

THE BRIDGE

Connecting Missoula Businesses

SEPTEMBER 2022 ISSUE 3

CEO REPORT HIGHLIGHTS BUSINESS ATTRACTION TO THE STATE OF MONTANA

The Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce, working in collaboration with the State of Montana, Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce, hosted three top CEOs looking to relocate to Montana.

On August 16th, the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce's CEO, Kim Latrielle, met with the following business leaders that expressed an interest in launching business operations in Montana.

Below are the company logos representing the businesses that visited our community. There was great interest in Missoula and we look forward to what this opportunity may bring to our state and our community.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

The Missoula Chamber Bylaw revisions have been scheduled for the September board meeting. Chamber members will be notified upon submission.

YOUR CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Executive Committee and Board



October 11, 2022



Businesses Considering a Relocation to Montana



Jeff June
CFO

ICHEMIA CARE



Jeff Seto
BD Director

PLUGANDPLAY



Nardo Manaloto
Managing Partner

QUBITS
VENTURES

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INITIATIVES

WORKFORCE

Accelerated Training, Workforce Connections website, Affordable Housing, Business recruitment

ADVOCACY

Voice for Business

CHILDCARE

Associate Childcare Membership, Expand childcare in Missoula

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Rapid Training program, promote our University

GROWING THE CHAMBER

Provide leads to our Membership Director and receive additional benefits.

Email Sharon at the Chamber sharonm@missoulachamber.com

Member Benefits

MEMBERSHIP TIERS

Chamber members choose their level of investment and engagement in the Chamber. Do you understand all your benefits? Do you need more support?

Reach out to Stephanie at stephanielh@missoulachamber.com or Sharon at sharonm@missoulachamber.com.

Tier and Benefit Reminders:

BELONG	Tier 1
ENGAGE	Tier 2
BUILD	Tier 3
LEAD -	Tier 4
IMPACT	Tier 5
VISIONARY	Tier 6

**MEMBERS REFERRING
NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

SAVE THE DATE

ASSISTANCE for BUSINESS CLINIC

2022 MISSOULA

TUESDAY, OCT 4
8:00am - 5:00pm

REGISTER ONLINE
\$55 - Chamber Members
\$65 - Nonmembers

QUESTIONS
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Missoula, MT 59808

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MISSOULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Engaging Business and Community

Is your business looking for more exposure? Do you want to invest in Chamber programming?

Check out this *years sponsorship opportunities!

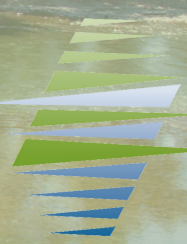
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2022 Sponsorship Guide

*The Chamber's fiscal year runs July to June.

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PROGRAM / COMMITTEE WORK

Ambassadors

132nd Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Reaching the Summit Together and Shining a Light on the Strength of Business and Community Collaborating with a Single Focus



2022 ANNUAL BANQUET AWARD WINNERS

Circle of Excellence



2022 George Award



Steve Nelson

Thank you to the Annual Banquet Title Sponsor



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Featured Program



After an awareness campaign was launched by the National Beer Wholesalers Association, the Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA), led by Mike Markovich of Summit Beverage, sought local information on human trafficking.

Mike Markovich connected with Lowell Hochhalter and Carson Hochhalter of The Lifeguard Group (a nonprofit victim and survivor service provider in Missoula, MT). They provided eye-opening accounts of the occurrences throughout Montana and the nation.

Those insights ignited a passion and commitment to end this heinous crime affecting all areas of Montana. Rural and Urban. Highways and back alleys. Sons and daughters. Mothers and fathers. Friends and neighbors. Young and old. People from all walks of life have found themselves in seemingly inescapable situations. But, unlike what's depicted in the movie Taken, trafficking doesn't usually start with a kidnapping or large red flags provided by the trafficker to the victim. Instead, many traffickers are adept at finding just one vulnerability in another person and luring them under a facade of kindness, friendship, or love. And the rescue mission is often as simple as a kind gesture or brief phone call.

With the help of The Lifeguard Group's education, Mike Markovich and Debra Pitassy of the MBWDA formed the Sentinel Project. Within 90 days, they had a complete turn-key program ready to roll out to hundreds of beer and beverage personnel statewide. In just 30 minutes, these men and women could be armed with the knowledge to spot the signs and make the call to save a life.

The Sentinel Project later caught the attention of Montana's Attorney General Austin Knudsen, who announced a public-private partnership with the Sentinel Project and other statewide law enforcement agencies in 2021.

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VOICE FOR BUSINESS

Child Care Initiative

The Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce has been involved in addressing the need for increased quality, affordable child care for the past few years. In June 2021 the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce's CEO was appointed by the Governor of Montana as Chairperson to the DPHHS Early Childhood Advisory Council. The statewide focus will be to strengthen support for child care providers. ARPA funding has been awarded locally to the YMCA and the Cold Spring Project. The Chamber is the connector to information and support for child care needs.

ARPA LATEST FUNDING

In August 2022 two local organizations received approval for the ARPA Grants:

- The Cold Springs model under United Way received 41% of the funding they requested: \$410,000.00.
- The Missoula YMCA received 100% of the funding they requested; \$784,000.00.

Congratulations to both organizations working to increase child care availability in Missoula.

ADVOCACY

[Missoula City Council Meeting Schedule](#)

[Missoula County Commissioner's Meeting Schedule](#)

[Congratulations to Jordan Hess appointed Missoula's new mayor.](#)

Thank you for supporting our Governmental Affairs activity through your voluntary assessment.



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6 PM



6 Hour Rental \$500
Room capacity 50 people
Giant screen TV, kitchen, bathrooms, patio furniture
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Planning Ahead?

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Agri-Business Banquet

February 8th, 2023

