

# Montana Hope Project



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**In Memory ~ Trooper Michael Haynes**

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# From the President ...

**G**reetings ~ 2009 comes to an end with the Hope Project granting its 310th wish since we started in 1984. I do not know if the troopers who started this wonderful program 25 years ago had any idea how large it would become. But I think they must have had some insight into it, knowing that we are a Montana organization that helps the children of this state, and knowing the generosity of the people and businesses that we need to make this work. Today, we have a long list of great people that help us provide what I believe is one of the most important things in life, to grant a wish to a child who suffers from a life-threatening illness. Our two reunions continue to grow and allow the families to form life long friendships. Twice a year they gather together as one, to share laughs and hugs and even a few tears. Only these families can truly understand what the other families go through. Here at the Montana Hope Project, we are one big family.

I would like to thank all of our wish families who sent their condolences as we once again lost another trooper in the line of duty. Trooper Michael Haynes died when his patrol vehicle was struck head-on by an impaired wrong-way driver. We also lost Trooper Chris Hoyt in a drowning accident and retired Trooper Ginger Kinsey and Trooper Vern Wise to cancer. Your kind words and visits meant the world to me. Thank you for your thoughts.

I look forward to 2010 as we already have three families booked and ready to travel to Disney World in January and February. To all of our sponsors, thank you for all of your continued support, without you, none of this would be possible.



*Richard Hader*

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## Ride for Hope 2009

The 2009 Ride for Hope was held on July 25th, 2009. It had the usual starting points: Kalispell, Missoula, Great Falls, Havre, Three Forks, and Billings.

This year's ride ended in Helena. The festivities were held at the Red Lion/Colonial Inn which is located at 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana.

We had an excellent turnout this year – more than 100 riders participated and over \$96,000 was raised for the Hope Project. Over 150 meals were served at the banquet in Helena.

Our first through third place pledge winners are again the same three that have held those spots for several years running. First place went to Royce Bird from Polson, who raised over \$27,000 in pledges. Second place went to Dave McCormack from Victor, and third place went to Wes Matson of Hamilton.

Dean Holmes was the winner of the cruise. Two Wish Children were in attendance, Skylehr Stiles from Belgrade and Aimee Wilkerson from Helena.

Next year is the Montana Hope Project's 26th anniversary and will be 21st year for the Ride for Hope. The ride is scheduled for July.

We hope to see you there. Check our website for details as they become available:

[www.montanahope.org](http://www.montanahope.org)



# In Memory ~ Trooper Michael Haynes

Michael Warren Haynes was born July 7, 1980 in Southern California to John and Melody Haynes. His siblings, Joanna and Matthew soon followed and so the tightly knit family began. He was a gentle soul and a loving son and big brother.

He moved to Montana with his family as a young teenager and attended Flathead High School after several years of home schooling by his mother. After Graduation, he went to work back in California at Hume Lake Christian Camps, where he met Tawny. Their friendship grew into a deep love and Michael proposed on bended knee at Avalanche Lake in Glacier Park in July of 2003. They were married in Kalispell on March 15, 2004, only three and a half months before he was deployed to Iraq for Operation Enduring Freedom with the Army National Guard.

During his deployment, Tawny carried their first child, Taryn. He was able to come home on leave in July to witness the birth of their daughter before returning to the desert. Michael was welcomed home in November of 2005 after 16 months away from his family. Michael and Tawny spent a few months together with their baby girl before Michael left for Helena to attend the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in April of 2006.

He was sworn in as a Trooper with the Montana Highway Patrol on August 10, and was initially stationed in Baker, MT. The family moved together and lived in Plevna, MT before moving back to the Flathead Valley in the summer of 2007. November of that year they welcomed their second child, a son, Elias.

Michael loved his job, and he worked with integrity and respect for others. From the time he was a young boy, he had a Faith in God that gave him a quiet strength and helped him to be that "happy guy" that people usually saw on traffic stops. He enjoyed spending time with his family and could often be found playing video games with his brother and cousins. He would play Mr. Potato Head with his 3 year old daughter and hold his infant son while he slept. He loved his wife Tawny with all of his heart and always held her hand. Though she knew he wasn't perfect, what they shared was about as close as you could get.

