



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.

We're Thankful for YOU!

Giving Thanks this November

As we progress into this holiday season, and into the new year - this is the time to reassess where things are in your professional life. Whether it's creating an entirely new routine, or perhaps improving daily functions to better suit your needs, we all need an occasional shift in perspective to keep our lives fresh and exciting.

November is 'Changemaker' month, with a monthly discussion topic of Women's Entrepreneurship - so, we've decided to highlight some things that might inspire positive change within your own life!



- **Online and in-person Entrepreneurial Training and Counseling through Women's Foundation grantee, [Prospera Business Network and the Montana Women's Business Center](#).**
 - Prospera has additionally been selected by Google to host trainings in southwest Montana. They can't wait to leverage their \$50,000 sponsorship to do great things for entrepreneurs and small businesses in Montana! [More on this, here](#).
- **Apply for our Special Opportunity from the State: [The Board of Public Assistance](#).** An essential role in Montana, the Board reviews citizen's grievances and the actions of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services related to public assistance. We would love to see a PowerHouse member in this role! Please let us know if you apply.
 - Check-out our newly created [PowerHouse Montana Jobs](#) page for more opportunities from the state.
 - Have an employment, intern or volunteer opportunity you'd like to share through PowerHouse Montana? Contact Maggie @ maggie@mtcf.org
- **Our PowerHouse Montana November Meetings, listed below!**

Finally, we are ecstatic to announce the upcoming launch of the PowerHouse Montana Marketplace page - which will be active in the coming weeks. This page highlights businesses across the state that support women's empowerment and economic independence, as well as a brighter future for girls. If you personally own a company, or know of someone who owns a business who would love to join this network of WFM partners, email Maggie at Maggie@mtcf.org for details. What better way to start the new year off right, than a new partnership with PowerHouse Montana, showing your support for the advancement of Montana women? More information to follow, so stay tuned!

Until next month,
Maggie

Connect, Inspire, Grow - with PowerHouse Montana Events Across the State!

More Meetings to Follow in December Stay tuned!

Tuesday, November 20 @ 6:00pm

[PowerHouse Helena](#)

Downstairs at the Brewhouse
939 Gretchell St
Helena

Topic: Entrepreneurial and Personal
Wellness

Thursday, November 29 @ 4:00pm

[PowerHouse Flathead](#)

Tailing Loop Winery
1498 MT HWY 35
Kalispell

Topic: Building your Business and Brand

**Interested in hosting your own
PowerHouse Gathering?**

Contact Maggie Sullivan at
Maggie@mtcf.org



Women's Inclusive Innovation Summit - October 29,
2018

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

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!

Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors

Description: Board conducts reviews of Montana's public mental health programs and the Montana Development Center and assists individuals receiving services from these programs.

Position: Consumer or family of a consumer of mental health services

Commitment: Moderate, One annual meeting per year, quarterly site inspections (you choose based on your schedule)

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Be an integral part of oversight and review of Montana's facilities for persons with mental health and developmental disabilities. Learn program management, best care practices, meet a lot of providers around Montana.

[Website](#)

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Commission

Description: Commission advises the Board of Regents and the Department of Justice on motorcycle rider safety issues, motorcycle safety training, motorcycle endorsement testing and other matters relating to motorcycle safety. Board of Regents and Attorney General, also have appointments.

Position: Member of motorcycle organization

Commitment: Low

Compensation: Travel Only

Take Away: Help plan and execute motorcycle safety training programs in Montana.

[Website](#)

Special Women's Foundation of Montana Highlighted Opportunity:

Board of Public Assistance

Description: Board provides the forum for aggrieved citizens to contest actions of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services related to public assistance.

Position: Member, Montana Resident

Commitment: High, meets monthly with caseload

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Learn the nuances of public assistance programs, be part of the appeal process for Montanans who feel they were denied incorrectly.

