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Year, Day, Organization	Gianforte Family Foundation Grant(s) 2005-2022 to Organization	Governor's Office News Source	Blog Notes
<b>2021</b>			
On the 1st Day of Giving, the governor established a <b>One Warm Coat</b> drive at the State Capitol to help ensure no Montanan goes cold this winter.	NO	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Launches-12-Days-of-Giving-at-Capitol-Christmas-Tree-Lighting">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Launches-12-Days-of-Giving-at-Capitol-Christmas-Tree-Lighting</a>	"Each holiday season, Montana communities are bound together by an important tradition: giving," Gov. Gianforte said. "In that spirit, today we're launching the 12 Days of Giving campaign to shine a light on organizations doing heroic work to serve Montanans in need." The "campaign" plays off of Christian ideology, which distracts from the focus of governance and policymaking. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelve_Days_of_Christmas</a>
On the 2nd Day of Giving, the governor launched a canned food drive competition among state agencies and encouraged Montanans to consider giving to the <b>Montana Food Bank Network</b> or their local food bank.	<b>YES</b> \$50,000 in 2020 to the Montana Food Bank Network and grants to local food banks.	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Launches-Canned-Food-Drive-Competition-to-Mark-Second-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Launches-Canned-Food-Drive-Competition-to-Mark-Second-Day-of-Giving</a>	Where's the focus on public policy to address food insecurity across Montana? Governor Gianforte quote: " <i>While bragging rights are on the line for our state agencies, I invite our fellow Montanans to consider donating to the food bank network, or to a food bank near you. Together, we can make an important difference and help feed Montana families in need this holiday season.</i> " Source: <a href="https://mfbn.org/">https://mfbn.org/</a> More information: <a href="https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f">https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f</a>
On the 3rd Day of Giving, the governor visited the <b>Great Falls Rescue Mission</b> to meet with and help distribute donated boots to shelter guests.	<b>YES</b> \$215,000.00 (\$10,000 each year in 2015, 2016, and 2017, \$25,000 in 2018, and \$40,000 each year for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022)	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Encourages-Guests-at-the-Great-Falls-Rescue-Mission-to-Mark-Third-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Encourages-Guests-at-the-Great-Falls-Rescue-Mission-to-Mark-Third-Day-of-Giving</a>	The Governor's press release omitted this is a Christian organization and focused his official visit on his personal faith rather than working to solve the broader policy of citizens in need " <i>Since 1963, the Great Falls Rescue Mission has served Montanans experiencing hunger and homelessness in North Central Montana.</i> "  According to Great Falls Rescue Mission's website, <a href="https://gfrm.org/">https://gfrm.org/</a> : <i>Our mission is transforming the hungry, hurting and homeless through Jesus Christ's love and highlighted the seriousness of the problem: Thousands of your neighbors are homeless... Today, more people than ever are struggling: Over 100 families with children, 1 in 10 Montanans are experiencing hunger, and 1 in 6 are children.</i> Meanwhile, Governor Gianforte visited the Great Falls Rescue

			Mission to provide a devotional and help distribute shoes to guests, while asking the public to make donations: <i>"If Montanans are able, I encourage them to support the Great Falls Rescue Mission in its work."</i>
On the 4th Day of Giving, the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the cabinet donated toys to the Helena area <b>Toys for Tots</b> .	<b>YES</b> \$250 in 2018	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Cabinet-Encourage-Donations-to-Toys-for-Tots-to-Mark-Fourth-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Cabinet-Encourage-Donations-to-Toys-for-Tots-to-Mark-Fourth-Day-of-Giving</a>	Press release: <i>Governor Greg Gianforte, Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, and members of the cabinet today donated toys to the Helena area Marine Corps Toys for Tots.</i>
On the 5th Day of Giving, public health leaders and the governor encouraged Montanans to help address the nationwide blood shortage and become a blood donor through the <b>American Red Cross of Montana</b> .	<b>NO</b>	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Encourages-Giving-Blood-to-Mark-Fifth-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Encourages-Giving-Blood-to-Mark-Fifth-Day-of-Giving</a>	<a href="https://www.redcross.org/local/montana.html">https://www.redcross.org/local/montana.html</a>
On the 6th Day of Giving, the governor volunteered at the <b>Livingston Food Resource Center</b> and contributed a <b>quarter of his annual governor's salary</b> to the organization.	<b>YES</b> \$12,500 (\$2500 in 2020 and \$10,000 in 2021). And personal salary donation from Greg Gainforte	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte_Volunteers_Contributes_Salary_to_Innovative_Food_Bank">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte_Volunteers_Contributes_Salary_to_Innovative_Food_Bank</a>	Greg Gianforte highlights the serious problems food banks face by helping hungry Montanans with a personal donation and soliciting employee and public donations. As governor, he could tackle the problem – so, why didn't he? His press release reads: <i>"With inflation and supply chain shortages, it's becoming harder and harder for Montanans to put food on the table, and I'm proud to support nonprofits like LFRC that are helping our neighbors and communities.</i> And the website says: <i>Recently, demand at and costs for food banks in Montana and nationwide have spiked with inflation and supply chain shortages driving up the cost of food... the cost of groceries has increased 6.4% in the last 12 months...</i> "  If the problem is that serious, how will Governor Gianforte's personal donation and solicitations fix the problem. Where is the accountability to governor and tackle the issue on a state level? More information: <a href="https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f">https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f</a>

