

News & Updates September 2020

Over the next several months, NWMT will be taking the opportunity to introduce you to some of the non-profit organizations we partner with to serve Montanans. Today we are pleased to tell you more about Montana Shares.



Montana Shares Workplace Giving Program

Montana Shares is a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. For 32 years, this program has provided support to local nonprofits by offering a one-stop option for donors to give to one or many organizations. This program also supports the member nonprofits by bringing them together for networking opportunities, building relationships that benefit the members and the communities they serve.

There are currently 45 member groups in the partnership, including NeighborWorks Montana. This group represents nonprofits that provide health care, food, housing, care for unwanted pets, protection for Montana wildlife and wilderness, support for the arts and social justice, care for veterans, and much more. Learn more about the partners.

The primary source of donations to Montana Shares is from workplace giving. The Montana Shares network promotes donor choice by letting you pick where your money goes. You have the choice to choose from within our network to give to as few or as many as you wish. We also offer an undesignated option, where your donation will be split among all member groups.

Individuals can give through Montana Shares by visiting montanashares.org/give-now.

Employers interested in offering a work place giving program can learn more at montanashares.org/workplace-giving.

We hope you take advantage of the power and simplicity of work place giving and donate to the Montana Shares groups you care about.

Learn more about Montana Shares & stay connected!

- Follow them on Facebook: facebook.com/mtshares
- Visit their website: montanashares.org

NeighborWorks Montana Board & Staff Updates

Goodbyes are always bittersweet but also usually mean opportunities for new adventures. NeighborWorks Montana and the Board of Directors celebrate the dedicated service of the following Board Members who have stepped down this year.



Burt Hurwitz



Gina Marshal



Heather O'Loughlin



Jim Weber

NeighborWorks Montana and the Board of Directors are excited to welcome new Board Members:



Bruce Brendsal has served on the NeighborWorks Montana Board of Directors as an ex officio member for some time, but with his recent retirement as Executive Director of Montana Housing, he will now serve as a voting member of the Board.



Ian Ullman is joining us for an initial one-year term. Ian is a mortgage loan officer with First Interstate Bank in Billings.



Cheryl Cohen is now the Executive Director of Montana Housing and will serve on the NeighborWorks Montana Board of Directors as an ex officio member.



Hanna Warhank is joining us for a three-year term. Hanna is an attorney with Church, Harris, Johnson, & Williams, based in Helena.



Penny Doak is joining us for a three-year term. Penny is a Trust Officer with US Bank in Billings.

Lastly, join us in wishing farewell to two staff members who are moving on to new adventures. Thank you to Hannah and Brian for being part of the NeighborWorks Montana team. We wish them all the best!

Hannah started her NeighborWorks career six years ago with NeighborWorks Great Falls, then transitioned to the NeighborWorks Montana team in 2016 as the IT & Administrative Coordinator. Brian started with NeighborWorks Montana in 2019, working the Coordinator for the Northwest Community Land Trust Kalispell.