



A Letter from Our Board Chair



Dear West Mont Supporters,

First, let me thank you for your loyalty, commitment, and dedication to our 44-year old organization. The support you provide is an asset to the staff, the board, and our community.

The past six to eight months our organization has experienced significant challenges. We happily, yet reluctantly accepted the retirement of our respected, long-time leader and past President, Kris Bakula. We have experienced budget constraints as a result of our funding sources own budget restrictions and anticipate this will be ongoing, but manageable. We are in the process of our second search for a new President and most recently, we accepted the resignation of a valued board member.

Mike Cooney, our public servant and Lieutenant Governor, has a schedule that demands more time than he can possibly grant, despite his best efforts, and we have sadly accepted his resignation as a long-time board member. We will miss his reliability, calm presence, level-headed approach and sense of humor. We are appreciative of his service to West Mont and to the great state of Montana. Thank you, Mike and we will miss you.

As a board and an organization, we are accepting all of these challenges as an opportunity. An opportunity for us to improve. We are working to make sure that you, our supporters, continue to be advocates of our organization and support us in our efforts to position West Mont as a continued leader in our industry for the next 44 years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Peretto
Board Chairman

Our Christmas Wish List and Ways You Can Help

December is just around the corner and once again West Mont has a Christmas Wish List Tree set-up at our main office. All of our residents are low-income and many have no family or family living nearby. Hanging on the tree are “ornaments” with our clients’ wish list. Feel free to stop by 2708 Bozeman Avenue, Helena between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and help make a client’s wish come true. Below find items that are always popular and needed. Any gift that you can provide is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at **(406)447-3100**. Thank you for your support!

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| Unscented deodorant/antiperspirant | Denture Cleaner | Toothpaste |
| Men’s T-Shirts - med., lg., XL | Women’s Colored T-Shirts all sizes | Soft Toothbrushes |
| Men’s & Women’s Socks | Men’s White Briefs all sizes | Blank Greeting Cards |
| Men’s & Women’s Non-Slip Slipper Socks | Women’s Sweat Pants all sizes | Women’s Sports Bras all sizes |
| Cetaphil Lotion | Cetaphil Body Wash | Heavy Duty Blankets |
| Men’s Sweat Pants - med., lg, XL | Sweatshirts men’s - med., lg. & XL | Haircut Gift Cards |
| Unscented Body Wash - men’s & women’s | Fragrance Free Shampoo | Baby Shampoo |
| Fragrance Free Conditioner | Shaving Cream | Twin size Bed Sheets |
| Arts & Crafts Supplies | Movie Theater & Coffee Shop Gift Cards, <i>continued on page 7</i> | |

2017 Annual Client Awards and BBQ

Below are photos from our recent Annual Client Awards and BBQ. West Mont clients and staff from the various group homes and vocational programs attended the event held at our Farm & Gardens location. Each facility brought a delicious side dish and West Mont provided the hamburgers. Every client received a personal photo and were delighted to meet and visit with the **Helena Brewers mascot, Wally**. Thanks to the Brewers and to all of our employees that helped out with this event.



Engraved Bricks Help Support the Farm Maze

West Mont recently submitted both a **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** and **HOME Grant** for renovations that need to be done at our **Farm & Gardens Group Home**. A recent architectural grant helped us identify a number of areas in the home that needed to be updated or replaced. These grants are *critical* to the project and we anxiously wait to hear back from the **Montana Department of Commerce** on their status.

In addition to renovating the group home, we are planning to break ground on **Morgan's Maze in 2018**. You can help support our maze with the purchase of a **personalized tax deductible engraved brick**. Bricks will be displayed at the Farm for posterity and they are a great way to personalize your support of West Mont; *plus they make a great gift!* Bricks are available in three sizes: regular \$50.00, large \$150.00, and extra-large \$250.00. If you would like to purchase a brick or want more information, please contact our main office at **406-447-3100**.



Thank You

To our distinguished Operating and Foundation Board Members and Development Committee. We Thank YOU for selflessly give your time and talent to our organization.

Thanks also to Mike Cooney for his decades of dedicated service to West Mont. He will be missed.

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In Memory Of John Morigeau



West Mont clients and staff were saddened by the recent passing of John Morigeau at the age of 39. John began services at West Mont in August 1985. He was living at the Tara Group Home since 1997 at the time of his passing.

John was a part of what made the group home enjoyable and at times interesting for both staff and his peers. He loved music and had a great sense of humor.

On behalf of everyone at West Mont, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to John's family.

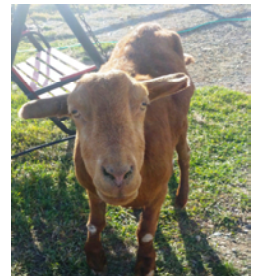
Thank You Dennis Flynn Valley Farms

Recently, Cheto our "cow-goat" and 14-year resident at West Mont Farm & Gardens petting zoo passed away peacefully to greener pastures. Over the years, he brought smiles to thousands of children as well as our clients and staff.



Farm vocational client Susie Hull helps Assistant Program Manager Jeremiah Porter plant one of the donated trees

The Farm staff thought it would be nice to plant a tree in Cheto's memory and made a visit to Valley Farms to purchase one. When owner, Dennis Flynn heard what the tree was for, he generously donated two apricot trees! Thank you Dennis and Valley Farms for your continued support of West Mont. We appreciate everything you do for us.



