



MONTANA YOUTH HOMES

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Rocky Mountain Development Council Welcomes Montana Youth Homes

On July 1 Montana Youth Homes became a part of the Rocky Mountain Development Council. We join some very worthy causes such as Head Start, Meals On Wheels, Energy Share, RSVP and many, many more. The idea of this merge was presented to RMDC in December 2006 by the MYH Board of Directors. The MYH Board knew that RMDC had the support network we needed to help us get financially stable and to help us develop our programs into the best residential facilities in the tri-county area. The transition has been almost seamless. The staff and board of MYH have been very happy with the support they have received from everyone at RMDC. We are very excited about this transition and know that we will be making some more very exciting changes in the near future.

BREAKING GROUND

The Jan Shaw Youth Home is under way. In a “first of its kind” project, the youth home is being built by Capital and Helena High School students. They are working rapidly in order to get the doors open by June 2009.



The new Jan Shaw Youth Home will be located at 1398 Warehouse just behind the Salvation Army Church off Henderson

LOOK AT OUR KIDS

Steve won second place in a statewide bicycling race this month!!

Tre participated in the local skateboarding competition to raise money for the new skate park!!

Brady plays local high school football and is having a GREAT season so far!!

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Thank You

Dave and Julie Jackson

Mike and Julie Dalsoglio

Sue Wilke

Suzie Wolcott

Last Chance Casino

Custom Street Rods

Euclid Pizza Hut

Ed Sterling

Wish List

Vacuum Cleaner
Craft Supplies (scrap booking, cross stitch)
School Supplies
Clothing for teens male and female
~underwear and socks~
Standard Toilet
BBQ Grill
Outdoor Furniture
Couch/Loveseat
Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies
Duffle Bags/Suitcases

A GOOD WAY TO DONATE

Montana Youth Homes is willing to take donated leftovers from your end of summer rummage sales. If you have an item that is on our Wish List we will come and get it and you will get a tax deduction!! Call us at 449-3038 or 443-2145

It's never been easier to donate to MYH. Go to www.rmdc.net and use the "Donate Now" button. Thanks for your support!

Staff Updates

Becky Birchmier received special thanks for her continued dedication to helping RMDC's Summer Feed and Fun Program. Becky ensures the MYH kids help with food distribution every Monday during the summer.

Due to the loss of some of our grant money we had to say goodbye to Sarah Volesky, Angela Owens-Burdsall and Garfield Simmons. We wish them all the best of luck in their new jobs!!

Birthdays

8/16 Emily McVey
9/16 Ashley Binion (M/J)
9/30 Angie Burdsall (CJJC)
10/22 Mary Irving (M/J)

Anniversaries

7/22	Donna Cruise	3 years
7/23	Angie Burdsall	1 year
8/29	Corinne Krueger	2 years
10/1	Duran Caferro	18 years
10/21	Mary Irving	14 years
10/26	Becky Birchmier	3 years

Meet the MYH Programs

A TIME OF RESTRUCTURING



Over the years Montana Youth Homes added several programs to its list of resources offered in the community. We strongly believe that each of these programs is valuable and needed in Helena. Unfortunately due to funding changes or grants expiring we have transitioned out of several programs. Our grant with the Montana Board of Crime Control expired and we were not eligible to re-apply to run the Network for Educational Transitions (NET) program. Thank you to Helena School District 1 for continuing this program. The Accountability and Retention Classroom (ARC) lost its funding stream and will not be open this school year. Several local agencies will look at revamping this program – hopefully before next year. The Community Juvenile Justice Council will now be run directly out of the Juvenile Probation Office. Our biggest loss is the Truancy Intervention Program. Again, MYH was not eligible to re-apply for funds to continue this valued program. Our hope is to see the community come together in the months ahead to pursue alternative funding for the Truancy Intervention Program.

This loss and change comes with a bright side. We are now working with a "condensed" version of MYH, which gives staff and management time to focus on making the residential programs the most successful youth homes in Montana.

WHY WE ARE HERE

These are the hopes, dreams and goals of the great individuals who support our kids every day:

Words from our staff

"I love my job. I am not just here because I need employment. I love interacting with the kids. I want to feel like I make a difference. I am here for the kids to help them because they want to change, grow and learn. I know that if we do our best and accomplish our goals then we can give the kids knowledge to succeed and change their lives."

"I truly like working with children and feel that maybe I can help somehow to help them become successful adults. I feel satisfaction in being a part of a time in a child's life when they are in need of adult supervision and care. I am so proud when I am able to see them succeed. In the end it is up to them to take advantage of what we have to offer, a safe, secure place until things in their lives level out."

"I work at MYH because I gain a sense of contribution to families and the community. It is my hope that we as staff can surround each with caregivers who provide them with a sense of security and appropriate parenting. The kids will succeed when they are in a place that provides acceptance, non-judgmental support and consistency."

MYH PROGRAMS

Margaret Stuart Shelter

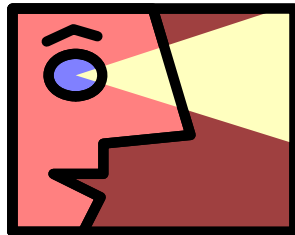
Jan Shaw Youth Group Home

Runaway Shelter Site

Hold-over Program

Youth Counseling Connections

Looking Ahead



Jan Shaw Youth Group Home Building

Neighborhood Meeting: Thursday October 9 at 7 pm at the Salvation Army Church 1905 Henderson. The building is well underway. Come over and take a look and hear about the plans for the next 9 months of the project.

Christmas Gift Wrapping Booth: Once again we will be wrapping gifts during the holiday season. Look for more details in November.

Board Members

Please visit the Rocky Mountain Development Council website at rmdc.net to see the list of RMDC Board Members.

Our new Advisory Board Members are:

Jan Shaw ~ Marilyn Tutwiler ~

Dick Meeker ~ Sharon Tregidga ~

Marvin Williams ~ Barbara Burton ~

Jim Fitzgerald



Montana Youth Homes is a United Way Agency

MYH

Mission Statement

The mission of Montana Youth Homes is to enhance the quality of life by expanding opportunities for our youth in a secure, family environment. We wish to empower, encourage and support our youth in change in order to become effective, contributing adults.

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