<p>On the 7th Day of Giving, the first lady visited the <b>Human Resource Development Council's Warming Center</b> to sort and organize donated items for residents and tour its Housing First Village.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$60,000 (\$10,000 2020 and \$50,000 in 2021)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/First-Lady-Celebrates-7th-Day-of-Giving-at-HR-DC-Warming-Center-and-Housing-First-Village">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/First-Lady-Celebrates-7th-Day-of-Giving-at-HR-DC-Warming-Center-and-Housing-First-Village</a></p>	<p>Gianforte Family Foundation Trustee and First Lady of Montana Susan Gianforte invited the public to support an HRDC effort located in her hometown of Bozeman. With 10 Human Resource Development Councils (HRDC) working across Montana to address pressing needs that range from emergency food and shelter to heating and home weatherization, rental assistance, training, and programs for children and teens. As Governor and First Lady, why only spotlight one community's need? <b>Source:</b> <a href="#">CSBG HRDC District Map</a></p> <p>HRDC's predominantly receive federal and state funds and are audited by the State of Montana's DPHHS. <b>Source:</b> Report to the Montana Legislature: <a href="https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2009_2010/Children_Family/Meeting_Documents/April%202010/hrdc-overview-april2010.pdf">https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2009_2010/Children_Family/Meeting_Documents/April%202010/hrdc-overview-april2010.pdf</a></p>
<p>On the 8th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to donate new or gently used books to <b>Hopa Mountain's StoryMakers</b> Holiday Children's Book Drive.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> total \$125,000 (\$20,000 in 2016, \$10,000 in 2017, \$20,000 in 2018, \$10,000 in 2019, \$25,000 in 2020, \$20,000 in 2021 and \$20,000 in 2022)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte_Promotes_Hopa_Mountains_Childrens_Book_Drive">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte_Promotes_Hopa_Mountains_Childrens_Book_Drive</a></p>	<p>In 2021 there were 235,070 children under the age of 18, of which nearly 15% live in poverty. The Governor's Office press release and video to spotlight one organization doing good work is overshadowed by the needs of Montana children across the state in a systemic way. <a href="https://twitter.com/GovGianforte/status/1470520883814932483">https://twitter.com/GovGianforte/status/1470520883814932483</a></p>
<p>On the 9th Day of Giving, the governor and first lady decorated gingerbread houses with young Montanans at <b>Shodair Children's Hospital</b> in Helena.</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_First_Lady_Decorate_Gingerbread_Houses_With_Patients_at_Shodair_Childrens_Hospital_for_9th_Day_of_Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_First_Lady_Decorate_Gingerbread_Houses_With_Patients_at_Shodair_Childrens_Hospital_for_9th_Day_of_Giving</a></p>	<p><a href="https://shodair.org/">https://shodair.org/</a></p>

<p>On the 10th Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor’s salary to the <b>Denton Fire Relief Fund</b> to support the community of Denton in the wake of the West Wind Fire.</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Denton-Fire-Relief-Fund">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Denton-Fire-Relief-Fund</a></p>	<p><a href="#">The governor contributes a quarter of his salary to the Denton Fire Relief Fund. Watch the day 10 video here.</a></p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f">https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f</a></p>
<p>On the 11th Day of Giving, the governor and first lady volunteered at the North West Montana <b>Veterans Stand Down and Food Pantry</b>.</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-and-First-Lady-Volunteer-at-Veterans-Food-Pantry-for-11th-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Gov-Gianforte-and-First-Lady-Volunteer-at-Veterans-Food-Pantry-for-11th-Day-of-Giving</a></p>	<p>Interestingly, this organization's assets doubled from 2020 at \$2,137,456 to \$4,201,933 in 2022, according to IRS 990 filings.</p> <p>Governor Gianforte’s numerous press releases and public appearances invite the public to get involved and donate to veteran organizations. There is no reference to what is being done in his official capacity as Governor to address the needs of Montanans who served our Country. For example, in this 2021 Giving campaign, <i>Governor Gianforte said. “On our eleventh Day of Giving, I’m honored to give back to those lending a helping hand to our nation’s heroes. If Montanans are able, I encourage them to support the North West Montana Veterans Food Pantry in its critical mission.”</i></p> <p>March 2024 Gov. Gianforte spotlighted another nonprofit serving veterans: <b>Montana Veterans Meat Locker</b>, calling on the public: <i>To learn more about the Montana Veterans Meat Locker and ways to donate, visit <a href="#">here</a>.</i> His official media release also highlighted the <b>Veteran Navigation Network</b> but conveniently did not mention a Gianforte Family donation of \$6640 in 2022. The Veteran Navigation Network was a chosen nonprofit in the 2022 Giving Campaign. In 2018 as Greg Gianforte also recognized the owner of Montana Veterans Meat Locker.</p> <p>Contrast these calls to action by the Governor for citizens to volunteer and donate to a few select nonprofits to Governor Gianforte's line-item veto in House Bill 5, removing \$6 million in funding to build a new cottage at the Southwest Montana Veteran’s Home. (June 2023) Meanwhile, <a href="#">Governor Greg Gianforte requested federal support for this program</a>. In contrast, the Governor (<a href="#">State declines millions in federal food assistance for children as food banks see soaring need   Daily Inter Lake</a>)</p>

			<p><b>Sources:</b> <a href="https://veteransfoodpantry.org/">https://veteransfoodpantry.org/</a>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/743030535">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/743030535</a>   <a href="https://www.montanarightnow.com/butte/governor-gianforte-vetoes-funding-for-southwest-montana-veterans-home-addition/article_0ee743de-03c2-11ee-9e0b-530a488d9b1e.html">https://www.montanarightnow.com/butte/governor-gianforte-vetoes-funding-for-southwest-montana-veterans-home-addition/article_0ee743de-03c2-11ee-9e0b-530a488d9b1e.html</a>   <a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Community_Support_for_Montana_Veterans">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Community_Support_for_Montana_Veterans</a>   <a href="https://www.montanaveteransmeatlocker.org/">https://www.montanaveteransmeatlocker.org/</a>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/821636942/202322689349301457/full">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/821636942/202322689349301457/full</a>   <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CREC-2018-12-11/CREC-2018-12-11-pt1-PgE1645-3">https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CREC-2018-12-11/CREC-2018-12-11-pt1-PgE1645-3</a></p>
<p>On the 12th Day of Giving, the governor and his staff contributed items to children and staff at the <b>Intermountain Children's Home</b>, which has served young Montanans for over a century.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> \$575,000 (\$34,000 in 2008,\$30,000 in 2009 \$15,000 in 2010, \$10,000.00 in 2011 and 2012, \$410,000 in 2013 \$10,000 in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, \$20,000 in 2019 and \$10,000 in 2020. 2021 and 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Staff_Donate_Sports_Equipment_to_Intermountain_Childrens_Home_for_12th_Day_of_Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Staff_Donate_Sports_Equipment_to_Intermountain_Childrens_Home_for_12th_Day_of_Giving</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.intermountain.org/home/">https://www.intermountain.org/home/</a></p>