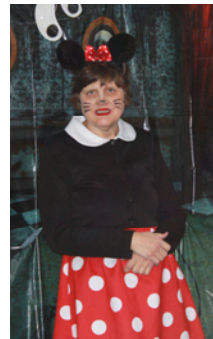
Cheto

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them"

~ John F. Kennedy

2017 Halloween Costume Contest Winners - A Spooktacular Good Time

West Mont's Annual Halloween Party is always a client and staff favorite. This year prizes for our costume contest were donated from a number of generous businesses and we are very grateful for their support. Thanks to employee **Lusha Reis** who secured gift certificates and products and thanks to the following businesses that helped make this year's event even more special: **AK Café, Burger King, Buffalo Wild Wings, Café Zydeco, Dirty Dozen, MacKenzie River Pizza, Murdoch Ranch & Home Supply, Staggering Ox, and Steve's Café.** You are the best, Thank YOU!



FIRST PLACE above from left to right: Zach, Brittany & Lisa

Cathy

Susan



Jenny & Jeff

Erik

"Hillside Group Home" from l - r: Mary, Joanne, Theresa, Lora, and Richard

Honorable Mentions



Above l - r: Stephanie, Tera, George, Tina, Dennis, Susie, Connie, and Jodie
Below l - r: Carley, Koby, Ashleigh, Duane, Mike, Kathy, and David





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Winterfest

Complimentary
Chili, Cookies,
& Hot Cocoa



Saturday, December 2, 2017

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Phone: 447-3123

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Kids can personalize & decorate holiday
coasters for \$1 and/or pavers for \$5



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holidays or for an event?
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available for rent (298 white
and 197 gray).

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\$1.25 each for delivery
(100 chair minimum).

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at: 447-3120**



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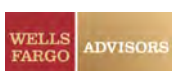
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Harvest Days

In spite of smoky skies from several fires, thousands of people enjoyed beautiful weather and lots of activities at West Mont's 25th Annual Family Fun Day. Thanks to **Chuck Pesta**, a retired US Marshal and husband of West Mont employee **Susan Pesta** for arranging for a variety of federal, state, county, and city emergency services personnel and vehicles to attend. Families learned safety tips, watched demonstrations, and explored a **Search & Rescue** water craft, an **ambulance**, **MHP helicopter**, and **more**. Among others were able to visit with the **FBI**, **ATF**, **Border Patrol Park Services**, **BLM**, **Sheriff's Department**, and **State the Troopers**.

Carrie Hahn and friends provided popular wagon rides, and kids could pick the perfect pumpkin from the patch. Thanks to our **sponsors** and **volunteers** who every year help make this event possible. The following Friday, West Mont held its first **Harvest Days Luncheon**. Board Member **Debbie Olson** provided a moving story about her son experiences at West Mont. Thanks to **Mike Cooney** who as always was a wonderful MC. Over \$11,700 was raised *plus* an additional \$2,900 from **The Eiker Foundation** in matching funds for the sale of Bob Morgan prints (related story on pg. 8).

Family Fun Day



Harvest Days Luncheon



Above l- r: Luncheon guests, Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney, The Betts Family Foundation Table, Stephanie W., and Lusha Reis.
 Below l- r: MT Television Network Table, Debbie Olson, ABC/Fox Table, and Amy, Mona, & Hoby Rash



Above l- r: Crowley Fleck, PLLP Table, First Security Bank Table, and Jeff S. and Brian Williams

Dragons Train for Special Olympics

As we go to press, the **West Mont Dragons** are hard at work practicing for Special Olympics. Thanks to the **Carroll College women's basketball team** for their help with coaching and training our athletes and thanks to all of the West Mont staff that help out each week.



Clients and staff surprised **Coach Susan Pesta** with a birthday gift at the November 7th practice.

Christmas Wish List (continued from page 1)

The **West Mont Cheer Squad** is in need of either a portable/mobile stereo with an iPod attachment and good speakers or an iPod with speakers for their practices and performances.

- Men's & Women's Warm Hats & Gloves
- Poster Frames Music CD's & DVD Movies
- Puzzles Scrapbooking Supplies

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EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It...The Becky Eiker Studio Donates Bob Morgan Prints - All Proceeds Benefit West Mont

Do you dread shopping for that hard to buy for person? Looking for a unique gift? *We may have just the answer for you!*

The **Becky Eiker Studio** has generously donated a limited number of signed and numbered **Bob Morgan "Read All About It"** prints to West Mont. Only 250 of this popular print were made and they are currently available for *only \$100* while supplies last.



In addition to the prints, for every **Becky Eiker Bronze** sold at the **Ghost Art Gallery**, from now until 12/31/17, the Eiker's will **donate 33%** of that sale back to West Mont. Thank you Becky and Bill for your generosity!



Prints can be purchased directly from the **Ghost Art Gallery** phone: **406-443-4536** or by contacting West Mont at **406-447-3100**. Our thanks to Ghost Art Gallery owner **Dave Kettman** who is working with the Eiker's and West Mont on this promotion.

For every print sold, **Becky and Bill Eiker** will **match** it with an *additional \$100.00* donation to West Mont. Prints were first made available at the **Harvest Days Luncheon** where 29 immediately sold. Between the sale of those and the Eiker's match, West Mont received \$5,800!

5th Annual  **West Mont**
Flower & Trading Co.
Winterfest
Saturday, December 2 (see pg. 2 for details)