He remained very close with his parents and his younger brother and sister, teasing and joking with them as only a big brother could do. Michael had a quick wit, and a



*Photo Credit: Burch's One Hour Photo in Kalispell*

contagious laugh that warmed the hearts of those who love him.

He was only 28 when he was sent home to heaven, but he is still visible in the eyes of his children. He was greatly loved and will be forever missed, but never forgotten.

"And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man can taketh from you" - John 16:22



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## In Memory ~ Trooper Christopher Hoyt

Christopher Lee Hoyt, was one of the most dedicated, State Troopers in the State of Montana, if you were one of the lucky ones whom got to know him on a professional level, more than likely you walked away proud to be a Trooper and would want to be a little like him. Chris always took his career of being a Montana Highway Patrolman very serious and was very proud to be associated with anyone in his profession.

Chris held everyone in law enforcement in the highest respects. Chris did not just look the part of a State Trooper he made it point to educate everyone he came in contact with, on and off the job. Chris was an outstanding teacher to the Troopers that were just starting out; to the ones he worked with day in and day out. He loved the fact that he was making a difference in his community and in the state of Montana.

Chris could not have chosen a better career than the Montana Highway Patrol for himself and we could not have asked for a better person than Chris. Chris loved his career with every fiber in his body but he loved his family more. Chris knew his family came first in his life. Chris knew that when he was working, he was working and when he was not working his family had his complete attention.

Chris left behind three boys, Traven, Kellen, and Morgan, but the values and morals he taught them will be with them forever.

Chris's death, along with other Troopers deaths, shows all of us that life is extremely short, be thankful for what you have, don't let the small things stress you out, always let the ones you love know it every day, and enjoy each and



*Christopher Lee Hoyt*

every day you have. Every one that knew Chris Hoyt will always know what he stood for and will never forget the person, father, and friend he was to us. We miss him but we will never forget him.

## Fun Run/Walk for Hope

Our Annual Fun Run/Walk for Hope was held in August. Five off duty troopers participated. Our Grand Prize Pledge winner was Kyle Klapan, an 11 year-old boy from Butte. Kyle has competed in the Run since it began 8 years ago.



# Trooper Ginger Marie Kinsey

Virginia (Ginger) Marie Kinsey, age 55, went to be with her angels early Saturday morning, Sept. 26, 2009, after an extremely courageous and hard fought lengthy battle with cancer. Ginger was born on Dec. 30, 1953, in Billings, the daughter to Marie Rediske Raths and George Raths. She was one of eight children and except for college lived her entire life in the Roundup area. Ginger was a perfectionist and excelled at everything she put her mind to. Even though she was the youngest in her graduating class, she was the valedictorian of her class in 1971. After high school, she attended Carroll College and MSU.

On Oct. 27, 1973, Ginger married the love of her life David Kinsey and within six years they had their precious family of four children. Ginger's children were her whole world. She cherished and treasured each and every day spent with her children.

Virginia found her true passion and graduated from the Highway Patrol Academy in 1988. She continued this career which she loved for the next 20 years until health issues forced her to retire in the spring of 2008. Her pride and dedication to the Montana Highway Patrol was second only to her family. She always felt she helped to make a difference for people and wanted to help accurately and honorably in law enforcement. Ginger could not have been blessed with a more caring 2nd family than the Montana Highway Patrol. We will forever be grateful for all the love and support they



showed and will continue to provide both Virginia and her family.

Besides her family and career, Ginger loved the mountains and hiking into God's many awesome sights. Ginger spent every free day she could enjoying the great outdoors whether it was hiking to the many lakes in the Crazy or Beartooth Mountains, or working outside in her beautiful and immaculate yard, or just simply taking a walk she was thrilled to be outdoors and smelling the fresh air. Ginger always said the most valuable things in her life were her family and friends, the joy of living and enjoying the great outdoors. So, the next time you look at a beautiful sunset or smell the wonderful scent of a creek take the time to enjoy it and remember Ginger and her passion for life.

