



POWERHOUSE MONTANA

of the Women's Foundation of Montana

We've always known that Montana women were one of our greatest untapped resources. We're tapping in.

Happy Holidays from PowerHouse Montana

Celebrate the Gift of Giving this Holiday Season

2018 is almost in the books - and while some months go by faster than others, oftentimes we find ourselves at the end of the year wondering where the time went.

This time of year holds the power of reflection, a strong catalyst for change. Coinciding with this month's theme of peer to peer networking, contemplate this: **As much as we can grow within ourselves, we can also inspire the same growth and support in others.** How? By giving back in the ways we can! Find something you are passionate about, and dedicate your time, money, brainpower - to making a difference in the lives of many.



As someone who wholeheartedly supports economic independence for women in Montana, and a brighter future for our girls - I ask you to consider the impact a simple donation of **\$10** to the [Women's Foundation of Montana](#). Over the past year WFM:

- Added over [100 new PowerHouse Montana online members](#), and hosted PowerHouse meetings in more places than ever before!
- Hosted 3 online webinars to inspire and inform women on several topics such as, [Women's Leadership and Financial Management 101](#).
- Participated in our first Women's Inclusive Innovation Summit, including a virtual statewide discussion through our PowerHouse network.
- Invested more than [\\$60,000 in 18 new grants to organizations](#) serving women and girls across the state.
- Contributed to new research regarding the [Status of Women](#) in Montana.

Not to mention, **until December 31st any donation to the Women's Foundation will be matched by an anonymous donor** - doubling your impact for women and girls in Montana! Give the gift of a better tomorrow, today.

Until next month,
Maggie

Connect, Inspire, Grow - with PowerHouse

Montana Events Across the State!

More Meetings to Follow in the New Year - Stay Tuned!

TODAY!

Thursday, December 20 @ 4:00pm

[PowerHouse Flathead](#)

Tailing Loop Winery

1498 MT HWY 35

Kalispell

Topic: Networking - Small Things Matter

Interested in hosting your own PowerHouse Gathering?

Contact Maggie Sullivan at Maggie@mtcf.org

[More Details about our Monthly PowerHouse: Montana Gatherings, here!](#)



PowerHouse Hi-Line

Pipeline to Leadership Featured Opportunities and Events

Let us know if you apply for any of these positions - we'd love to highlight your success, and connect others with potential opportunities!

NeighborWorks Montana - Montana Homeownership Network

Position: Cooperative Housing Specialist

Description: NeighborWorks Montana is seeking a skilled project coordinator to be part of our Resident Owned Community (ROC) program team. This person will support residents of manufactured home communities as they work through the process of becoming owners of their communities. This person will also coordinate funding for and implementation of major sewer and water infrastructure projects, as well as small community improvement and engagement projects.

Benefits Include: Medical, Dental, Vision, Short Term Disability, and 401K, Paid Holiday, Vacation, Sick, and Personal Leave.

[Website](#)

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to Mary Jo White at mwhite@nwmmt.org by 1/4/2019

Prospera Business Network - Bozeman, Montana

Position: Grow with Google Trainer

Description: We are seeking an independent contractor to be the lead trainer and coordinator for our Grow with Google (GwG) training series launching in 2019. This adult-education program will offer up to nine training events directed towards business owners in communities throughout southwest Montana. The purpose of this training series is to have businesses increase the use and application of the features of the Grow with Google platform.

[Website](#)

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

Position(s): All Available Listings - Various

[Website](#)

University of Montana - Missoula, Montana

Women on the Web

PowerHouse Articles and Resources



Women's Giving Circle members, Missoula Food Bank staff and participants of the LEVL program holding the \$10,000 grant check.

