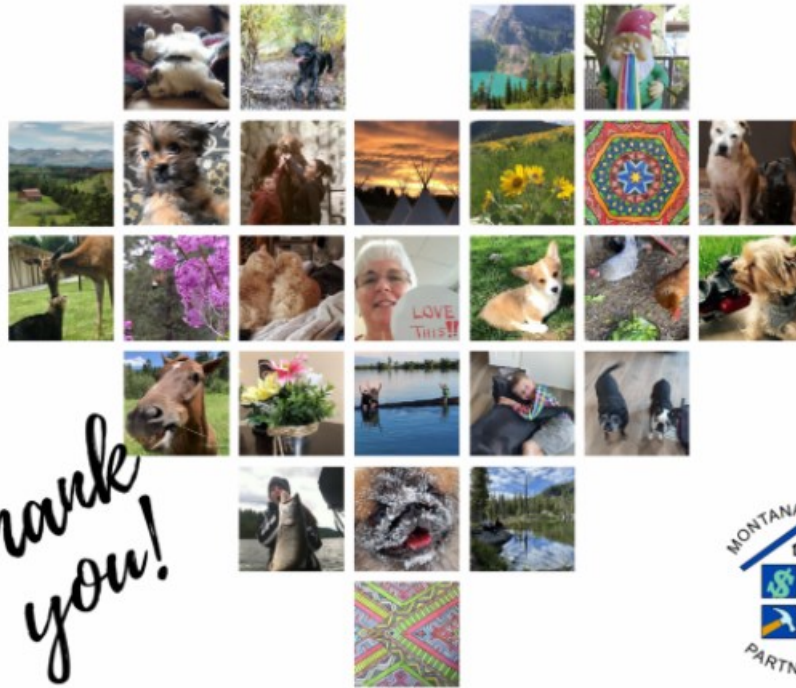
Support NeighborWorks Montana and become eligible for great prizes by entering the 27th Annual Montana Shares Raffle.

Look at the great entertainment package we donated - just one of 33 great prizes you have a chance to win when you purchase raffle tickets!

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Emergency rent and utility assistance is available for Montanans who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Montanans can receive up to \$2,200/month for rent and \$300/month for utilities. Learn more and apply now at HOUSING.MT.GOV.



This year's conference was packed full of informative content to help us come together to address the housing needs of Montanans. It was also packed with laughter, sharing, and engagement. Attendees brought their vast experience, a passion for learning more, and a collaborative spirit to the conference. From all of us with the Montana Housing Partnership, we thank you for making this year's conference so memorable!

Here are a few conference highlights:

- 461 people from 16 states registered for the conference
- 79 presenters, 3 plenary sessions, and 21 breakout sessions
- 102 photos uploaded, 85 participants in organized meet ups, and over 1,152 messages sent through the Whova conference platform
- 25 amazing companies sponsored this year's conference and received 51,708 overall impressions through the Whova platform

Congratulations to the Housing Champion Award Winners!

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Bair, Helena, Former Multifamily Program Manager at Montana Housing
- Resident Leader of the Year: Cindy Newman, Great Falls
- Housing Advocate of the Year: George Nikolakakos, Great Falls

Legislators of the Year:

- Senator Brian Hoven, Great Falls
- Senator Jill Cohenour, East Helena

Lenders of the Year

- Ian Ullman, First Interstate Bank, Billings
- Patricia "PJ" Hanson, First Interstate Bank, Missoula
- Susan Tarner, Opportunity Bank, Helena

Lending Institutions of the Year:

- First Interstate Bank
- Stockman Bank

Montana Housing Front Line Beyond Business As Usual Award:

- Courtney Loeffler, Headwaters RC&D, Butte
- Eric Beeson, Human Resources Development Council, Billings
- Rebecca Paquette, Jessica Allred and Lynn Tennefoss, Missoula Food Bank and Community Center
- Michelle Rogers, NeighborWorks Montana, Great Falls

We are also happy to announce that Homeword is the winner of the first ever People's Choice Award! It was a close race and there were so many amazing and worthy organizations. Homeword will receive \$3,000 toward the production of a video for their organization.



And finally, please join us in recognizing the amazing sponsors who supported the 2021 Montana Housing Partnership Conference. Their dedicated and generous support is vital to an event like this, and we can't thank them enough for affirming the work we all do.