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<b>2022</b>			
<p>On the 1st Day of Giving, the governor visited the <b>Butte Rescue Mission</b> and served lunch to Montanans struggling with food insecurity.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$515,000.00 (\$270,000.00 in 2018, in \$110,000.00 2019, in 2020, \$35,000 in 2021 and \$100,000 in 2022)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Launches-12-Days-of-Giving-at-Butte-Rescue-Mission">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Launches-12-Days-of-Giving-at-Butte-Rescue-Mission</a></p>	<p>Media release in <i>italics</i>: <i>Governor's Office December 01, 2022</i>            BUTTE, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte today kicked off his second annual 12 Days of Giving at Butte Rescue Mission, serving lunch to Montanans struggling with food insecurity. <b>Blog Note:</b> AN ESTIMATED 1 IN 12 MONTANANS AND 28,400 CHILDREN EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY, according to the <a href="#">Montana Food Bank Network</a>. And the Food Bank's website adds: "Hunger in Montana is directly related to the larger problem of economic insecurity in our state. Low wages, job loss, and insufficient fixed incomes leave many families unable to keep food on the table while trying to afford the rising costs of housing, child care, and medical care." <b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Hunger in Montana</a></p> <p><i>Since 1976, Butte Rescue Mission has served Butte and Southwest Montana, feeding, clothing, and providing shelter to Montanans in need. <b>Blog Note:</b> Absent from the Governor's press release is this organization's faith-based mission - <a href="#">Butte Rescue Mission's website</a>: Who We Are: Partnering with Southwest Montana to feed, clothe, shelter, and restore hope to those in need, through the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to financial donations, the mission welcomes food and clothing donations, as well as volunteers. A list of Butte Rescue Mission's current needs can be found <a href="#">here</a>. "If folks are able, I encourage them to donate their time or resources to support the Butte Rescue Mission this Christmas," the governor said.</i></p> <p><i>Introduced in 2021, the governor's 12 Days of Giving spotlights a dozen charities serving Montanans in need. The 2022 12 Days of Giving campaign will run from December 1 to December 16.</i></p> <p><b>Blog note:</b> There are more than 2,200 nonprofits in Montana. "Charitable nonprofits operate in every region of Montana. They drive</p>



			<p>the economy, keep government small, bring efficiencies and resources to their communities, and are essential to Montana's vitality and prosperity." Source: <a href="#">MONTANA NONPROFIT ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT Released January 2023</a></p> <p>It's striking how consistently Governor Gianforte's Giving campaign media releases encourage Montanans to give, donate, or support a small group of organizations that are primarily faith-centered. How can the public, through their own pocketbooks, be the primary solution to a variety of policy issues, such as food insecurity, that require legislative and executive attention?</p>
<p>On the 2nd Day of Giving, the governor launched the second annual canned food drive among state agencies and encouraged <b>Montanans to give to the Montana Food Bank Network</b> or their local food bank.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$50,000 in 2020 to the Montana Food Bank Network and grants to local food banks.</p>	<p><a href="https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/gianforte-announces-state-agency-food-drive-for-montana-food-bank-network">https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/gianforte-announces-state-agency-food-drive-for-montana-food-bank-network</a></p>	<p>For the second year in a row, Governor Gianforte's solutions to food insecurity focus on an employee-led food drive and a personal donation campaign. "No Montana family should have to worry when their next meal will be," Governor Gianforte said. "To support our neighbors, we're excited to bring back our state agency food drive competition. I encourage Montanans to join us by volunteering or donating to a food bank near them. Working together, we can help end hunger in Montana." This is insufficient to address the depth and breadth of the problem. The Governor's media release included: "Unfortunately 1 in 12 Montanans struggle with hunger and 31,010 children live in food insecure homes," Gayle Carlson, President and CEO of the Montana Food Bank Network, said.</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f">https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f</a></p>
<p>On the 3rd Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to support Montana veterans through the <b>Veterans Navigation Network</b>.</p>	<p><b>YES</b>, \$6640 in 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Promotes-Nonprofit-Serving-Montana-Veterans-on-Third-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Promotes-Nonprofit-Serving-Montana-Veterans-on-Third-Day-of-Giving</a></p>	<p>Veteran's Navigation Network (VNN) mission is to facilitate a smooth transition for our Nation's Service Members, from military service to civilian life. This is another nonprofit recognized by Gov. Gianforte started in 2019 with their first IRS 990 filing in 2022, coinciding with a Gianforte Foundation donation.</p> <p>A fundamental question is why the Governor focuses on a start-up, nonprofit organization rather than on reducing the red tape to maximize government resources and services, paid by taxpayers, to successfully support service members. Press release: <i>If you are a veteran in need of support, contact VNN by calling (406) 435-9308 or email <a href="mailto:info@veteransnavigation.org">info@veteransnavigation.org</a>.</i></p>

