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December News



"Strengthening our community by creating opportunities that support and inspire women."

Here is the last year in review and a special message from our director.



Families in Transition in 2019 had:
736 phone calls/emails in regards to resource and referral.
36 families/individuals assisted with rent or deposit (this is a combination of our Englehart funds and CAF county funds),
44 individuals were assisted with



Summer arts and Leadership Camp in 2019:

SALC had 101 children qualify for camp this year by age and housing insecurity. There were 16 children from refugee families. 50 percent of campers identified as white, 23 percent as Native American, 5 percent as African American or Mixed, and 3 percent identified as Latino. The remaining 18 percent

application fees, 113 individuals/families were given toiletry items, and 91 individuals/families were given gas cards

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are refugee campers with 14 percent from the Democratic Republic of Congo, 2 percent from Eritrea, and 2 percent from Iraq. The children got to go horsback riding, swimming, camping, and learn how to fence.

Thank you for helping SALC another year! *Donate now*

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A Message from our Director



A WORD from the Director

As we continue on into the holiday season, the weather is getting colder, and those in need of a helping hand are looking to *WORD* and other organizations for support and shelter. I am so grateful for the generosity of people in Missoula who support not just *WORD*, but the many other nonprofit organizations in our community with whom we collaborate. None of us could do the work we do to support people in need, especially at this stressful time of year, without *your help*.

I have been connected with *WORD* since I moved to Missoula in 2001 when I was an AmeriCorps member in the Family Resource centers. So it is

bittersweet for me to step away from my current position as the Executive Director of this extraordinary organization and move on to new things. It has been my honor to collaborate with other organizations to find solutions to issues affecting our community.

I think about the women who are returning to Missoula after being incarcerated who are so happy to have presents for their children through the generosity of Mountain of Giving and Griz for Kids, organized by Mountain Broadcasting Foundation. I am grateful for the support from our funders, the Engelhard Foundation which supports our *Families In Transition* and *Re-entry Programs*, the Margaret V. Ping Foundation, the Gallagher Foundation, the Cadeau Foundation, NorthWestern Energy, the Llewellyn Foundation, O.P. & W.E. Edwards Foundation, and United Way who all support WORD's *Summer Arts & Leadership Camp (SALC)*. I am so grateful for the support from the Windermere Foundation and the ERA Lambros Foundation for supporting our *Families In Transition* program to help us provide support to women and their families. We are so grateful to the generosity of the many restaurants, businesses, breweries and distilleries that donate a portion of their proceeds to WORD and other nonprofits in Missoula. Because we have financial support from many different sources, including generous individual donors, WORD is able to provide support for *women and their families*, a six week free summer camp (*SALC*) for homeless children, and support for *women returning to Missoula after incarceration*.

Please make a *donation* to WORD this holiday season so that, together, we can strengthen our community by creating opportunities that support and inspire women.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday, and a Joyous New Year.
Suzin Kratina

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