

# why HRDC?

Annual Report

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With your support, we can continue to serve our neighbors in need.

Will you help us meet our fundraising goal this year? Donate today.



## Dear Friends,

Our annual report is chock full of goodness. This is our chance to share what we've been up to over the past year, and I couldn't be prouder of our team's accomplishments. Did you know **we provided over 25,000 services** to our neighbors living in Southwest Montana last year? From preschool classes to programs that support our seniors, and many, many other services in between, we help people achieve financial stability, live independently, and thrive. We asked our staff members to share stories with you that explain their "why." Why they serve others, why our customers feel more like family to them, and why they're so passionate about HRDC's mission to Build a Better Community. **My why** is pretty simple. I believe in the power of community. Thank you for being part of our HRDC family.

Warmly,  
Heather Grenier, CEO



# 12,000 people were supported by HRDC last year.

Our staffs' **why** says it all. Each day they offer a supportive hand and individualized services to our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Simply put, they craft solutions that change lives. And in some cases, our staff members were once customers of HRDC themselves — their full circle dedication to lifting others up is a powerful testament to all the goodness that underlines our commitment to Building a Better Community. **We instill hope, develop resources, design solutions and change lives. We envision a community where poverty has no impact because opportunities and quality of life are equally afforded to everyone. Your financial support changes lives. Please give today.**

## JAMIE'S STORY...

as told by Jaime Barnhart, Receptionist, HRDC's Livingston Office



When my life changed overnight, I found myself living as an unemployed single mom and I really felt like a failure. By chance I saw a flyer that simply said, "How can we help?" I didn't have much confidence that HRDC, an organization that I had never heard of, would truly be able to help me. Little did I know, this flyer would turn out to be my golden ticket to opportunity! HRDC soon hired me for an open receptionist position and my children were accepted into HRDC's Early Childhood Education program. Not only has HRDC changed my life for the better, but I'm now able to help others who are struggling and trying to find their way. I'm truly grateful for HRDC's commitment to our community and to all walks of life.

# 380

elderly and disabled individuals maintained independence via our transit service.

## A WARMING CENTER GUEST'S STORY...

as told by Bex Canner, Property Manager, HRDC's Livingston Office

I first met him when our Warming Center opened last fall. He was able to find work at a local restaurant but was struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. He ended up losing his job due to drinking and eventually went to a treatment program. I was at work the other day when he called to say he had completed his program and had found work and housing in a nearby town. We chatted for a while, and I learned he'd experienced homelessness several times in his life. He wanted me to know his experience with HRDC was the "best" of those experiences because our staff members were instrumental in getting him back on track. He's grateful for our support and had nothing but praise for the work we do.



Over 700 people utilized our warming centers over the past year.

## LEZLEE'S STORY...

as told by Lezlee Theisen, Assistant Teacher, HRDC's Early Childhood Education Program, Bozeman



When I moved to Bozeman, I was pregnant and living in a car. HRDC helped us find an affordable place to live and suggested we learn more about their free preschool program. I soon enrolled my children, and it was the best educational experience they could have had. When I think of all the ways HRDC helped my family, I wonder what if there were no food bank, housing department, or early childhood education program? Would I be where I am today? What might have happened to my children? Would they be as happy, healthy, and successful as they are? My present is reflected in the support I received from HRDC in the past. I am proud to work as a teacher at HRDC and I do my best to give back what I received.

# 113 children ages 3-5

attended our Early Childhood Education program last year.

## SHERRY'S STORY...

as told by Emily Smith, Operations Manager, HRDC's Headwaters Area Food Bank

Sherry is not only a friend, but a friend. Many years ago, to escape challenging circumstances, she moved west to Montana to heal her body and her soul. Helping Sherry build a better quality of life on a fixed income has been an agency-wide endeavor. Last year, Sherry found herself in a difficult spot. She was faced with significant financial issues and did not have enough income to nourish herself with healthy, nutritious food. Beyond serving her as a customer at our food bank, HRDC stepped in and helped her obtain SNAP benefits, energy assistance, and more. Today, Sherry is thriving and has resumed sharing her artistic talents with her community. She is beloved by all who know her.



9,277 individuals received groceries from our food banks last year.

## GREG'S STORY...

as told by Greg Overman, Supportive Housing Coordinator, HRDC's Housing First Village, Bozeman



I feel genuinely honored to work for our customers, to share their lives, and to witness them overcome difficulty and trauma. I help individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. The absolute best part of my work is watching our customers achieve the little things. Something as small as putting up a Christmas tree or having house plants. Something as small as having neighbors or cooking a roast. Something as simple as being able to lock a door. Something as small as having a pet or a place to hang a picture of their mother. I get to help our customers work through complex, lifelong difficulties, but those little things, those are the things they bring up and want to talk about, those are the things that let us know we are truly making a difference in their lives.

In 2022, 1,850 individuals received energy assistance.

During 2022, we provided a full range of supportive services to 2,246 seniors.

Nancy and Ray were the first volunteers I connected with, but sadly Ray died two years ago. I now have coffee once a week with Nancy. She isolated herself after his death and it broke my heart, so I see her at least once a week now. I have a family-like connection with her, and our time together is precious. It keeps her engaged so I don't worry about her being lonely or sad. It also helps ground me. She makes me smile. I helped her clean out Ray's clothing and my family adores her. They help her with odd jobs like mowing her lawn and washing her car. She's sewn items for my boys and fixes things for me. I depend on our relationship as much as she does. I love her like my mom.



## NANCY'S STORY...

as told by Debi Casagrande, HRDC's RSVP Coordinator, Bozeman

## Sources of Funds \$20,922,525 in total

Federal & State Grants	\$8,514,402
Contract Income	\$1,218,909
Local Government Support	\$1,609,229
Private Donations/Fundraising	\$3,786,790
Food Donations	\$2,867,920
Private Foundations/Grants	\$519,881
Pledged Contributions	\$509,857
Sale of Properties/Rental Income	\$1,118,101
Other	\$777,436

## Uses of Funds \$22,190,028 in total

\$1,035,907	Energy Assistance
\$4,731,717	Alleviating Hunger
\$455,034	Programs for Seniors
\$3,925,419	Community Development
\$897,520	Financial and Youth Empowerment
\$2,897,252	Housing Services
\$1,163,984	Homelessness
\$1,990,489	Early Childhood Education
\$2,965,001	Transportation
\$1,604,257	Administration
\$523,448	Fundraising

When you give to our GREATEST NEEDS, you are providing critical services for our most vulnerable neighbors.

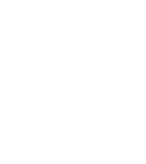
A \$5 donation provides lunch for 1 child experiencing food insecurity.

A \$50 donation provides door to door transportation for 1 senior.

A \$500 donation provides 2 months of supportive services for 1 young adult experiencing homelessness.

A \$5,000 donation provides energy assistance for 30 people.

A \$50,000 donation allows us to provide supportive services to 500 people who are striving to achieve financial stability.



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