			See Governor Gianforte's Giving Campaign 2022 day 11 above. <b>Sources:</b> <a href="https://www.veteransnavigation.org/">https://www.veteransnavigation.org/</a> <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/843207666">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/843207666</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/veteransupportnetwork/">https://www.facebook.com/veteransupportnetwork/</a>
On the 4th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to donate a new, unwrapped toy to a <b>Toys for Tots</b> campaign in their community.	<b>YES</b> \$250 in 2018	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Marine_Corps_Toys_for_Tots">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Marine_Corps_Toys_for_Tots</a>	<i>After dropping off a new puzzle and stuffed moose in a Marine Corps Toys for Tots box at the Montana State Capitol, Governor Greg Gianforte today encouraged Montanans to donate a new, unwrapped toy to a Toys for Tots campaign in their community.</i>
On the 5th Day of Giving, the governor promoted blood through the <b>American Red Cross</b> of Montana and encouraged eligible Montanans to donate blood.	<b>NO</b>	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Montanans_To_Give_the_Lifesaving_Gift_of_Blood_Donation">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Montanans_To_Give_the_Lifesaving_Gift_of_Blood_Donation</a>	<a href="https://www.redcross.org/local/montana.html">https://www.redcross.org/local/montana.html</a>
On the 6th Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor's salary to <b>Youth Empowerment Services (YES!) in Anaconda.</b>	<b>YES</b> \$92,000.00 (\$7000 in 2016, \$10,000 each year in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and \$35,000 in 2018)	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_Nonprofit_Empowering_Young_Montanans">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_Nonprofit_Empowering_Young_Montanans</a>	<p>"Children hold the key to Montana's future," Governor Gianforte said. "Thanks to YES!, young Montanans in Anaconda are empowered to reach their full potential."</p> <p>Montana children need access to services across the Big Sky. Gov. Gianforte could lead to make this happen, but it would take more than a personal donation and sporadic grants from his Family Foundation. Fast forward to 2023, when Gov. Gianforte's Department of Public Health and Human Services, the agency that oversees Medicaid, began the process to take away children's healthcare. <i>According to the figures from the state health department released to legislators on March 12, 2024, nearly 36,000 children lost Medicaid coverage since redeterminations began.</i> Source: <a href="https://montanafreepress.org/2024/03/13/montana-shares-medicaid-disenrollment-numbers-for-children-seniors-native-americans">https://montanafreepress.org/2024/03/13/montana-shares-medicaid-disenrollment-numbers-for-children-seniors-native-americans</a> March 2024.</p> <p>More information: <a href="https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f">https://www.justfactsmt.com/facts/2024/2/19/k3ke8rbqs6t7tq64d9y1bh9tueum5f</a></p> <p><b>Sources:</b></p>



			<a href="https://www.yesempowerment.org/">https://www.yesempowerment.org/</a> <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/813920356">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/813920356</a>
<p>On the 7th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to give back to our firefighting workforce through the <b>Montana Firefighter Fund</b>.</p>	<p>YES \$10,000 in 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Montanas-Firefighting-Workforce">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Montanas-Firefighting-Workforce</a></p>	<p>Timing matters. The Montana Firefighter Fund was started by the owner and employees of Bridger Aerospace, which is owned by Tim Sheehy, who is a hand-picked Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, and on their board of directors.</p> <p>The first year of IRS 990 filing shows total fundraising of \$248,439, with most of the money from events – \$233,105. The Gianforte Family Foundation donated \$10,000 in 2022 of a total of \$15,334 from other contributions, gifts and grants. Only \$53,000 was awarded in grants, leaving a balance of \$208,798 in net assets.</p> <p>The Governor's press release solicits donations from the public, inviting Montanans to break out their pocketbooks to say thanks and support one organization, rather than address public policy support for firefighting. <i>“Montana’s firefighters are some of the most important and necessary personnel serving our state,” Governor Gianforte said. “They risk their lives on the job to protect our communities, livelihoods, and natural resources, and I encourage Montanans to give back to them and their families through the Montana Firefighter Fund this Christmas.” To learn more and donate to the Montana Firefighter Fund, Montanans may visit <a href="https://www.montanafirefighterfund.org/">https://www.montanafirefighterfund.org/</a></i></p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/853809715">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/853809715</a>.</p>



