# BE HEARD.

MISSOULA INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE

MIC IS EMBARKING ON AN INTERVIEW COLLECTION PROJECT, INSPIRED BY STORYCORPS, TO RECORD AND PRESERVE THE STORIES OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS. HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY HOMELESSNESS OR INCARCERATION?

THE CHANCE TO RECORD AN INTERVIEW FOR MISSOULA STORYTELLING LEGACY IS ALSO A CHANCE TO ASK SOMEONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR LIFE. FOR 40 MINUTES, THE TWO OF YOU CAN TALK ABOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT, AND CAN ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT REALLY MATTER: WHAT ARE SOME LESSONS YOU'VE LEARNED IN LIFE? WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?

AT THE END OF YOUR CONVERSATION, YOU'LL RECEIVE A FREE RECORDING TO SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, A SECOND COPY WILL BE PRESERVED IN THE MIC'S ARCHIVE.
MISSOULA STORYTELLING LEGACY IS AN AUDIO PROJECT ONLY—NO VIDEO WILL BE TAKEN.

#### TO PARTICIPATE FOR FREE:

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# MISSOULA INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE Bridging Faith Communities & Social Organizations

#### FROM HOMELESS TO BUSINESS OWNER

Ever Green Game & Hobby is a new game store located at **2100 Stephens Ave, Ste 107**. The store features late night gaming, Magic the Gathering, Pokémon, Warhammer, board gaming, console gaming, virtual reality, a full concession stand, and more.



The owners, John and Tosha, share a special connection with MIC and Family Promise.

Tosha became connected with Family Promise after she found herself experiencing health problems. She was directed by a doctor to be on bed rest, and she ended up losing her job. She soon became homeless with four children.

Eventually, with the help of Family Promise and through her own hard work, she found a job and an apartment. She went on to earn her MBA through the University of Montana.

Today, she and her husband manage and own Ever Green Game & Hobby. With her knowledge of business, and her husband's extensive experience working in the gaming industry, the couple have created a successful gaming one-stop destination. Tosha is mindful of giving back to the community that once helped support her. Ever Green Game & Hobby

plans to open its doors to people during Thanksgiving and create a clothing exchange program during the winter months. During the winter holidays, she also plans to have a tree where customers can purchase gifts for children in need, "Our goal is to be the family dropping off gifts for others, not picking them up."

If you'd like to support local children, Ever Green Game & Hobby offers \$5 for one hour of gaming for customers that bring in a backpack of school supplies.

Like, shop, and follow Ever Green Game & Hobby on Facebook or visit http://evergreengameandhobby.com.



## FAMILY PROMISE GROCERY REQUESTS THIS WEEK & DAY CENTER NEEDS: We currently have 4 families.

- Size 4 diapers
- Laundry baskets (4 total)
- Baby Gates (2 total)
- Pack and Play for family with 1 year old
- Plastic bins for storage
- Lockers for family's storage of valuables and important paperwork (to be put at Day Center)

#### PROJECT EMPLOYMENT CONNECT



Volunteers Needed For Project Employment Connect.

Project Employment Connect is being planned for September 28, 2018 from 9AM-3PM at the Dickinson Lifelong Learning Center. The event will be similar to Project Community Connect but smaller

and geared toward employment and areas which support employment.

Volunteers can sign up help with food preparation or donation of Thrivent Action Dollars.

Email rebecca@micmt.org to sign up!



#### MONTANA GREEK FESTIVAL: ATHENS UNDER THE BIG SKY

Are you getting excited for this year's Greek Festival, filled with all the Greek Food, Music, Dance, and all around fun you can handle? Well, you'll have to wait just a little longer.

We are pleased to announce, Montana's Greek Festival will return for its fifth year, in

#### SEPTEMBER!!

On site we will have Greek Food Vendors with full menus to entice your palate, a Taverna with wine and beer, an Agora (Greek Market), LIVE Greek music, dance lessons, children's activities, and much more!! It's sure to be two days filled with fun, family, and lots of lifelong memories.

## Remember it's Fri. SEPTEMBER 14 5pm-10pm Sat. SEPTEMBER 15 12pm-10pm at 301 S 6th St W Missoula, MT

A FULL MENU will be featured BOTH days!! Admission is FREE!! A Special THANK YOU to last year's Sponsors and Supporters!!! Please stay tuned for this year's list. Must be 21 to purchase alcohol at the event.

Please check out our <u>Facebook Page Montana Greek Festival</u>: <u>Athens Under the Big Sky</u> for more info and to stay up to date. Prizes for likes and shares to come!

For more information, or to become a sponsor please contact Chris at 406-478-8722.



### HOUSING ADVOCATE ORIENTATION

August 7

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 202 Brooks St, Missoula, Montana 59801.

Advocates are everyday Missoulians who want to help people who are experiencing homelessness & support them after they obtain housing.

\*\*Email marilyn@micmt.org to sign up.\*\* Orientations occurs monthly at St. Paul's Church in the Fellowship Hall. The following orientation is June 5.

- 1. Attend an orientation.
- 2. Commitment of 2-3 hours a week.
- 3. Attend monthly meetings.
- 4. Work one-on-one with an individual seeking housing.

#### Did you know?

- About half the homeless population are employed.
- About 15 percent are chronically homeless, while 67% have been homeless for less than a year.
- The number of homeless and at-risk children in the Missoula County Public Schools increased by 16.38% in the 2014-2015 school year.



#### MEANINGFUL MOVIES Hosted by Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

Back by popular demand, the HSP "Meaningful Movies" series enters its 2nd season. Wine and cheese will be served beginning at 6:30; the film will be shown at 7. Please join us.

**Upcoming Dates:** 

#### JUL24

Tue 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

#### AUG14

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM