



**POWERHOUSE  
MONTANA**  
*of the Women's Foundation of Montana*

August 2019

## Welcoming our AmeriCorps VISTA, Erika!

Howdy, PowerHouses!

With summer coming to an end, we are gladly welcoming change on all fronts - including the addition of our new AmeriCorps VISTA, Erika Rasmussen!

Erika went to school at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio where she majored in East Asian Studies with a concentration in Chinese Language and Philosophy, as well as minor in Chemistry. After Erika graduated, she decided to go in a different direction, returning home to California to run her family's independent "Open-Air European Market". She spent two and a half years in this position, learning how to effectively run a business on the fly. She was involved in creating a more effective strategy to reach potential customers through social media, sustaining the strong connection between their business and the community at large, and learning how to problem solve any issues that were thrown her way. Sadly, at the end of June 2019 they officially closed their doors for good - but luckily for us, it's how we were able to get Erika to come to Montana and begin her next adventure!



*"I chose to join PowerHouse Montana because of my own experience running a small business in California. I understand the wants and needs of new business owners, and I believe that increasing access to resources and motivating communities to support each other is super important for our success!"*

We're thrilled to have her as a part of our Women's Foundation team - exciting things are on the horizon for PowerHouse Montana!

Until next month,  
Maggie

## Engage your Community - with PowerHouse Montana!

### Featured PowerHouse Opportunities

**Submittable  
Various Positions**  
*Missoula, Montana*  
[Website](#)

**State of Montana Board, Council and  
Commission Openings, from the  
Office of the Governor**



## PowerHouse Montana Gatherings

August's PowerHouse Theme:  
**Women's Suffrage Month**

**Monday, August 26th at 6:00pm**

[PowerHouse Billings](#)  
Clementine's Backyard  
48 30th St W  
Billings

**Wednesday, August 28th @ 5:30pm**

[PowerHouse Helena](#)  
Gulch Distillers  
790 Front St  
Helena

**Other PowerHouse Events**

**Monday, August 26, 2019 @ 5:00pm**  
[Women's Equality Day Film Screening](#)  
Roxy Theater  
718 South Higgins Avenue  
Missoula

Statewide  
[Website](#)

**PowerHouse Montana Jobs Board**  
Statewide  
[Website](#)

### What is PowerHouse Montana?

PowerHouse Montana (in-person) gatherings are a series of events fueled by women in communities across the state of Montana. They meet on a monthly/quarterly basis to discuss and learn from one another in a casual networking format.

Create your own PowerHouse profile today and start growing with influential women across the state @ [powerhousemt.org/register](https://powerhousemt.org/register)

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## Featured PowerHouse Articles and Resources

### Woman will be Chief Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the First Time in its 85-year History

"The most visited national park in the nation will now have a female lead ranger for the first time in its 85-year history. Tennessee native Lisa Hendy will become the Great Smokey Mountains National Park's chief ranger in April and help look after the 522,419 acres of protected land that runs between Tennessee and North Carolina, reports CNN." [More on this, here.](#)



### How Women Can Escape the Likability Trap

"There has been a lot of talk recently in the political arena about the likability trap for women: Women who behave in authoritative ways risk being disliked as insufferable prima donnas, pedantic schoolmarms or witchy women.

### Montana Women's Fire Crew Returns from First Assignment in Alaska

The Montana Conservation Corps' Women's Fire Crew has returned home after 14 days working on assignment in Alaska. The 2019

crew is comprised of seven members and two crew leaders. The crew worked to support the BLM through fire suppression, preparing the area from oncoming fire and slowing the progression of the flames." [Discover more, here.](#)

### U's Medical School in Duluth Welcomes Record Number of Native Students

"Tegan Carr and Jennie Murillo stand in front of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus on Thursday. They're two of 12 Native American students in the incoming medical school class of 65 — the largest number of Native students in the school's history." [Check it out, here.](#)

What you haven't heard about much is the way successful women overcome this form of gender bias." [Learn how, here.](#)

### Meet Abby, the 22-year-old who wants to be the First Astronaut on Mars

"When Abigail Harrison was 5 years old, she remembers standing in her backyard on a cold winter Minnesota night when the air was clear, looking up at the night sky with an overwhelming sense of awe and wonder. Her mind swam with questions, she recalls. She wanted to know what the stars were made of and how many there were. She wanted to go to space." [Meet Abby, here.](#)

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## Red Ants Pants Leadership Program 2019



The Red Ants Pants Foundation Girls Leadership Program is now taking applications for their 2019/20 season! [Registration deadline is September 6th.](#)

The program is designed to inspire hope for Montana's youth, develop pride in our rural communities, and foster strength and courage in our leadership.

The program consists of a cohort of eight girls entering their junior year of high-school, eight female mentors and a team of professional facilitators. All participants attend three multi-day retreats throughout the year. Between retreats, each girl will develop a community leadership project, attend four webinars to reflect and share their experiences, and engage in one-on-one mentoring designed to provide support, accountability, and assistance as needed.

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If you have any questions about [PowerHouse Montana](#), the [Women's Foundation of Montana](#), or would like to make an edit to your PowerHouse profile, please email Maggie Sullivan at [Maggie@mtcf.org](mailto:Maggie@mtcf.org) or call (406) 541-7409.

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## About PowerHouse Montana

PowerHouse Montana is an initiative of the Women's Foundation of Montana with two goals in mind: (1) connecting Montana women with the resources, mentors, and opportunities they need to create thriving businesses and thriving lives, (2) increasing the number of Montana women in leadership by providing a go-to source for organizations and companies looking for their next CEO or board chair.

The Women's Foundation of Montana advances economic independence for Montana women and creates a brighter future for our girls. Learn more at [www.wfmontana.org](http://www.wfmontana.org).

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