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Thank you to our special guests and presenters:

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**Kevin Myhre, Chair, Montana Commission on Community Service**

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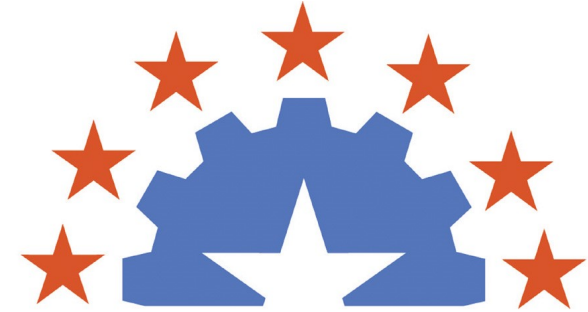
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**Congratulations to the 2018 award recipients!**  
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The Governor's Office of Community Service and the Governor-appointed Montana Commission on Community Service were created in 1993 to promote and expand national service and volunteer opportunities in Montana.

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### **ServeMontana Awards**

The ServeMontana Awards recognize individuals and organizations who, through their dedication and commitment to community service, have greatly enhanced civic life in Montana. These individuals and organizations represent the best in positive community change through service, volunteerism, and community leadership.

### **First Lady School Breakfast Champion Awards**

The First Lady School Breakfast Champion Awards recognize schools that encourage success for all students in Montana through the initiation and continued support of school breakfast programs.

**May 25, 2018 at 10:30am**

**Room 303 - Old Supreme Court Chambers  
Montana State Capitol**



### **Rita Feller — Billings**

Rita has spent decades volunteering in her community. She helped veterans transition to independent living during her time at Independence Hall. Rita spent 6 years serving as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer finally 'retiring' from that program at the tender age of 85. Rita now volunteers her time with the Rainbow House mental health clinic teaching art classes. She purchases frames for the artists to highlight their work and even finds permanent displays for the art in the Billings community.

### **Al Goddard — Missoula**

Al is a veteran who continues to serve as a Foster Grandparent logging over 18,000 hours of service. Having volunteered with the University of Montana Repertory Theatre, he has brought his experience as a teacher and playwright to mentor students in a theatre arts curriculum. He's been quoted saying "I want to help kids see literature come to life and teach tolerance". Al has helped countless kids use theatre and performance art as therapeutic tools to help them work through hardships.

### **Isabelle Melton — Helena**

In 2015 as a freshman, Isabelle founded the Helena Youth Soccer Association's Soccer Soles program. She collects new and gently used soccer gear and makes it available for families in need in the Helena area. She built a Facebook page to highlight the program which has greatly increased donations. Hundreds of children have benefitted from the Soccer Soles program. Isabelle also volunteers her time as a recreational coach at area elementary schools while still managing a 4.0 GPA at Capital High School.

### **Doreen Rech — Roundup**

In December of 2013, Doreen started the BackPack program in Roundup and has continuously worked with area schools to sustain the program. Upon seeing a need to help older students as well, Doreen implemented a school pantry in 2016. With the help of volunteers, she puts together packs of food for growing teens in need. Between the BackPack program and school pantry, Doreen serves nearly 50 students each week.

### **Bryan River— Polson**

Bryan manages the Polson Loaves and Fish Pantry. A volunteer himself, he leads a group of over 60 other volunteers who provide food and more to over 350 families in the Polson area each month. Bryan has enhanced cooperation among service organizations, churches, schools and businesses in Polson which support the Pantry. Loaves and Fish also provides local children in need with 'weekend backpacks' of easily prepared meals. Through Bryan's determination, vision and perseverance, the food pantry has expanded its outreach to support neighboring communities, senior centers and soup kitchens.

### **Anaconda Community Intervention— Anaconda**

ACI, Inc. encourages the youth of Anaconda to make healthy life choices to avoid drugs and alcohol and engages the entire community to provide positive alternatives for kids. With just a couple of part time staff and a contingent of volunteers, ACI does an incredible amount of work on behalf of the children in the community. In partnership with other organizations, ACI's activities include the Anaconda Leadership Academy for students, Camp H2O (Healthy Habit Outcomes), Red Ribbon Week and more, to support Anaconda's youth.

### **Quilts 4 Kids— Missoula**

Quilts 4 Kids began in 1999 when a small group of women began making quilts for kids in distress. From their humble beginnings in the back of a local quilt shop to now occupying the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Grace United Methodist Church, over a thousand quilts per year are being distributed with the group's partners that include local hospitals, shelters and group homes as well as the police and fire departments.

 *First Lady  
School Breakfast Champion Award*

**Columbus Public Schools** *Startup of a new school breakfast program*

**Kennedy and West Elementary Schools-Butte** *Increased participation in an existing school breakfast program*

**Rocky Boy Public Schools** *Long-standing tradition of excellence in serving school breakfast*

**Gallatin Gateway Elementary** *Food Service Staff of the Year*