## Trooper Vernon C. Wise

Trooper Vernon C. Wise died on November 14, 2009, after a very courageous battle with cancer.

Vern attended the Academy that began in January 2005, and he was sworn in on May 13, 2005. Vern was initially stationed in Bozeman, and in June 2006, he transferred to Great Falls.

Vern will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to the Patrol, the love for his family, and his love of the Vikings football team!

Blessed be the Memory of Trooper Vernon C. Wise.



## The Town Pump Miller Lite Golf Tournament

July 2009 - The Town Pump/Miller Lite Golf Tournament benefits three charities: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Pathways to Independence (benefiting adults with MS) and the Montana Hope Project.

Each year each charity receives around ten thousand dollars.

This year marks the seventh year of the tournament. This year the morning flight golfed 18 holes with no problem, but the afternoon flight ended up golfing 7 holes, as the teams had to be pulled off the course due to rain, thunder, lightning and wind.



*Be on the lookout in western Montana as a new Montana Hope Project logo will be traveling the roads on the side of a Town Pump gasoline tanker. This new trailer is scheduled to hit the road in April 2010. Thank you to Town Pump and Sorenson Transport for this great opportunity.*



# All Roads Lead to Hope Car Cruise

The Hope Project will be holding its first annual "All Roads Lead to Hope" Car Cruise the weekend of September 18 and 19, 2010. Cars will leave from various locations around the state with a final destination of Dillon, Montana.

For more information on this event, please check [www.montanahope.org](http://www.montanahope.org) or contact: Tom Gress or Bonnie Saxton at (406) 728-0611.



*Wal-Mart electronics manager Tracy Leatherman presents Richard Hader with a donation check from Wal-Mart. Tracy is the fiancée of MHP trooper and Montana Hope Project Board Member Rocky Bailey. The Montana Hope Project appreciates Wal-Mart's continued support.*



Visit Coldstone Creamery in Missoula every second Tuesday from 4-7. They will donate \$.30 of every \$1.00 spent to the Montana Hope Project.

## Summer Reunion - Essex, Montana

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Hope Project Reunion was held in Essex, Montana. Again our thanks and deepest appreciation go out to the owners and staff of the Isaac Walton Inn for hosting our event. Special thanks as well to the owners of the Glacier Haven Inn and Halfway Motel for extending their generosity.



Events and amusements abounded to keep the Children of Hope entertained -- as well as their families and the other guests that were on hand to enjoy the festivities.

*Give Kids the World President Pamela Landswirth and Montana Hope Project President Richard Hader pose with wish children, Thomas and Jessica Beers. Pamela enjoyed spending the weekend at our annual summer reunion held at Izaak Walton Inn.*



*Marcia Boris and wish child Jessica Beers share a moment during the annual summer reunion at Izaak Walton Inn.*

## 2nd Annual Car Show

On June 13, 2009 the 2nd Annual Montana Hope Project Car Show was hosted by Karl Tyler Chevrolet of Missoula, Montana and car enthusiasts of the area.

\$14,000 was raised through pledges and various fundraising events. The weather cooperated nicely, and almost 200 cars were entered and shown. The Car Show featured muscle cars, classics, Corvettes, hot rods and European Classics. The Vintage 1935 Ford



Montana Highway Patrol Car was buffed and polished and brought out for show.

This family event was extremely well-attended, and plans for the 3rd Annual Montana Hope Project Car Show to be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Karl Tyler Chevrolet in Missoula are already under way. Contact Geoff or Melodie Oriet at (406) 626-2464 for more information or check our website at [www.montanahope.org](http://www.montanahope.org).

