



WOMEN'S WIRE

Women's Foundation of Montana eNewsletter

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From Jen's Desk

Happy 2020! Can you feel the excitement in the air? This whole new decade thing seems to have inspired some serious disruption.

Here at WFM we are celebrating 20 years of good work and feeling grateful for the donors and partners that have made it all possible. Most of the organizations and efforts we have the privilege of working with on women's economic advancement, leadership, entrepreneurship and policy change didn't exist 20 years ago. Similarly most of the girls leadership and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs have sprung up in that time. Together we are growing our capacity for positive change and creating ecosystems that support women and girls as they realize their potential and move themselves, their families, their communities and the state toward a brighter future.



We have several examples in point featured in this Women's Wire. Check out our calendar of events to learn about opportunities like the [Women's Policy Leadership Institute](#), happening this weekend in Helena that teaches women how to get involved in policy and community change work. Or the [Thrive Girls for a Change Conference](#) happening this weekend in Bozeman, that teaches girls leadership and life skills. (We're thrilled their keynote speaker this year is social entrepreneur, [Jen Perry](#), founder of Jelt!)

Later this month there will be financial education offerings, more great STEAM events for girls, and of course our own [PowerHouse](#) events connecting women to mentors and opportunities.

All of this didn't just create itself. It was built through the hard work of so many Montanans who are dedicated to equity and opportunity for all.

Thank you for being a part of that group of people who is willing to show up, get involved, and move us all forward.

Onward!

Jen Euell

Celebrating Black Montana Women In History



To kick off February and to celebrate Black History Month, we wanted to highlight some of the amazing African American women of Montana.

Read about Mary Fields, a gun-slinging and whiskey-drinking mail carrier; Sarah Bickford, the first African American woman to own a utility company in Montana (possibly the first in the U.S); and Gloria Hewitt, the fourth African American woman in the U.S. to receive a PhD in mathematics!

Learn more [here](#).

Partner Spotlight: NEW Leadership Montana and Pursue Your Passion



Two programs at the University of Montana Missoula that are working to grow women's leadership and economic potential are currently recruiting participants.

[Montana NEW Leadership](#) of the UM Mansfield Center is looking for a few more amazing Montana college women, particularly from our rural and tribal campuses, who are interested in learning leadership skills and what it takes to run for

and serve in public office. The program is a week-long residential camp at UM Missoula, June 21-25. Learn more [here](#). Spots are limited, apply today!

[Pursue Your Passions](#), UM Missoula's women's entrepreneurship program, is hosting it's first online class, Build Your Brand and Network, open to both students and the public. It starts February 24th. You can learn more and register [here](#).

February's Featured PowerHouse Profile - Mariah Gladstone!

Mariah Gladstone (Blackfeet, Cherokee) grew up in Northwest Montana. She graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Environmental Engineering and returned home where she developed [Indigikitchen](#). Mariah has been recognized as a "Champion for Change" through the Center for Native American Youth, a "Culture of Health Leader" through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and a Grist 50 "Fixer." She is currently

on the board of the Native Youth Food Sovereignty Alliance (NYFSA).

[Read more about Mariah and her accomplishments here!](#)



Leadership Opportunity Roundup

WFM is focused on increasing the number of women serving in leadership positions, including statewide boards and commissions. Consider applying for one of these excellent leadership opportunities!

State of Montana Board, Council and Commission Openings, from the Office of the Governor

ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Program Oversight Committee

Description: Oversight Committee for the ABLE (achieving a better life experience) Program in the Department of Public Health and Human Services. The ABLE Program gives Montana residents access to a program to save private funds for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities to maintain their health, independence, and quality of life and to provide secure funding for disability-related expenses. The Committee will recommend financial institutions for approval by the Department to act as the managers of accounts in the program and may submit proposed policies to the Department to help implement and administer the program.

Position: Person with a disability

Website: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities/ABLE>

Commitment: At least once a year meetings

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Be an active part of the team who oversees Montana's savings program for individuals and families supporting individuals with disabilities. Engage with leaders in public health across Montana.

