



Community
Health Alliance

2025 Annual Report

Fostering lifelong health and safety for
all who call Western Montana home.





Our Mission: Community Health Alliance promotes the health, education, and safety of Western Montanans by connecting them to resources when and where they need them most.



Letter from the Executive Director

These past few years have invited us to look closely at the impact we're making and ask what it truly means to serve Western Montana. For us, the answer became clear: our responsibility extends far beyond Missoula County, reaching every place where people need access to education, support, and resources that strengthen their health and safety.

I'm proud to share that, with your support, **our programs reached or impacted 16 counties across Western Montana last year.**

We connected students pursuing careers in health fields with scholarships, investing in the future of our region's healthcare workforce. We supported patients navigating cancer treatment, helping them focus on healing. And we partnered with nonprofits and community leaders addressing urgent health needs in the places they call home.

As we look ahead, our commitment is to deepen that reach—ensuring geography never dictates access to care, resources, or knowledge. Thank you for believing in healthier, safer communities across Western Montana. Your support continues to move this work forward, one place and one connection at a time.

Kira Huck

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Executive Director

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FY25 Board Chair



Introduction

We worked intentionally last year to ensure our programs reached communities across Western Montana, meeting people where they live, work, and play with the resources they need to stay healthy and safe. Nearly half of the individuals we supported—both patients receiving assistance and students receiving scholarships—came from outside Missoula County, highlighting how our work extends education and support throughout the region.

Many patients we supported faced both distance and financial barriers, and 42% shared that the stress of their diagnosis and associated costs weighed heavily on them. **As one patient shared, "I am incredibly grateful for the assistance. I have insurance, but the outside costs of cancer are many and continual."** With support from our programs, patients could focus on their well-being.

Our community grants demonstrate how care extends beyond traditional health spaces. A grant to the Montana Professional Learning Collaborative funded their annual institute, which delivered comprehensive training, tools, and resources for educators in underserved areas to create and sustain healthy, safe classrooms and school environments. By equipping local leaders with skills and resources, both the physical and psychological well-being of schools and the surrounding communities is strengthened. Altogether, **grants supported vital services reaching over 4,000 people, while health education programs engaged more than 2,000 individuals**—a 102% increase over the previous year.

Our reach reflects more than numbers on a map. It represents relationships, conversations, and moments of connection with individuals and communities. Through these connections, the care and knowledge made possible by your generosity ripple across Western Montana, helping people feel empowered, informed, and supported in the choices that affect their health and safety. Together, we are helping all Western Montanans lead healthier, safer lives.

Our Programs



Healthcare Scholarships

Investing in a skilled, compassionate healthcare workforce through scholarships for students and professionals.



Health Education

Equipping individuals with knowledge and tools to prevent injury and disease through hands-on programs like Safe Kids Missoula and Be Sun Smart.



Health Support

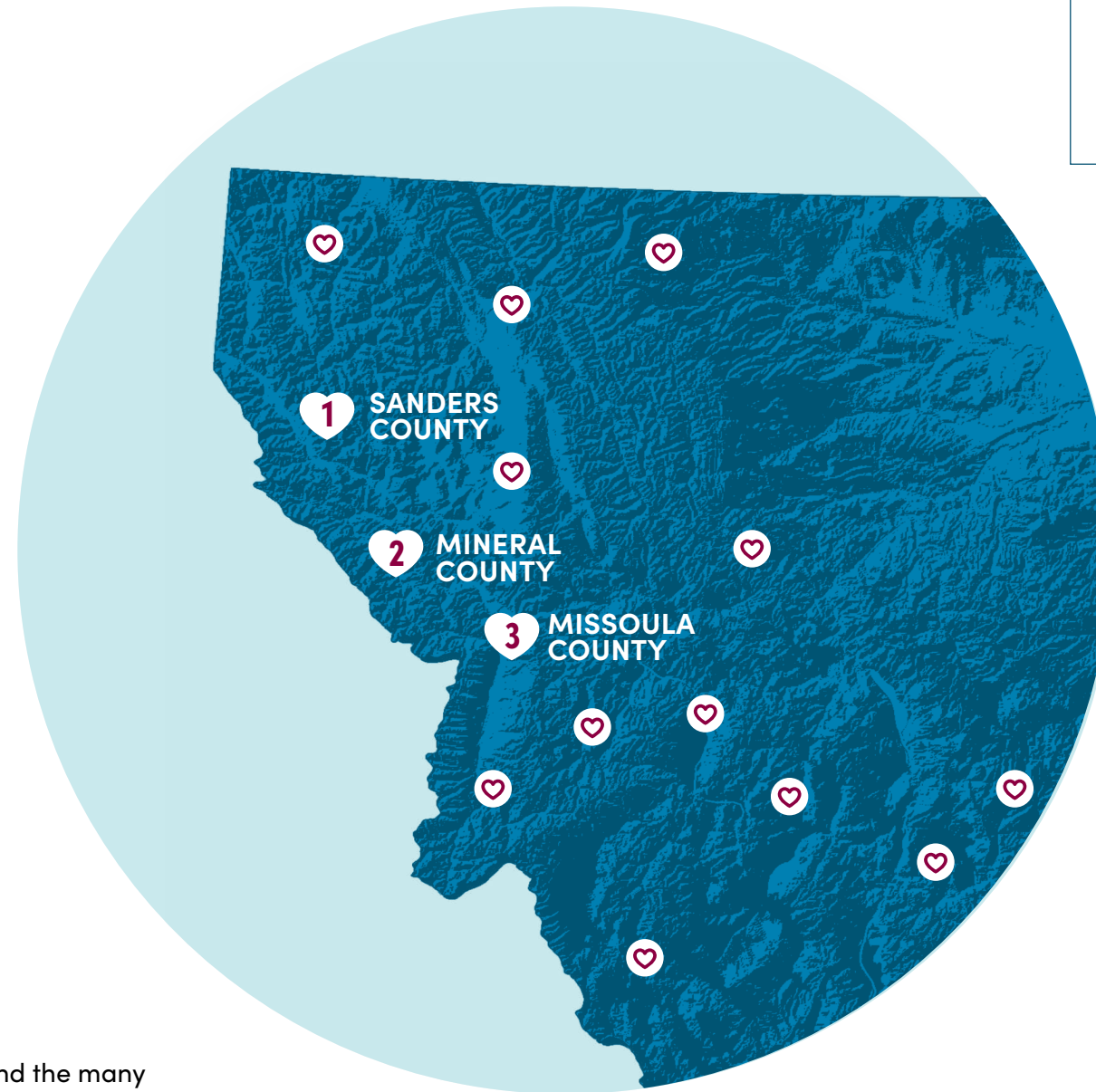
Strengthening community health and expanding access to essential care through patient assistance and community grants.