<p>On the 11th Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor's salary to the <b>North West Montana Veterans Stand Down and Food Pantry.</b></p>	<p>NO</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_North_West_Montana_Veterans_Food_Pantry">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_North_West_Montana_Veterans_Food_Pantry</a></p>	<p>This is the second year that the Governor selected this organization. Interestingly, this organization's assets doubled from 2020 at \$2,137,456 to \$4,201,933 in 2022, according to IRS 990 filings.</p> <p>Gov. Gianforte repeatedly solicits press releases and public appearances donations for veteran organizations both in his Giving Campaigns and other media events. For example, <i>Governor Gianforte said. "On our eleventh Day of Giving, I'm honored to give back to those lending a helping hand to our nation's heroes. If Montanans are able, I encourage them to support the North West Montana Veterans Food Pantry in its critical mission."</i></p> <p>In March 2024 Governor Gianforte spotlighted another nonprofit serving veterans: <b>Montana Veterans Meat Locker</b>, calling on the public: <i>To learn more about the Montana Veterans Meat Locker and ways to donate, visit <a href="#">here</a>.</i> His official media release also highlighted the <b>Veteran Navigation Network</b> but conveniently did not mention a Gianforte Family donation \$6640 in 2022. The Veteran Navigation Network was a chosen nonprofit in the 2022 Giving Campaign. In 2018 as Greg Gianforte also recognized the owner of Montana Veterans Meat Locker.</p> <p>Contrast these calls to action from the bully pulpit for citizens to volunteer and donate to a few select nonprofits with the line item veto in House Bill 5, by Governor Gianforte removing \$6 million in funding to build a new cottage at the Southwest Montana Veteran's Home. (June 2023) Meanwhile, <a href="#">Governor Greg Gianforte requested federal support for this program</a>. In contrast to other times when he refused to apply for federal funding for a children's food program. <a href="#">Governor: Is paperwork a good excuse not to feed hungry children?</a>, Billings Gazette June 2023</p> <p><b>Sources:</b> <a href="https://veteransfoodpantry.org/">https://veteransfoodpantry.org/</a>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/743030535">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/743030535</a>  <a href="https://www.montanarightnow.com/butte/governor-gianforte-vetoes-funding-for-southwest-montana-veterans-home-addition/article_0ee743de-03c2-11ee-9e0b-530a488d9b1e.html">https://www.montanarightnow.com/butte/governor-gianforte-vetoes-funding-for-southwest-montana-veterans-home-addition/article_0ee743de-03c2-11ee-9e0b-530a488d9b1e.html</a>  <a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Community_Support_for_Montana_Veterans">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Community_Support_for_Montana_Veterans</a></p>
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<p>On the 12th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to support survivors of human trafficking through <b>HER Campaign</b>.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$80,000(\$10,000 in 2020, \$40,000 in 2021, \$30,000 in 2022)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Human-Trafficking-Survivors-on-Twelfth-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Human-Trafficking-Survivors-on-Twelfth-Day-of-Giving</a></p>	<p>The HER Campaign is located in Billings MT. Britney Higgs, Founder of HER Campaign, provides vision and strategy to the organization through her role as CEO. She is driven by vision from God through her prophetic gifting and passionate about cultivating Kingdom culture here on earth. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://hercampaign.org/onwatch-podcast-with-her-campaign-ceo/">https://hercampaign.org/onwatch-podcast-with-her-campaign-ceo/</a></p> <p>The Her Campaign started in 2017 with \$1,000 in revenue reported to the IRS and grew to \$245,325 by 2020 when the Gianforte Family Foundation began donating. Notably, executive compensation was nearly half of the expenses in 2020. By 2022, expenses of \$559,040 exceeded revenue of \$383,876 by -\$175,164, according to Her Campaign tax filings  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://hercampaign.org/">https://hercampaign.org/</a>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/814525436">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/814525436</a></p> <p>January 2022 Governor Greg Gianforte partnered with Attorney General Austin Knudsen to declare Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Montana. By year end, Gianforte invited the public to support Her Campaign as part of his Giving Campaign.</p> <p>From the Governor's Press release: <i>Currently, HER Campaign is fundraising for program expansion in 2023 as there are not enough beds to serve every survivor needing help and emergency placement in Montana. "HER Campaign is committed to growing and expanding our facilities to accommodate an additional 20 survivors in 2023," Sammy and Britney continued. "Please help us raise an additional \$200,000 to operate the expansion of our residential programs."</i></p> <p>Attorney General Austin Knudsen's Office Human Traffick webpage includes these resources all funded by the Gianforte Family Foundation: Her Campaign the Life Guard Group and Deliver Fund.  <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://dojmt.gov/agooffice/human-trafficking/">https://dojmt.gov/agooffice/human-trafficking/</a></p>

Year, Day, Organization	Gianforte Family Foundation Grant(s) 2005-2022 to Organization	Governor's Office News Source	Blog Notes
<b>2023</b>			
On the 1st Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor's salary to <b>Hope Pregnancy Ministries</b> in Kalispell.	<b>YES</b> , \$252,500.00 (100,00 to 2016, \$10,000 in 2017, \$97,500 in 2018, \$20,000 in 2020 and \$25,000 in 2021)	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Crisis-Pregnancy-Center">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Crisis-Pregnancy-Center</a>	<p>Greg Gianforte's salary donation embedded in a Gubernatorial Giving Campaign designed to spotlight a Family Foundation funded organization illustrates the lack of separation between charity and governance.</p> <p>The State of Montana press release invites Montanans to donate to this conservative organization: <i>Hope Pregnancy Ministries relies on the generosity of Montanans to help women and families with pregnancy, postpartum support, and health needs. More information on Hope Pregnancy Ministries may be found <a href="https://hopepregnancyministries.org/">here</a>.</i>  <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://hopepregnancyministries.org/">https://hopepregnancyministries.org/</a></p>
On the 2nd Day of Giving, the governor launched the third annual food drive among state agencies and encouraged Montanans to give to the <b>Montana Food Bank Network</b> or their local food bank.	<b>YES</b> \$50,000 in 2020 to the Montana Food Bank Network and grants to local food banks.	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Montanans-To-Support-Food-Banks-on-Second-Day-of-Giving">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Montanans-To-Support-Food-Banks-on-Second-Day-of-Giving</a>	<p>This was the third year that Gov. Gianforte called upon state employees and the public to end hunger.</p> <p>From Gianforte's press release: <i>"Working together, we can help end hunger in Montana," Governor Gianforte said.</i></p> <p><i>"This year has been particularly challenging for many Montana families," said Gayle Carlson, President and CEO of the Montana Food Bank Network. "Food insecure households, especially our rural neighbors, struggle to afford nutritious food, relying on public assistance programs, food banks, and pantries to help them get through the month."</i></p> <p><i>For more information on how to help end hunger in Montana, Montanans can visit <a href="http://mfbn.org">mfbn.org</a>.</i></p> <p>Yet, the Gianforte administration opted out of \$10 million in federal money that would have paid for children's meals this year, according to an estimate from the Montana Food Bank Network. Source:</p>

