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January 3, 2017

Happy New Year to our Partners In Parks:

Thank you for your support in 2016. Together, with your help and vision for a healthier community, we have provided many, many youth and their families with opportunities to learn, play and grow through quality recreation programming and enhanced park services.

As you know, kids today face challenges most of us did not imagine 20 or 30 years ago. If we do not change current trends, today's children will live a shorter life than their parents. We are in a fight with our own lifestyles – inactivity, unhealthy diets, too much screen time and not enough outdoor time. But there is plenty of good news, too... **we can change the trend and we can do it now.**

Because we believe inclusivity and access by all is a core community value, the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board and Department, along with support of our Friends of Missoula Parks, Inc. (a 501c3), has decided to continue an important community initiative, Partners in Parks.

Please consider renewing your gift to the Partners in Parks Program which is serving children and families who need financial assistance. Through parks, playgrounds and recreation programs, we can continue to support active lifestyles and healthy choices and grow tomorrow's community stewards.

By working together, we can assure that every child has the opportunity to learn to swim, develop an active lifestyle, and connect with nature. Your donation is an investment in our community, our children and in maintaining the quality of life our community holds so dearly.

Please continue your Partnership in and with Parks today by contacting me at dgaukler@ci.missoula.mt.us or (406) 552-6265, or visit us online at www.missoulaparks.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Gaukler".

Donna Gaukler, Director
Parks and Recreation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale".

Dale Harris, Chair
Parks & Recreation Board



"At the City of Missoula, we take fun seriously, because we know that kids who are actively engaged in fun recreational activities are healthier, happier citizens. We also know that most Missoulians take that fun seriously, too, and hope you'll help Partners in Parks ensure that every child in Missoula can participate in all we have to offer."

Missoula Mayor John Engen

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Partners In Parks

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Special thanks to:

- Trees For Missoula, \$5,000 for urban forestry supplies and equipment.
- Ruth Havican and Karen Holcomb, for their 12th annual donation to Share The Fun Youth Recreation Grants.

Who Are We?

Partners In Parks are Missoula residents, businesses, organizations who support the work of the Missoula Parks and Recreation Department.

Together, we invest in our future by supporting Missoula's kids, enhancing our quality of life, and developing the parks, trails and open space that make Missoula a desirable place to live and do business.

Partners In Parks supports the efforts of the Parks and Recreation department by providing recreation grants for low-income families, assisting the department in building new parks and trails and enhancing existing facilities, and volunteering our time to help with Parks and Recreation projects and recreation programs.



Thanks to our partners...

\$78,018

Total cash and in-kind contributions for park projects and recreation grants.



12,998 hours,

from 2818 individuals volunteering in special events, city parks, trails and open space.



\$12,830

Private donations to Share The Fun

Youth Recreation Grants for families who need financial assistance.



668 kids and adults

Received Share The Fun financial assistance for recreation and aquatics programs.



How You Can Help

Donate

Visit www.missoulaparks.org today or phone 721-PARK to donate to Partners In Parks.

Ft. Missoula Regional Park

Contact Parks and Recreation Director Donna Gaukler if you are interested in naming rights related to FMRP. 406-552-6265, dgaukler@ci.missoula.mt.us

Volunteer

Help with a park project or recreation program by phoning Tyler Decker at 552-6571 or email tdecker@ci.missoula.mt.us.

*July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

Volunteer All-Stars

Trees For Missoula VIP volunteers pruned over 460 young trees on boulevards and in parks. In addition, Trees for Missoula funded and helped build a new Urban Forestry gravel bed nursery for young bare root trees, planted dozens of new trees and helped water and care for public trees throughout the city.

MTB Missoula, a mountain biking advocacy organization, partnered with Parks and Recreation to rehab trails on Mount Sentinel and a variety of other City open space lands.

Volunteer Today!

Missoula Parks and Recreation welcomes volunteers of all ages and abilities. Help us host a special event, care for parks, trails and the urban forest, or even adopt a park! Contact Tyler Decker at 552-6571 or tdecker@ci.missoula.mt.us. Our current projects are listed at volunteermisoula.org. Trees For Missoula is our volunteer advocacy group for Missoula's urban forest. Learn more at treesformissoula.org.



