



WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, INC.
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Supporting the potential of every woman



Over 70 people stopped by our table at Project Community Connect on January 31st. The annual, one-stop event builds connection, community and hope for people in need of free services.

Our talented and dedicated Case Managers provided guidance and direction to people needing secure housing, public benefit assistance, and support returning from incarceration. We also signed children up for our Summer Arts and Leadership camp and handed out much sought-after toiletries!

Your support enables us to meet people where they are and empower them to move from a place of need to independence, participation, and choice.

Your contribution directly supports women and families!

Your support is essential to helping WORD support women and their families. Becoming a sustaining donor ensures WORD can continue to strengthen our community by creating opportunities that support and inspire women.

Will you become a monthly donor?

- \$10 per month provides supplies for our Summer Arts and Leadership Camp
- \$15 per month provides gas vouchers to a family in need.
- \$50 per month provides housing application fees for homeless families

Click below to donate and consider using "echeck" (it saves WORD credit card fees!)

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Hello from our Director

I am Jennie Vader, the new Executive Director of WORD. I want to thank Suzin Kratina for her leadership at WORD over the past few years. Suzin will continue to support us as a Board Member, providing critical continuity and institutional knowledge to the organization.

I come to WORD with over 10 years of experience in diverse nonprofit organizations focused primarily on women's empowerment. After college, I joined the Peace Corps as a volunteer English teacher in Kazakhstan where I was inspired to help non-profit organizations do the most with very limited funds. I earned my master's degree in just that at The Fletcher School, Tufts University where I focused on nonprofit management. Shortly after graduating, I moved to Malawi where I lived and worked for 3.5 years, developing and scaling multi-million dollar women's social and economic empowerment programming throughout the region. The women in those programs not only increased their household's income by building and growing businesses, they also organized - rebuilding a collapsed bridge in their village so that their children could get to the nearby school and cultivating extra crops to distribute to hungry families in their community.

From there, I managed operations for a social enterprise in Atlanta that helped Black and Latinx women build technology businesses. Those women built apps and platforms to connect Latina business women, support substitute teachers, and promote public safety. When women are supported and have access to opportunities, they rise to the occasion and often focus their energy on giving back to the community.

It is with that conviction that I am honored to join WORD which envisions a social just world where each person is valued and empowered. I've already spoken with several women WORD supported over the past few years and it is clear that WORD truly values each one's unique voice, experience, and dignity and partnered with each woman to get them into stable housing, apply for jobs, navigate social services, and get back on their feet. I look forward to seeing what else WORD and the women in Missoula can accomplish this year and in the future!

Please stay in touch with WORD via our website and social media. And, as always, consider making a donation so that we can continue to support, educate, and empower women and their families.

With gratitude,

Jennie

Upcoming Events



Break Espresso

WORD will be featured at THE BREAK ESPRESSO AND BAKERY all month long. Stop by and drop a donation in the box.

Caffé Dolce

WORD will receive 10% of all the proceeds during those hours, so come have dinner and meet the



Executive Director!

When: Feb 25th

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Where: Caffe Dolce on Brooks



WORD to the Woman

Save The Date: March 6th!

WORD to the Woman is WORD's annual fundraiser event featuring all women-fronted bands, food and beverages!

Date: March 6th 2020

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Where: Free Cycles

We need volunteers! Please contact us especially if you are interested in filing, organizing, data entry, and fundraising!

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