			<a href="https://dailymontanan.com/2023/05/31/dphhs-declines-millions-in-federal-food-assistance-for-children-as-food-banks-see-soaring-need/">https://dailymontanan.com/2023/05/31/dphhs-declines-millions-in-federal-food-assistance-for-children-as-food-banks-see-soaring-need/</a>
On the 3rd Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor's salary to <b>Hi-Line Home Programs in Sidney</b> .	NO	<a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Serve-Hi-Line-Families-and-Children">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-to-Serve-Hi-Line-Families-and-Children</a>	<p>From the press release: <i>Governor Greg Gianforte today contributed a quarter of his salary to Hi-Line Home Programs, a nonprofit providing family-centered, home-based support services, which would otherwise be inaccessible, to children and families in northeast Montana.</i> This organization also receives grants from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services, which is an agency under Governor Gianforte. Source:</p> <p><a href="https://www.hilinehomeprograms.org/what_we_do/programs_services.html">https://www.hilinehomeprograms.org/what_we_do/programs_services.html</a>  <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/montanamilestones/partcreports">https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/montanamilestones/partcreports</a>  <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/810362748/202310819349301036/full">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/810362748/202310819349301036/full</a></p> <p>Why did the Governor donate his salary to this one non-profit organization that is connected to his Department of Public Health (DPHHS) and Human Services <a href="#">Early Childhood and Family Support</a> system for distributing Part C federal funds? Similarly, in 2021 the governor spotlighted only one Human Resource Development Council, (HRDC) located in Bozeman, that had previously received Gianforte Foundation grants. HRDC's are also connected to the Governor's DPHHS, <a href="#">Human &amp; Community Services Division</a>.</p>
On the 4th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to support <b>Eagle Mount</b> as it empowers Montanans living with disabilities through outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.	<b>YES</b> \$30,000 with \$10,000 each year in 2016, 2021 and 2022	<a href="https://www.sidneyherald.com/news/state/governor-gianforte-spotlights-nonprofit-empowering-montanans-with-disabilities/article_736a3536-92e3-11e3-bcae-131684639154.html">https://www.sidneyherald.com/news/state/governor-gianforte-spotlights-nonprofit-empowering-montanans-with-disabilities/article_736a3536-92e3-11e3-bcae-131684639154.html</a>	<a href="https://eaglemount.org/">https://eaglemount.org/</a>



<p>On the 5th Day of Giving, the governor and first lady donated new, unwrapped toys to the Helena-area Marine Corps <b>Toys for Tots</b> and encouraged Montanans to donate to their local campaign.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$250 in 2018</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Toys_for_Tots">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Toys_for_Tots</a></p>	<p>For three years now, the governor and first lady have donated a gift – he donated a remote-control car, and the first lady donated a garden-themed board game.</p> <p>A bridge was built by Governor Gianforte’s Department of Public Health and Human Services’ Faith and Community connecting Gianforte Foundation funded organizations with a local church, Toys for Tots, and Promise686 to support the Governor’s Christian-centered foster care policies.</p> <p><a href="#">DPHHS Family Visitation Rooms Receive a Boost from Local Partners</a>, August 2023. <i>Toys for Tots has been growing its footprint nationally, such as expanding into support for foster care, and this is now happening in Montana.</i></p>
<p>On the 6th Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor’s salary to <b>The LifeGuard Group</b> in Missoula.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$551,000 (\$26,000 in 2020, \$500,00 in 2021 and \$25,000 in 2022)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_Help_End_Human_Trafficking">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_Help_End_Human_Trafficking</a></p>	<p>The LifeGuard Group is another example of a Gianforte spotlighted non-profit organization’s start-up pattern: Step 1. In 2019 and /2020 the organization launched when Greg Gianforte was running for office Step 2. It receives a donation from the Gianforte Family Foundation in 2020. Step 3. In 2021 and 2022, the Gianforte Family Foundation continues to fund the organization when Gianforte is governor Step 4. Gianforte began to use the State of Montana staff in his official capacity as governor to spotlight the organization’s mission and ask the public to learn more and donate.</p> <p>In the case of LifeGuard Group, this organization is carefully woven into a human trafficking policy framework that includes Attorney General Austin Knudsen, also elected in 2020. Groups supported by Gianforte, Knudsen, and funded by the Gianforte Family Foundation, include <a href="#">Her Campaign</a>, <a href="#">The LifeGuard Group</a>, and <a href="#">DeliverFund</a> for a total of \$660,000 over the three years from 2020-2022. IRS tax records are unavailable to discern continued giving from 2023 to now.</p> <p>Both the Attorney General’s website and Governor Gianforte’s Department of Public Health and Human Services refer the public to these entities as well as the <a href="#">Montana Human Trafficking Hotline</a>, (<a href="https://406stop.com/">https://406stop.com/</a>) that recognized the Gianforte Family Foundation as a partner and is managed by the LifeGuard Group. Source: <a href="#">Human Trafficking in Montana</a> Montana Department of Health and Human Services and <a href="#">Human Trafficking - Montana Department of Justice</a></p>