## Peoples Wish ~ Hawaii



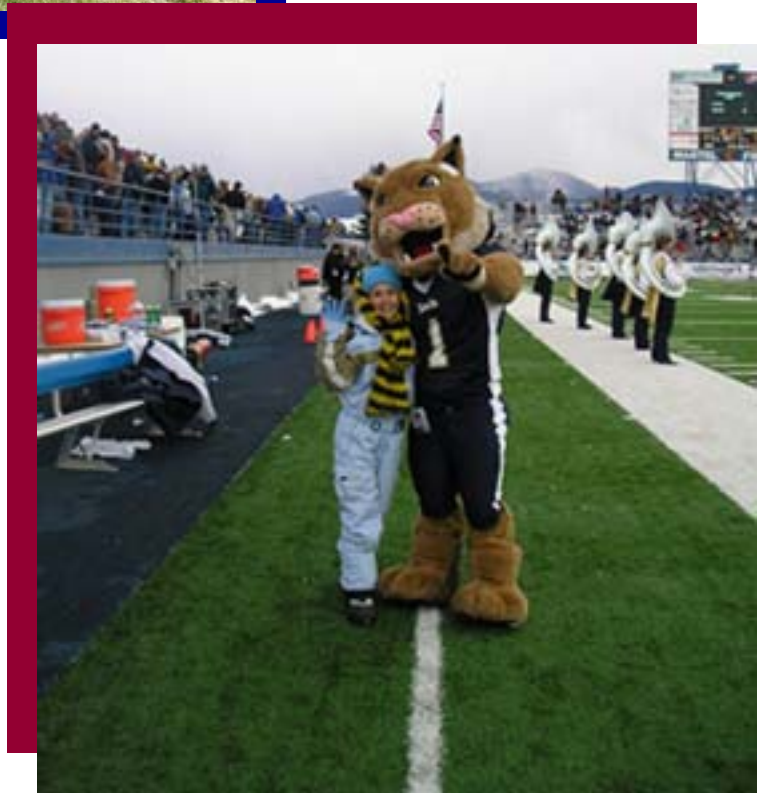
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Wish child Marissa Peoples and her family traveled to Hawaii.

## Cat~Griz Game 2009

Rachel Kane represents the Montana Hope Project at the 109th meeting of the Montana Universities.

The Griz won 33 to 19 in Bozeman. Both Universities provide the Hope Project with 4 tickets and sideline passes for each home game.



# Winter Reunion

On December 3, 60 GSK employees and their families “partied” in the site cafeteria: they wrapped 67 presents, decorated 50 dozen cookies and filled 70 goodie bags. All to ensure 50 critically ill Montana children and their families were remembered this holiday season when they gathered for The Montana Hope Project’s Winter Reunion held December 5-6, 2009.

The Montana Hope Project is a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with severe health issues. Wishes may include trips to Disney World or Hawaii, the opportunity to see a favorite sports team in action, or a meeting with an admired celebrity. The average wish amount is \$6000. In addition to granting wishes, the organization also hosts spring and winter “reunions” each year for families and volunteers. Tiana Hader, Wish and Reunion Coordinator, said, “The efforts of the volunteers at GSK Hamilton are amazing. In terms of the gifts purchased, it is the dollar equivalent of a ‘wish’. The baking and wrapping would’ve taken a single person a month to accomplish.”

When Site Director, Michael Covarrubias, attended a fund raiser for the Montana Home Project, he was inspired to invite the site to participate as well. He said, “Hamilton employees are known for their “extreme” volunteerism. Individuals and teams give numerous hours of their time and talents throughout the year to make life easier for their friends and neighbors in this close-knit community and state. While I know site employees wish to keep their volunteer efforts “low key”, I believe it’s important to recognize and thank them for what they do.”

Michael rallied a core group of six site volunteers to help make the Project’s Winter Reunion special: Laretta Horton, Rita Jones, Doug Nation, Tyler Gross, Julie Lieberth, and Karla Rocheleau. In November, the volunteers decorated a tree in the site lobby with 67 ornaments listing names of children, their siblings, and information about what kind of gift may be suitable based on age and physical abilities. Site employees were invited to volunteer to purchase a gift (each and every one of the requests was fulfilled) as well as to lend a hand with the baked goods and gift wrapping.

