

ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS



Greetings and Gratitude

It's our first summer in our new building, The Meadowlark, and programs are in full swing! Families and survivors have been moving in over the last few weeks and we are now nearly at capacity. We have *doubled* the number of people served in our programs so there are plenty of new logistics to navigate, including a laundry room schedule, stroller parking, and large group meal preparation, to name a few.

Ultimately, I'm thankful that we're able to provide emergency shelter, food and other services that are so clearly needed by our community right now, especially with temperatures climbing into the triple digits this week. Families who might otherwise have to sleep in hot cars or tents can access air conditioned, dignified shelter at The Meadowlark. Everyone deserves a safe place to live, at all times of the year.

And The Meadowlark offers residents more than shelter. There's on-site child supervision and youth programs, medical, dental and mental health services, and a community dinner in the Family Housing Center prepared every night by Family Promise. All these services located under one roof makes it much easier for families to get the support they need when they need it.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Weese".

Cindy Weese
Executive Director

What's New

Take a Virtual Tour of The Meadowlark

Want to get a closer look at The Meadowlark? [Check out the images of our beautiful new building here.](#)



In-person YWConnects tours will resume this fall. Stay tuned for more information!

Pearl Jam LiveStream in the Park

What a fun night! We were thrilled to be a beneficiary of the proceeds from the Pearl Jam live-stream event, which was presented on the scoreboard in the outfield of the Missoula PaddleHeads stadium. Thank you Pearl Jam bassist Jeff Ament, all the fans, and community members for supporting the Missoula Family Housing Center at the YWCA and helping end homelessness in our community!



Youth Services Fundraising Home Run!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our new Youth Services through #MissoulaGives, including Baskin Robbins and nearly 200 individual donors and community partners.

Huge thanks to Missoula PaddleHeads for their matching donation of \$25,000! We were able to meet our full fundraising goal to help operate our new [Youth Services program](#)!

Your support will allow us to provide summer activities for youth residents at The Meadowlark, including bike lessons and swim lessons, therapeutic play groups, and respite childcare. Thank you for helping children and families build positive memories and gain skills and resilience!

Program Updates

GUTS! Embarks on Summer Adventures

GUTS! has kicked off summer programs! Each day of camp the group travels to different destinations around town via bike engaging in a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, floating

the river, orienteering, and fly fishing. Along the way our GUTS! staff leads activities designed to help participants develop healthy relationships with themselves, their bodies, and their peers. Hooray for summer!



Family Housing Center



The Family Housing Center has been open at The Meadowlark for about one month, and staff and volunteers have been working hard to get families settled in. Currently there are 25 families housed, and several more are expected to move in this week.

Families stay in private sleeping rooms with full bathrooms, and have access to a large shared kitchen and dining area, outdoor play space, on-site health care clinic, children's programs and therapeutic services.

[Learn more about our Housing Programs](#)

Get Involved

Donate Items on Our Wish List

Your donations of basic necessities can help families through everyday challenges. *We are currently only accepting new/ unused items.* We accept donations Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 2 pm or by special arrangement.

[View our program wish lists here](#)

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