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Head Start Extravaganza Slated for April 22
Head Start . . . Growing Great Minds

Helena, MT The Fifth Annual Head Start Extravaganza will be held on Thursday, April 22nd from 6 until 8:30 pm at Valley Farms. The evening includes music by members of Jazz Biz, including Ken Nelson, Jeremy Slead and Rennen Ricke, elegant hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and live and silent auctions. The auctions are built around themed baskets and one-of-a-kind experiences and artwork. Extravaganza puts the critical "extra" materials and programs into Head Start literacy work. "If you're looking for a balmy, flower-scented night and the opportunity to help us grow great minds," says Patty Dahl, Head Start Program Director, "you'll want to attend Extravaganza."

For the first time this year, an online auction is available to those who want to support Head Start, but are unable to attend. The online auction will run from April 7 through April 22 and can be found at www.biddingforgood.com/rmdc. Online auction items will be on display at Mountain West Bank on Cedar Street during Extravaganza week. "In previous years, folks told us that they'd like to contribute, but couldn't attend the event. We anticipate that the online auction will let busy folks support Head Start in a new way," Dahl said.

Extravaganza raised between \$20,000 and \$30,000 each of the past four years. "These are important dollars. They fund the books, materials and programs that make RMDC's Head Start so successful in encouraging family commitment to literacy and lifelong learning." Dahl observes. "We serve 248 at-risk children and their families throughout Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, and Jefferson counties. We love the opportunity to host so many folks in the community who believe in Head Start's mission. We know that they'll enjoy lush, lovely flowers and 'bouquets' of book jackets along with great fellowship. It's truly a magical evening and a perfect way to usher in springtime."

Tickets to the event are \$30 and are available at Mountain West Bank on Cedar and at the door.

For additional information about the event, contact Maleen Olson, event coordinator, at 465-1864. For information about Head Start, contact Director Patty Dahl, 457-7335. For event information: www.rmdc.net; for Extravaganza auction information: www.biddingforgood.com/rmdc.

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