Hamilton Production Facility Manager, Tyler Gross, his wife Michelle, and their two young children traveled to the Winter Reunion held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort to deliver the goods. Tyler said, “It was very heart warming to see the support GSK employees gave to this program, and to see the smiles on the kids’ faces when these gifts were distributed. My family and I were able to see first hand how we positively impacted these children’s lives; it makes me want to contribute even more.”



*The Montana Hope Project has granted more than 310 wishes since 1984.*

# Wagon Wheel Bar 5th Annual Bike Rally



It just keeps growing. This year the Wagon Wheel Bar Fifth Annual Bike Rally raised over \$1,000 more than last year for the Montana Hope Project. On Thursday, Sept. 3, the rally committee presented Montana Highway Patrolman Mitch Willett with a check for \$3,288.20.

"This is just awesome," said Willett. "For a community of this size to raise this much money is really something.

"There are fund-raisers for Montana Hope Project all over the state, but this one just astounds me."

His words of praise for the committee who donated countless hours to put the rally together were gratefully received.

Several new events were added this year. Greenscreen, a process where people could have their pictures put on magazine covers or one of more than 1,000 templates, drew a lot of interest. Because of the success of this event, the committee felt this will be offered in future years.

Ron and Margaret Kemp oversaw a successful car and bike show, which drew 18 entries. Cash prizes were awarded to entrants in the show, as well as in all other events and contests in the rally. Next year, the hours for the show will be extended to make hopefully make it bigger and better.

The evening events were all well received, with the blind auction bringing in approximately \$1,800. Priority Communications once again worked with the rally committee to offer a Motobravo 4-wheeler as the grand prize in a raffle. The machine was won by Norm Braaten of Fort Peck. Braaten is the history teacher at Nashua High School.

Patches and T-shirts commemorating the Fifth Annual Bike Rally and the 25th anniversary of Montana Hope Project are still available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale of these items will be added to next year's donation.

# 2009 Children of Hope

Kale  
Dominic  
Valicity

Raffaele  
Samuel  
Kelsey

Tessa  
Marissa  
Kenna  
Mia

## Bears who care

There's Bears in the Mountains, there's Bears in the Wood  
And Bears along the Highway who can hit you real good  
There's Bears in Montana who serve us out there  
In Montana Hope Project they are Bears who care

These Troopers make it possible, for Children critically ill  
To each have a chance, their dearest wishes to fulfill  
Hot Tubs or Rodeo, Disneyworld or Hawaii  
All wishes coming true, even one to Italy

Bikers and Car Clubs, each one does their part  
Golf Tournaments and license plates will do for a start  
Each Child's life precious and each day is brand new  
It should never be cut short without wishes coming true

I have a lot of respect for those who choose to serve  
We are proud to say they are better than we deserve  
Speak of them with honor; call them Troopers, Cops or Bears  
Montana should be proud to know they have Bears who care

*Life of children is  
precious and should  
never be cut short  
without wishes  
coming true.*

Ken Blacklock  
Wabamun, Alberta  
14 August 2009



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# Give the gift of HOPE

## Give the gift of HOPE

Help make a wish come true for a critically ill Montana child. Make a donation to the Montana Hope Project in the name of a family member, friend or recipient.

A donation to the Montana Hope Project directly benefits Montana children.

### HOPE—always the perfect gift

This gift is made in **honor/memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

It is being given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

Send confirmation card to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(mailing address) (city) (state) (zip)

**Complete and send to: The Montana Hope Project, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604**

## Hope Project Facts

- 90 cents of every dollar raised directly benefits Montana children.
- The Montana Hope Project is NOT affiliated with any national organization. It is funded entirely by your donations and local fund-raising events.
- Every year, wish recipients and their families are invited to spend the weekend at the Izaak Walton Inn, located in Essex, MT at the edge of Glacier Park.
- 2006 marks the first annual recipient Christmas party.
- The Montana Hope Project has granted more than 310 wishes since 1984.

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