Board of Chiropractors

Description: Board is charged with licensing and regulating persons and businesses engaged in chiropractic professions and occupations.

Position: Licensed Chiropractor (at least 1 year)

Website: <http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/chi>

Commitment: Meetings approximately quarterly, as needed, both in person and by teleconference

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Take an active role in your industry by being part of the team who represents the state setting rules, regulations, discipline and other credentialing services.

Ground Water Assessment Steering Council

Council establishes policy and coordinates the Ground Water Assessment Program.
Position: Representative of Development Community
Website: <http://deq.mt.gov/Water>
Commitment: Low, once or twice a year.
Compensation: No pay and No travel offered
Take Away: Participate in the policy development for ground water in the state.

Board of Radiologic Technologists

Description: Board is charged with licensing and regulating persons and businesses engaged in radiologic technology professions and occupations.

Position: Public Member (resident of Montana)

Website: http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/rtb_board/board_page.asp

Commitment: Low, once or twice a year as needed.

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Learn how medical professionals are regulated and managed through their licensure with the state. Participate in meetings with members of the industry and other interested parties.

Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Description: Board is charged with licensing and regulating persons and businesses engaged in speech-language pathology and audiology professions and occupations.

Position: Public Member who is a consumer of speech-language pathology or audiology services

Website: http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/slp_board/board_page.asp

Commitment: Low, once or twice a year as needed.

Compensation: \$50/day plus travel

Take Away: Learn how medical professionals are regulated and managed through their licensure with the state. Participate in meetings with members of the industry and other interested parties.

Looking for a new paid gig? Check out the [PowerHouse Montana Jobs Board](#) for opportunities.

WFM Around the State

Join us for one of our PowerHouse gatherings or another WFM sponsored or hosted event soon to connect with our smart network and work with us to advance Montana women! Learn more about current events and happenings on our [PowerHouse Montana Calendar](#).

Women's Policy Leadership Institute, Helena

February 7-8

WFM is a proud sponsor of Montana Women Vote's 2020 Women's Policy Leadership Institute again this year. Join women from across the state to build relationships, discuss policy issues and learn skills together at this powerful gathering. More information [here](#).

Thrive Girls for a Change Summit: Ignite, Create, Lead, Bozeman

February 8, 8-5

Join hundreds of high school-aged girls from across the state in more than 35 workshops designed to encourage girls to step out of their comfort zone and have fun! Register today to nab a spot [here](#). WFM is a proud sponsor!

PowerHouse Billings

February 17, 6pm

Meet up with the Powerhouse crew for the fresh new 2020 gathering in Billings at Lisa Matovich Brooke Counseling at 510 N. 29th. the best of conversation. More information [here](#).

Exploration Works Girls' STEM Roundup, Helena

February 22, 8:30 am

Join girls in 5th-8th grade from across the state in hands-on STEM learning, led by amazing women in STEM! This full-day, fun-filled learning adventure will be held at Carroll College in Helena. WFM is a proud sponsor! Register [here](#) today to save your spot.

PowerHouse Great Falls

February 24, 5:30pm

Relocate, Integrate, Engage! Join us for the first PowerHouse GF meeting of 2020. We want to meet you! New to the area or been here forever, this topic can apply to you. Share your stores of relocation, integration, and engagement. It can be hard to integrate yourself into a new community or even one you have known forever. More information [here](#).

Montana Financial Education Conference, Helena

February 25, 8:00 am

This conference is your opportunity to strengthen your partnerships and build new capacity for the delivery of financial education programs in your community and across our state. Learn about best practices and discuss a variety of financial education programs, designed for all ages and demographics. Learn more and register [here](#).



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Will you help us fuel opportunities that lead to a brighter, more prosperous future for Montana women and girls? Every gift counts on the long road to equity.

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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF MONTANA

Established in 1999, the Women's Foundation of Montana is a component fund of the Montana Community Foundation working to grow the economic security of women and create a brighter future for girls in Montana. With a permanent endowment of more than \$1 million, the foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 to organizations improving the lives of women and girls in Montana.