			<p>The LifeGuard group's 2023 Annual Report data revealed a total of 135 contacts for the year with only a handful - 5 - in December the same month that Governor Gianforte's 2023 Giving Campaign press release told the public the LifeGuard Group needs money and added a link to donate. <i>The nonprofit's main needs are staffing the Montana Human Trafficking Hotline, which can be done at home from your cell phone, and fully paying off Crooked Tree Ranch, which serves as a restoration home for survivors. Learn more about the hotline, Crooked Tree Ranch, and ways to donate, <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p> <p>Source:  <a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Contributes_Salary_to_Help_End_Human_Trafficking">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor Gianforte Contributes Salary to Help End Human Trafficking</a>  <a href="https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/c0179aa7-7a96-45d3-b5f2-e40a96580d3b/Life%20Guard's%20Report-c1bca0b.pdf">https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/c0179aa7-7a96-45d3-b5f2-e40a96580d3b/Life%20Guard's%20Report-c1bca0b.pdf</a></p> <p>In March 2024, only 3 months after the press event, a Missoulian article reported concerns about the qualifications of the LifeGuard Group's ability to effectively deliver services, Gianforte Family Foundation donations, relationships with the Governor and Attorney General, and finances.</p> <p><i>During a site visit in 2022, Tami Hochhalter informed the Missoulian that the \$500,000 went to "pay down the mortgage" of the safe house. Although the property was <a href="#">purchased in 2021</a>, it wasn't registered with the Secretary of State's office until March 2022 and didn't formally open to survivors until summer 2023.</i></p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Anti-human trafficking nonprofit in western Montana faces troubling allegations</a>  <a href="https://missoulian.com/news/state-regional/crime-courts/montana-missoula-gianforte-lifeguard-group-hachhalter-knudsen/article_6320b094-dcab-11ee-b01e-37dc477b245b.html#tncms-source=login">https://missoulian.com/news/state-regional/crime-courts/montana-missoula-gianforte-lifeguard-group-hachhalter-knudsen/article_6320b094-dcab-11ee-b01e-37dc477b245b.html#tncms-source=login</a></p> <p>The Governor's State of Montana December 2023 press release also invited Schools interested in hosting a LIFELINE assembly may learn more <a href="#">here</a>. Interestingly, the LifeGuard Group website's FAQ clarifies online classes available to anyone, anywhere. <i>We are based in Montana but have worked both nationally and internationally in collaboration with other groups.</i> This begs the question on priorities with funding and when Montana benefits. Source:  <a href="https://thelifeguardgroup.org/faqs">https://thelifeguardgroup.org/faqs</a></p> <p>Source:</p>
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<p>On the 7th Day of Giving, the governor promoted blood donation through the <b>American Red Cross of Montana</b> and encouraged eligible Montanans to donate blood.</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Promotes-the-Lifesaving-Gift-of-Blood-Donation">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Promotes-the-Lifesaving-Gift-of-Blood-Donation</a></p>	<p><a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/830973814">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/830973814</a></p> <p>This is the third year.</p>
<p>On the 8th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged support for Montana service members, veterans, first responders, and their families through <b>Impact Montana</b>.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$20,000 (\$10,000 each in 2021 and 2022)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Service-Members-Veterans-and-First-Responders">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-Service-Members-Veterans-and-First-Responders</a></p>	<p>This is another relatively new nonprofit spotlighted by Governor Greg Gianforte. Launched in 2014 with the first IRS filing in 2020. Donations were awarded by Gianforte Family Foundation trustee Greg Gianforte in 2021 and 2022, while serving as Governor.</p> <p>There is a web of Gianforte charity funded organizations dedicated to veterans issues. Featured on the Impact Montana's website as <i>Additional Dynamic Organizations</i> are: <a href="#">Veterans Navigation Network</a>, Gianforte's 3rd Day of Giving in 2022 <a href="#">Dog Tag Buddies</a>, Gianforte's 12th day of Giving in 2023, <a href="#">Bunker Labs</a> a 2015 start-up funded by Gianforte Family Foundation (\$50,000 from 2018-2020), and <a href="#">Adaptive Performance Center</a> a 2017 startup with their first IRS reporting in 2020. They also received Gianforte Family Foundation grants totalling \$143,000 from 2020-2022).</p> <p>Nonprofit work is challenging and demanding to raise money. For example, Impact Montana's <a href="#">2021 STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT</a> focuses considerably on fundraising. Their IRS 990 form for 2021 indicates net income of only \$1134 with 2022 reporting a loss.</p> <p>This organization with a <a href="#">state-wide vision</a> was able to <a href="#">support 58 individuals (35%+ from 2020)</a>. Montana Veterans Affairs <a href="#">reports</a> 89,275 veterans.</p>

			<p>The State of Montana Governor’s Office press release is a direct appeal to support this organization: <i>For Montana businesses interested in becoming an Impact Montana business partner, visit <a href="http://impactmontana.org/contributors">impactmontana.org/contributors</a>. Montanans interested in supporting Impact Montana may contribute on the nonprofit’s website.</i></p> <p>The key question is what is Greg Gianforte doing as Governor, rather than as a family trustee supporting favorite nonprofit organizations, to help veterans, active military and their families across the Big Sky?</p> <p>Sources: <a href="#">Impact Montana Incorporated - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="#">Dog Tag Buddies - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="#">Bunker Labs Nfp Inc - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="#">Adaptive Performance Center - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/impactmontana/">https://www.facebook.com/impactmontana/</a>  <a href="https://impactmontana.org/">https://impactmontana.org/</a></p>
<p>On the 9th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged support for <b>One Heart Warriors</b> as they serve our tribal communities.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> \$10,000 in 2016.</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-One-Heart-Warriors">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Encourages-Support-for-One-Heart-Warriors</a></p>	<p>One Heart Warriors is a Christian-based organization that supports the Governor’s personal ideology. From the Governor’s press release: <i>“One Heart Warriors helps grow the leaders of tomorrow in our Native communities through physical, spiritual, mental, relational, and financial training,” Gov. Gianforte said. “I encourage folks to support One Heart Warriors as the nonprofit group empowers young Montanans to lead lives of greater purpose.”</i></p> <p><i>Gianforte brought together another one of his grantees: Earlier this year, the governor visited a youth basketball clinic hosted by One Heart Warriors in collaboration with Crown Financial Ministries, a faith-based organization committed to the economic development of Native tribes and peoples. The Gianforte Family Foundation donated a total of \$253,000 to Crown Financial Ministries (\$1000 in 2012, 2013, and 2014, \$10,000 in 2015, \$ \$15,000 in 2016, \$25,000 in 2017, \$50,000 in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)</i></p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Impact Montana - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="#">Gianforte Fam Charitable Tr - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a></p> <p>According to the IRS 990 filings, the One Heart Warrriors <a href="#">PROGRAM SERVICES APPROXIMATELY 8-20 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE TIME.</a></p>