[Website](#)

Women on the Web

PowerHouse Articles and Resources:



Julia Crain: "The place I wanted to be an urban planner was here." Photo by Meagan Thompson, *The Montana Standard*

Julia Crain's Passion for her Hometown Inspires Role as Urban Planner in Butte:

In her much younger days, Julia Crain thought she would be a lawyer. Her interests and school work took her in a different direction, so after getting a bachelor's degree in public affairs at Seattle University, she pursued a master's degree in urban and regional planning at Portland State University. But while gravitating toward courses focused on communities and neighborhoods, she found herself writing about places back home like Centerville and Chinatown. And it hit her. "I realized that not only did I want to be an urban planner, but the place I wanted to be an urban planner was here," said Crain, now 34. [Learn more about Crain's career, here.](#)

Celebrate Native Heritage Month by Supporting Native Women Entrepreneurs:

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#). Traditionally this month is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. But this is the perfect month to look forward and educate ourselves on some of

the BA indigenous women entrepreneurs we can support. The following indigenous entrepreneurs are not only creating and growing amazing businesses, they are also giving back to other native entrepreneurs and native communities. [Check-out these phenomenal entrepreneurs, here.](#)

Why Minority Women Now Control Nearly Half of All Women-Run Businesses:

In August, Vandra Caldwell and Trishona Helm invested \$10,000 of their savings and a \$30,000 loan into launching Mixins Rolled Ice Cream in downtown Omaha. By the end of October, the business had generated \$100,000 in sales--and Caldwell is already planning to create a rooftop ice cream bar at Mixins next summer as well as mulling franchising the business. Caldwell has a lot of company: Nearly 63 percent of women financed their businesses from their own savings, according to the [2018 State of Women and Entrepreneurship survey](#) of 279 women. [Read the full article, here.](#)

A Record Number Of Women Will Serve In Congress (With Potentially More To Come):
After this year's elections, a record number of women will serve in Congress come January 2019. With results still coming in, 98 women have won their House races as of early Wednesday morning, up from the current 84. In addition, at least 13 women won [Senate seats](#). That's in addition to the 10 female senators who were not up for re-election this year. That means at least 121 women will serve in the 116th Congress, up from the current 107. It will bring the share of Congress members who are women up from the current 20 percent to nearly 23 percent - a new high, but far from parity. [See the numbers, here.](#)

Girls Only Club: 58 Percent Of Women Elected To Congress Were Girl Scouts:

Yesterday women made history as we celebrated [a record number of female candidates \(over 110\) winning seats in the US House of Representatives](#). But did you know that [fifty-eight percent of those female representatives elected to the 116th Congress are Girl Scout Alums](#)? Clearly, this organization that boldly aims to give girls a space of their own in a male-dominated world has had a profound impact on the future for women. [Discover their impact, here.](#)

Ottawa's new \$20M Fund Boosts Women Entrepreneurs:

It's a good time to be a woman in business in Canada. Small Business and Export Promotion Minister Mary Ng announced a new \$20-million government initiative to directly support women in business in Canada on Friday. Last month, the minister announced an \$85-million Women Entrepreneurship Strategy [Ecosystem Fund](#) that provides women entrepreneurs support with networking, accessing mentorship and connecting to capital. During a recent press conference in Vancouver, the minister announced an additional \$20-million Women Entrepreneurship Fund. [More on Canada's efforts, here.](#)

Celebrating our PowerHouse Members



We're beyond thankful to present November's featured PowerHouse profile, local Helena dynamo - [Davey Madison](#)!

Originally from Wolf Point, Montana - Davey is a professional dabbler of all things. From strategic marketing and event planning, to communicative content and design creation, to even part-time home remodeling. She currently works as a Communications Consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana.

Who is Davey's Biggest Role Model?

Her Mom - and our March 2018 featured PowerHouse profile, [Debi Madison](#)! *"She is an engineer, a rancher, a volunteer, a leader, a boss, a barrel racer, an activist, and so much more. She taught me to be a problem solver and a hard worker - but also how to enjoy life. We have so much fun together no matter if we are hanging drywall or drinking wine."*

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

Know someone who would be a great Featured Profile for 2018/2019? Email your

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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