Reaching Across Western Montana

We connected with communities across Western Montana, ensuring education, support, and resources are available where they are most needed.

By partnering with local organizations, educators, and healthcare providers, we help communities strengthen the networks that support health and safety, empowering individuals to make choices that protect and enhance their well-being. From assisting patients navigating care to supporting caregivers in building safe and healthy spaces, our programs meet people where they are.

This map illustrates the impact of these connections and the many ways Western Montanans draw on resources and support to thrive.



COUNTIES SERVED	Missoula	Deer Lodge	Park	Granite
	Ravalli	Sanders	Glacier	Jefferson
Lake	Mineral	Lincoln	Lewis & Clark	
Flathead	Gallatin	Powell	Beaverhead	

1. Extending Support



SANDERS COUNTY Nearly \$89,000 helped patients and local initiatives thrive across Western Montana. A grant to Friends of Whitepine Grange brought body mechanics classes to older residents in Sanders County, led by a volunteer physical therapist. Participants have improved mobility, postponed surgeries, reduced pain, and built new friendships—gaining confidence, independence, and renewed connection to their community.

2. Expanding Scholarships



MINERAL COUNTY Our 2025 high school healthcare scholarship season extended application opportunities to students in Mineral County, where financial need is significant. Community support made it possible to award 21 scholarships—the most in more than a decade. Recipients represented 12 high schools across Western Montana, many hoping to return to the communities that shaped them and contribute to local well-being.

3. Delivering Education



MISSOULA COUNTY Through hands-on programs and community events, families across Western Montana gained practical skills to stay safe and healthy. Our annual Safe Kids Fair welcomed more than 350 participants, and we facilitated 17 classes for youth, parents, and caregivers on medicine safety, teen driving, and skin cancer prevention—95% learned something new, and 89% planned to put it into action.

“This scholarship has reinforced my commitment to serving underserved communities. Beyond financial assistance, your generosity is a reminder of the power of community support.”

- 2025 Healthcare Scholarship recipient



High school healthcare scholarship recipients

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Financial Highlights

For year ending June 30, 2025

Cash and cash equivalents	\$125,802
Other current assets	\$1,532
Investments.....	\$2,089,120
CHA-held endowments*	\$4,815,384
Operating right of use asset.....	\$138,217
Other assets.....	\$67,982

TOTAL ASSETS \$7,238,037

Accounts payable	\$44,459
Accrued liabilities	\$14,822
Current portion of operating lease liability.....	\$10,248
Annuities payable.....	\$69,746

Total Current Liabilities \$139,275

Operating lease liability net	\$131,863
Total Liabilities	\$271,138

Net assets without donor restrictions.....	\$1,635,163
Board designated	\$497,094
Net assets with donor restrictions.....	\$4,834,642
Total Net Assets	\$6,966,899

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$7,238,037

* CHA donors have also established an Endowment at Montana Community Foundation, mctf.org/Giving/Our-Funds

Contributions.....	\$82,722
Investment income, net of fees	\$151,234
Realized/unrealized investment gain	\$460,774
In-kind contributions	\$21,939
Change in value of annuities	(\$13,594)
Other revenue	\$126,942

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE \$830,017

Programs.....	\$411,214
Management and general	\$143,276
Fundraising	\$35,897

TOTAL EXPENSES \$590,387

Information provided is summarized from the June 30, 2025 statements prepared by JCCS and reviewed by Carver, Florek & James. For additional information, contact us at info@communityhealthwmt.org.

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