



Community  
Health Alliance

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**Fostering lifelong health and safety for  
all who call Western Montana home.**




**Our Mission**

We engage western Montanans in health education and support to advance healthy lives through the gifts of donors, partners, and volunteers.

## Letter from the Executive Director

The past several years has marked a transformative time for our organization. After a period of transition, careful program evaluation, a location change, and a rebrand, this year we focused on what truly matters: delivering targeted support to empower individuals and communities to lead healthier lives.

Thanks to your generosity, we provided healthcare scholarships to uplift current and aspiring health professionals, invested in the impactful health programs of fellow nonprofits, and helped ease the financial burden for Western Montana patients so they can receive the care they need and focus on healing. Additionally, our health and safety education programs reached over 1,200 individuals, equipping them with knowledge and resources to prevent injury and disease.

As we look to the future, we remain deeply committed to responding intentionally to growing needs while expanding our reach into surrounding areas. Together, we are creating a healthier, safer future for all. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.



Kira Huck  
Executive Director



Bruce Whitehead  
Board Chair

## Helping People When They Need it the Most

**15. 2,398. 360. 58. 135. 2,500.**

These numbers—which you will read about on the following pages—represent what your generosity made possible this past year. And behind every number is a story—stories like those of Megan\* and Troy\*.

Megan, a high school healthcare scholarship recipient, was inspired by her sibling’s experience with a childhood disease and the challenges of accessing specialty care. Determined to make a difference, she is pursuing a career in endocrinology with the goal of providing essential care to families in under-resourced areas like much of Western Montana. Megan represents the next generation of health professionals, and your support is paving the way for her and others to make a lasting impact.

Troy’s story reflects the critical need for patient support. Living in a community with limited healthcare of any kind, much less oncology care, Troy faced a 200-mile round trip for six weeks of daily radiation treatments. Thanks to a patient assistance grant, he received help with travel expenses, ensuring his access to care and easing the financial burden during an already difficult time.

Thank you for making these stories, and so many others, possible.

These stories illustrate the profound impact of your generosity and the intentional progression of our programs. Guided by strategic planning, we have focused our efforts to respond to growing needs—whether by reducing financial barriers to care, supporting healthcare professionals, or expanding outreach to deliver impactful health education and resources where they are needed most.

With your continued support, we can expand our reach and ensure more individuals have access to vital care and education, so all Western Montanans have the opportunity to lead healthier, safer lives.

*\*Names and identifying details changed to protect identity*

## Our Programs



### Healthcare Scholarships

Professional development and high school healthcare scholarships support education, certifications, and training to encourage and ensure compassionate, quality patient care.



### Health Education

Resources and information delivered through initiatives like Be Sun Smart, Safe Kids Missoula, and Safe Kids Montana raise awareness to prevent leading causes of injury and disease.



### Health Support

Western Montanans are surrounded on their health journey through our patient assistance funds and targeted support of health-related projects in our Health Grants Program.

# Focused Efforts, Meaningful Impact: A Year of Action in Review

This year, our efforts focused on delivering meaningful support to individuals and families across Western Montana. Through healthcare scholarships, grants, patient assistance, and educational initiatives, we addressed critical health and safety needs. These programs directly improved lives, ensuring stronger, healthier communities throughout the region.



## 15 High School Healthcare Scholarships

This year, our program awarded scholarships totaling \$21,000 to graduating seniors pursuing health careers in Missoula, Lake, and Ravalli Counties. By investing in these future health professionals, we are ensuring quality care for generations to come. These awards empower students to pursue their education and strengthen the future of healthcare across our region.



## \$53,406 In Health Grants

Through our Health Grants Program, we awarded \$53,406 to 12 nonprofits across Western Montana, directly benefiting 2,398 individuals. These grants supported essential services in mental health, diabetes education, case management, and trauma-informed care—addressing key health challenges and elevating health and safety throughout communities.



## 360+ Attendees at the Safe Kids Fair

Our annual Safe Kids Fair connected attendees with vital health and safety resources thanks to 30 community partners and 56 volunteers who contributed 224 hours. Throughout the year, we reached over 900 individuals with hands-on education, equipping families with the knowledge and tools needed to prevent serious injuries and keep youth safe in our community.



## 58 Patients Received Assistance

With \$17,800 in donor support, our patient assistance funds helped oncology and breast health patients from communities including Darby, Garrison, Arlee, Thompson Falls, Saint Ignatius, and Missoula. These funds provided essential assistance for care-related costs—such as gas cards, medical expenses, and wigs—ensuring patients could access the resources and services they needed.



## 135 Community Members Reached With Be Sun Smart

Our skin cancer and melanoma awareness program reached community members with direct education through partnerships with organizations like Raise Montana, Missoula Family YMCA, and TRIO Upward Bound. Additionally, we distributed over 775 educational cards and resources at local health and safety events, empowering our community with knowledge to prevent and detect skin cancer early.



## \$2,500 Professional Development Healthcare Scholarships

Our professional development scholarship program provided support for health and safety professionals pursuing advanced training in obstetrics, neonatal care, nursing, and rehabilitation. These scholarships enabled professionals to expand their skills and enhanced care for patients in Missoula, Dillon, Ronan, Arlee, Polson, and beyond, improving health outcomes across Western Montana.

**“Thank you for your kind support for my fight against cancer. Today we got good news about the effectiveness of my recent chemotherapy. Your generosity helped me get through my treatment.”**

- Patient assistance grant recipient



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## Financial Highlights

For year ending June 30, 2024

Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$102,357
Current portion of long-term pledge ....	\$23,080
Other current assets .....	\$1,532
Investments.....	\$1,965,536
CHA-held endowments* .....	\$4,636,351
Pledges Receivable, net .....	\$4,421
Operating right of use asset.....	\$150,672
Other assets.....	\$87,901

**TOTAL ASSETS .....** \$6,971,850

Accounts payable .....	\$6,883
Accrued liabilities .....	\$16,213
Current portion of operating lease liability.....	\$11,028
Annuities payable.....	\$70,014

**Total Current Liabilities.....** \$104,138

Operating lease liability net .....	\$140,443
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$244,581</b>

Net assets without donor restrictions....	\$1,575,897
Board designated .....	\$497,094
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	\$4,654,278
<b>Total Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$6,727,269</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$6,971,850**

\* CHA donors have also established an Endowment at Montana Community Foundation, [mctf.org/Giving/Our-Funds](http://mctf.org/Giving/Our-Funds)

Contributions.....	\$81,103
Investment income, net of fees .....	\$161,738
Realized/unrealized investment gain .....	\$540,102
In-kind contributions .....	\$32,457
Change in value of annuities .....	(\$18,346)
Other revenue .....	\$130,537

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE .....** \$927,591

Programs.....	\$493,469
Management and general .....	\$56,987
Fundraising .....	\$7,354

**TOTAL EXPENSES .....** \$557,810

Information provided is summarized from the June 30, 2024 statements prepared by JCCS and reviewed by Boyle, Deveny & Meyer. For additional information, contact us at [info@communityhealthwmt.org](mailto:info@communityhealthwmt.org).

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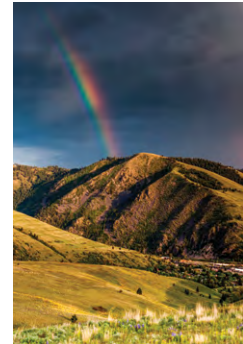
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