			<p>Under the Gianforte Administration, <i>Almost 12,800 children and adults with a tribal affiliation lost coverage while another 20,114 maintained coverage. Roughly 2,400 cases were still pending.</i> <a href="#">Health department shares Medicaid disenrollment numbers for children, seniors, Native Americans</a> March 2024</p> <p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Investments_Leaders_Building_A_Stronger_Future_for_Montana">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Highlights_Investments_Leaders_Building_A_Stronger_Future_for_Montana</a></p>
<p>On the 10th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged support for farmers and ranchers living with a disability or illness through the <b>Cutting Fences Foundation</b>.</p>	NO	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Montana_Farmers_and_Ranchers_with_Disabilities">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Encourages_Support_for_Montana_Farmers_and_Ranchers_with_Disabilities</a></p>	<p>Another organization started in 2020. Their first IRS filing was in 2022 reporting \$18,669 in contributions.</p> <p>Sources:  <a href="#">Cutting Fences Foundation - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a>  <a href="https://www.cuttingfencesfoundation.net/">https://www.cuttingfencesfoundation.net/</a></p>
<p>On the 11th Day of Giving, the governor encouraged Montanans to support <b>Promise686</b> as it serves children in Montana's foster care system.</p>	<p>YES \$50,000 (2021-\$10,000 and 2022 -\$40,000)</p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Spotlights_Nonprofit_Serving_Children_in_Foster_Care">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor_Gianforte_Spotlights_Nonprofit_Serving_Children_in_Foster_Care</a></p>	<p>Headquartered in Georgia, <a href="#">Promise686</a> is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes church communities to care for vulnerable children, working to fulfill God's promise to set "the lonely in families" (Ps 68:6) Their 2022 IRS 990 shows expenses of \$2,665,994 exceeding revenue of \$2,536,239; notably Executive compensation is \$615,813 or 23% of expenses. <a href="#">Promise 686 Inc - Full Filing- Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a></p> <p>According to the Governor's press release: <i>Launched in 2021, Promise686 supports foster, adoptive, and biological families and helps connect children in Montana's foster care system to permanent, loving homes.</i></p> <p>The <a href="#">Montana chapter</a> states a goal: <a href="#">We aim to empower 165+ FAMs in local Montana churches by the end of 2025, creating Christ-centered, child-focused ministries.</a></p> <p>Your Network Of Praise created a podcast to introduce Promise686 to the Montana community.  <a href="#">Podomatic   Aaron Scofield. Montana Director of Promise686</a> The Gianforte Family Foundation donated a total of \$89,5000 to Your Network of Praise from 2007-2022. Source: <a href="#">Gianforte Fam Charitable Tr - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica</a></p>

			<p>Governor Gianforte’s Department of Health and Human Services’s <a href="#">Faith and Community Services</a> identifies these two Gianforte Family funded organizations as fostercare resources: Promise686 and <a href="#">ChildBridge</a>, which the Governor in 2022 contributed a quarter of his annual governor’s salary. Source: <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MTDPHHS-34af175?wgt_ref=MTDPHHS_WIDGET_76">https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MTDPHHS-34af175?wgt_ref=MTDPHHS_WIDGET_76</a> and <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/faithandcommunity/FosterCareDiagram.pdf">https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/faithandcommunity/FosterCareDiagram.pdf</a></p> <p>A <a href="#">report to the legislature March 2022</a> provides information on how they operate: <i>Promise686 implements CarePortal in Montana to help churches care for vulnerable children by meeting the needs of families in crisis... CarePortal provides entry-level opportunities to connect a network of caring people in churches to physical needs of children and families. Requests submitted to CarePortal are meant to improve the well-being of a child by meeting basic safety or educational needs or assist in efforts to stabilize the family. The intention behind CarePortal is empower and strengthen families.</i></p> <p>A media release by the Governor’s Dept of Public Health and Human Services illustrates how Governor Gianforte is building a network: <a href="#">Helena Toys for Tots</a>, <a href="#">Buffalo Church</a>, <a href="#">Promise 686</a> and CFSD staff worked together... “Lawler stressed that faith and community organizations play an essential role in strengthening Montana’s children and families, while also empowering communities to be good stewards of their health and wellness.” Source: <a href="#">DPHHS Family Visitation Rooms Receive a Boost from Local Partners</a>,</p> <p>The media release called out recently passed legislation, <a href="#">Senate Bill 163</a>, sponsored by Sen. Dennis Lenz, establishing a volunteer program to support child protective services activities managed by the Office of Faith and Community Based Services. Interestingly, the original fiscal note of more than \$800k was changed to \$0 stating it can be absorbed by the department. Source: <a href="https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/SB0199/SB0163_X.pdf">https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2023/SB0199/SB0163_X.pdf</a></p>
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			<p>Who is paying to use this Careportal? Is it supported by Promise686 with donations as requested by the Governor, or has Promise686 received a grant from the state of Montana, or is it embedded in <a href="#">Senate Bill 163</a>, or...?</p>
<p>On the 12th Day of Giving, the governor contributed a quarter of his annual governor's salary to <b>Dog Tag Buddies</b> in Billings.</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><a href="https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-To-Support-Veterans">https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Contributes-Salary-To-Support-Veterans</a></p>	<p>Governor's media release: <i>Dog Tag Buddies relies on the generosity of Montanans to offer its services at no cost to veterans. The nonprofit's main needs are for volunteers to help with events, data entry, and trainings. Montanans interested in volunteering can learn more <a href="#">here</a>, and donating can visit <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p> <p>Operating since 2015, Dog Tag Buddies began with revenue of \$25,178 and now boasts revenue of \$714,066 in 2022, although operating at a loss, with executive compensation at 20%. Source: <a href="https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/473759502">https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/473759502</a> <a href="https://dogtagbuddies.org/">https://dogtagbuddies.org/</a></p> <p>Dog Tag Buddies received two grants from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for suicide prevention. Suicide Prevention Services, DPHHSRFP-2022-0403R and DPHHS-RFP-2022- 0355R, May 2022 \$44,173.00 and September 2021 \$28,372.00. <a href="#">Source State of Montana data portal:</a></p>