Women-Led Missoula Food Bank Program Wins Grant Award:

A Missoula women's group awarded a \$10,000 grant Tuesday to the Missoula Food Bank and Community Center for a program focused on engaging women who have lived in poverty. The Women's Giving Circle awarded the grant to the food bank program Lived Experience Voices and Leaders, or LEVL. The program is led by women who have experienced poverty and encourages them to find solutions to hunger based on that experience. [Check-out the MWGC Grant, here.](#)

Beyond Small Business Saturday - Why Supporting Small Businesses Matters by

Red Ants Pants founder, Sarah Calhoun:

"From my experience as a rural small business owner, I believe that trust comes from the fact that people actually know the small business owners in their communities personally. Especially in rural America, small business owners have a kind of fellowship that transcends the bottom line. We are in this together. And we wouldn't have it any other way." [Read Sarah's full article, here.](#)

New Co-Working Lounge Opens in Missoula's Old Sawmill District:

The internet has made it possible for many more people to work anywhere they want, and the Big Sky state's outdoor recreation opportunities make it an enticing option. But working from home or in coffee shops with spotty wireless internet isn't always ideal. That's why the developers of the Old Sawmill District near downtown Missoula have opened the C3 Worklounge, a co-working space designed to cater to the working traveler and other types of office-less entrepreneurs. [Learn more about C3, here.](#)

Montana Good at Producing Entrepreneurs, but Growth Among Start-ups is Weaker:

One in 10 Montanans own a business, and Montana ranks number one in the country for the share of its residents who own a business as their primary source of income. Similarly, around 50 percent of new Montana companies manage to stay in business after five years - a rate that ranks Montana near the top. Yet Montana startups tend to be small and stay small. [Discover why, here.](#)

Incoming Congresswomen Are Forming a 'Moms in the House' Caucus:

Florida Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz is trying to make the transition to Congress a little easier for newly elected mothers, with plans to create an informal caucus called "Moms in the House." Wasserman Schultz, a mother herself, says some of the longstanding rules and accepted protocol in Congress-like late-night votes-can make balancing work and family difficult for mothers with young children, and those who serve as their children's primary caregivers. [More on Moms in the House, here.](#)



For our final featured profile of 2018, we're going out with a bang - with Missoula PowerHouse, [Erinn Donnell!](#)

Erinn not only works as Community Manager for the newly opened [C3 WorkLounge](#) - she additionally boasts a demonstrated history of working in brand and program management. She's also skilled in Sales, Public Speaking, Conference Coordination, Public Relations, and Customer Service.

What books does Erinn love and recommend?

*"I'm a big believer in being able to roll with the punches and laugh at yourself and the failures you may encounter. Amy Lyle's books **"We're All A Mess, It's OK: A collection of funny essays and one-liners about the struggles of everyday life"** and **"The Amy Binegar-Kimmes-Lyle Book of Failures: A funny memoir of missteps, inadequacies, and faux pas"** give you perspective and humor for everyday struggles in life and business."*

Connect and share your experiences with Erinn via PowerHouse Montana today!

Want to Nominate Someone for a Featured Profile in 2019? Email your suggestions to Maggie at Maggie@mtcf.org

Become a PowerHouse Montana Blog or Instagram Contributor!

CHECK-OUT OUR NEW TOPICS FOR 2019! Do you enjoy writing, blogging, and/or sharing your thoughts and experiences via social media? Are you looking to engage your community through education, mentorship and leadership - but not sure how? Do you want to create a brighter future for Montana's women and girls?

Well, we have some good news - our PowerHouse Sign-Ups are specifically designed with you in mind! Paired with monthly discussion topics predetermined by our newest survey data - becoming a guest contributor is an easy, and effective way to get yourself out there.

Want to be involved? Become a part of the PowerHouse Montana movement today by signing-up below!

Sign-Ups Below:

[Blog Contributor Sign-Up](#) | [Instagram Takeover Sign-Up](#)



Questions?

If you have any questions about [PowerHouse Montana](#), the [Women's Foundation of Montana](#), or would like to make an edit to your profile, please email Maggie Sullivan at 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.



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