



# OUR VALENTINE TO YOU

At the Women's Foundation of Montana, we are feeling all the feels.

This year marks **20 years** of empowering Montana women and girls to pursue their dreams, increase their economic potential, and use their voices to make positive change for all. You have helped us reach this monumental milestone. Every dollar you donated, every hour you volunteered or advocated with us, every event you attended- it all made our work possible over the last two decades.

**Thank you.**

## 20 Year Highlights

- **Built a \$1 million endowment that continues to grow and support a brighter future for Montana women and girls.** Our endowment has already produced more than \$850,000 for grantmaking in Montana. Grants support leadership and job training, STEAM programs for girls, wage negotiation workshops, advocacy work, and more.
- **Helped limit predatory lending.** We led a Cap the Rate Initiative that succeeded in limiting predatory lending in the state to 36% interest or less (formally as high as 400% interest). This effort protects thousands of Montanans, mostly women, from falling into debt traps.
- **Influenced policy change.** Our ongoing research and reporting has helped educate the conversation about the economic status of women in Montana and



next steps for a brighter economic future for women in our state.

- **Created a network of support for Montana women.** [PowerHouse Montana](#) was created in 2015 as a way to connect Montana women with mentors and opportunities in our rural state. More than just an online platform, [PowerHouse Montana](#) now boasts a membership of 540 women and men and offers online and in-person resources, job and training opportunities, a personal fan club, and more to its members.

## Celebrate with us!

We look forward to celebrating with you this year. We have some great things in store:

- Look for the inaugural issue of **WFM Ignite** in your inbox this month. We're combining all the things you've come to love about the Women's Wire and PowerHouse Montana newsletters to deliver monthly news and events in an exciting new format.
- **PARTY!** We're going to hold a celebratory anniversary bash in 2020- more details coming soon.
- Throughout the year, we'll be sharing stories about our 20-year journey. *Have a story you want to share?* [Contact Maggie.](#)

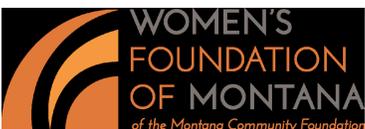
Women's Foundation of Montana has been successful thanks to the support we've received from our community of supporters, like you.

## Thank you for 20 years and counting!

Jen Euell, *Program Director*

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Thinking about an anniversary gift?

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