Step Up To The Plate

2016 Parks Plates Raised \$9740!

Get your very own Parks and Recreation license plate today at your local County Treasurer's office. Proceeds provide Share The Fun Youth Recreation Grants for families who need financial assistance. For more information, visit:

<https://dojmt.gov/driving/plate-designs-and-fees/parks-environment/>

Partners In Parks Volunteers

Alexis Beagle
Alicia Leggett
Amber Robinson
Andy Thomas
Andrew Martin
Ashley Cossairt
Barbara Ross
Bert Lindler
Beth Smalley
Boy Scout Troop 1144
Branwyn Jaeger
Bryan Cossairt
Cabela's
Carle S. Davis
Charlotte Langner
Chief Charlo 4th grade
Chris Essman
Chris Henderson
Clark Fork Coalition
Corbin Brooks
Craig Holtet
Elizabeth and Aspen Weber
Elsie Bull
Eric Luongo
Garden City Flyers
Girl Scouts
Greenough Neighbrhd Group

Hellgate High Seniors
Jake Oetinger
Jeff Rice
Jenna Tomiello
Jeremy Baldwin
Jessica Brown
Jimmy Stevens
Joe Thoreson
Joe Toth
John Heffernan
Jr. Playmakers Coaches:
Basketball, Football, Soccer
Karen Sippy
Kayla Zurosky
Kristopher Guymon
Lechel Hegge
Lewis and Clark Elementary
Liliana Walker
Lillian Gilsoul
Linda Johnson
Loyola High School
Madison Flaget
Margo Schmidt
Marshall Mountain
Matilynn Hendrickson
Megan Anderson
Megan Fischer

Michael Painter
Mike Guess
Montana Conservation Corps
Montana Disc Company
Montana Trail Crew
Mountain Bike Missoula
Nat'l Public Lands Day Volunteers
Native Yards, Giles Thelen
Opportunity Resources
Pamela Hubler
Parade of Lights Volunteers
Patricia Blakeslee
Poverello Center
Rattlesnake Elementary
Rebecca Nordhagen
National Smokejumper Assoc.
Russell Afterschool Volunteers
Ryan Barr
Sam Schultz
Sandra Morrison-Paris
Santa's Calling Volunteers
Scott Stires
Sentinel High
Seth Swanson
Sherwin Williams Store 8455
Sportsman's Warehouse
Starbucks

Sydney Stires
Teen Workrecreation Volunteers
Tilly Canton
Tom Boleman
Tony Hafner
Torrey Holmquist
Trees for Missoula Volunteers
UM Forestry Student Assoc.
UM Japanese Student Assoc.
UM Neighbrhd Ambassadors
UM Ultimate Frisbee Team
UM Wilderness & Civilization Program
UM Women's Soccer
Winter Carnival Volunteers
X Sports4Vets
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Partners In Parks Donors

Parks All-Stars \$5000+
Friends of Missoula Parks
I Ride For Tanner
International Mountain Bicycling Assoc.
Morris and Helen Silver Foundation
Ruth Havican and Karen Holcomb
SRAM
Trees for Missoula

Parks Champions \$4900-3000
Missoula Broadcasting Co.

Parks Teamates \$2999-1500
Cabela's
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Custom Screen Printing
Steve Robertson, Full Moon Concepts
Marshall Mountain
Missoula Fresh Market
Orange Street Food Farm

The Good Food Store
Parks Fans \$1499-500
Big Sky Physical Therapy
Children's Dentistry of Rockies
Climate Smart Missoula
Community Medical Center
First Interstate Bank
Five Valleys Urology
Full Moon Concepts
JAK Enterprises
Mike Williams Photography
Mismo Gymnastics
Missoula Downtown Association
Montana Trail Crew
Missoula Federal Credit Union
Montana Natural History Center
Republic Services
Sue & Jim Brown
Valley Vending

Parks Partners up to \$499
A Carousel for Missoula
Active Physical Therapy & Sports
Barnes and Noble
Best Buy
Buffalo Wind Wings
Caffe Dolce
Catherine Filardi
Childbloom Guitar Programs
Chipotle
Costco
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
Electronic Sound and Percussion
Garden City Flyers Disc Golf Club
Gregory Keeler
Holistic Houndry
Julie Lapham
Linda & Jon Yearous
Lowe's

Missoula Taekwondo
Montana Disc Company
Montana Tool Company
Northern Rockies Physical Therapy
PayneWest Insurance
Peak Performance Physical Therapy
Pet Portraits
Pruyn Veterinary
Rockin Rudy's
Starbucks
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Western Montana Clinic
Wind River Bear Institute
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