



Supporting Missoula through enhancement of Downtown, now and for future generations

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## Friends of Downtown Annual Campaign

The Friends of Downtown campaign offers individuals, families and businesses the opportunity to support the vision of the Downtown Missoula Partnership to lead and nurture a vibrant Downtown Missoula as a place where people are inspired to live, work, shop and play. We are grateful to the donors listed below who generously gave to the campaign in 2017, for a total of \$ 10,000.

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## MDF Caras Park Fund Endowment

It is a great pleasure to announce the creation of the **MDF Caras Park Endowment**, made possible through an anonymous gift received in December.

This \$40k gift allows the Foundation to plan for long-term improvements and maintenance of Caras Park, our beloved city center gathering place.



Gifts to the Missoula Downtown Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and can be directed to Caras Park, other projects of your choice, or into unrestricted funds. If you'd like to visit about annual giving or planned giving, contact Director of Giving Karen Snow, at 406.543.4238, or [karen@missouladowntown.com](mailto:karen@missouladowntown.com).

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### From Board President Anne Guest

The New Year is a time for change, reflection and goal setting, and the Missoula Downtown Foundation Board of Directors has been doing just that. I am honored to serve as the incoming President of the MDF Board, following in the footsteps of Josh Eder. Thank you, Josh, for your leadership and good work! I also want to welcome our new board member, Sheila Mischke.

2017 was a very successful year for the foundation. Highlights include:

- License Plate revenue - \$60,000
- Parking Meter revenue - \$28,000
- Friends of Downtown Campaign - \$10,000
- Creation of the Caras Park Endowment with a \$40,000 anonymous gift

Our goals for 2018 include:

- Updating the Downtown Master Plan
- Fabrication and installation of the Information Kiosks, part of the City's Wayfinding System
- Raising funds to replace the Caras Park canopy
- Expanding long-term giving opportunities and outreach
- Prioritizing grant acquisition for community development projects



Anne Guest

Thanks to all of you for supporting the foundation's efforts to keep Downtown a vibrant, inclusive and healthy center for Missoula. Don't hesitate to call me at 546-4932 if you'd like to discuss the Missoula Downtown Foundation and its work. Happy New Year!

*Anne Guest retired as director of the Missoula Parking Commission in 2015*

### Texas Hold 'Em



The 4th Annual Downtown Missoula Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 4 at the Elks

Lodge at 112 N. Pattee. Registration is \$100 with unlimited \$50 re-buys. Players are encouraged to register online at [missouladowntown.com/poker](http://missouladowntown.com/poker).

### Parking Meter Update

Since 2016, the MDF has raised over \$28,000 from the sale of "retired" Downtown parking meters.

With fewer than 100 remaining, the MDF Board of Directors decided to gift the meters to **Habitat for Humanity of Missoula's** ReStore, located at 3655 Highway 200 East, in East Missoula. Beginning in March, anyone interested in purchasing a meter can now visit the ReStore or call 549-8210.

### MDF Accomplishments

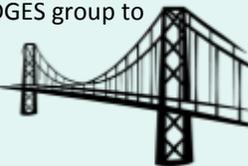
Since it was created in 2010, the Missoula Downtown Foundation has raised and reinvested nearly \$1 million into Downtown Missoula improvements, including:



**\$660,000**

Raised for Caras Park Improvements 2011-2013

**\$200,000** Raised in partnership with the LIGHT OUR BRIDGES group to light the Madison & VanBuren bridges 2014-2015



**\$50,000**

Funded holiday décor infrastructure repairs and upgrades 2015-2017

### America's Great Neighborhood Award



In 2017, Downtown Missoula was recognized as one of America's Great Neighborhoods by the American Planning Association (APA). The APA applauded the intentional and collaborative planning by individuals and businesses to attract people and development to Downtown Missoula. To celebrate this national award, the Downtown Missoula Partnership had this logo designed to utilize in printed and electronic communications.

Now more than ever, continued planning is crucial, as there is an estimated \$850 million dollars of development taking place Downtown in the coming years.

The Missoula Downtown Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which supports and promotes Missoula through enhancement of Downtown, now and for future generations: Commerce, Heritage, Culture & Living.

