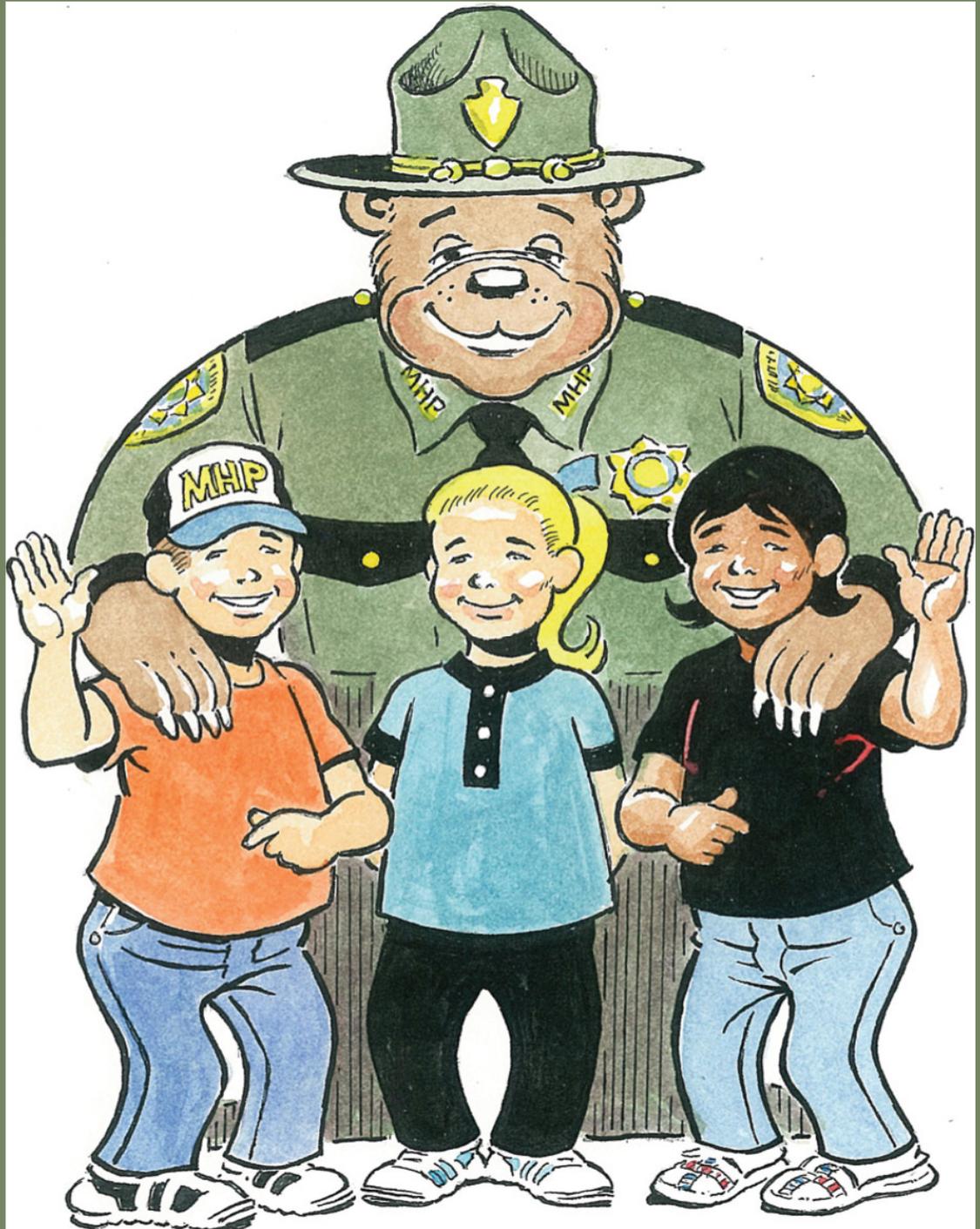




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GETTING THINGS DONE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Photo by Victoria Wojciechowski



Richard
Hader
MHP 160

2012

has been quite the year for the Montana Hope Project. For anyone who has seen me talk, I have always made the point that the Hope Project is not just an all-volunteer organization made up of state troopers, but truly is a nonprofit Montana business that is made up of so many wonderful people and businesses that step up and help us grant these wishes. All one needed to do to see if that was true, was to be involved this year. The Ride for Hope is our largest fund-raiser of the year, and although we went through two coordinators this year, we still managed to come out well. Thanks to Kathy Sangray and Wolfer's Diner in Havre for bailing me out on that! Other longtime supporters, Bruce and Kathy Johnson, donated their totally refurbished Ford pick-up for us to sell. We also saw a lot of new fund-raisers that were a huge hit. Mark Watkins, who is a Grandfather to one of our wish children, got together with Yellowstone Harley-Davidson in Belgrade to host the first annual chili cook-off. Beartooth Flyfishing owners, Dan and Nancy Delekta, started their fund-raiser in honor of his father who always had a soft spot for children and did anything to help them. Our annual Lake Mary Ronan ATV ride returned to the Lake Mary Ronan Lodge thanks to owners Mike Doran and Meg McLaughlin. Rhonda Huseby teamed up with the Elks in Helena to start her yearly silent auction. The Princess Ball in Kalispell was started by Josh Faith in honor of his daughter. Big Sky RV of Bozeman and Jayco teamed up with us to grant a special wish. And for the first time in many years, we had to fight off the rain during our summer reunion at Izaak Walton Inn, but that didn't slow anyone down. I can't thank these individuals and businesses enough, they all certainly stepped up to help the Hope Project out!

As everyone can see, this organization is not just made up of a few troopers, it is a true Montana business made up of real MONTANANS!!

HOPE PROJECT FACTS

We are a non-profit organization registered with the Secretary of State as a 501(c)(3) organization and we follow all federal guidelines to maintain our status.

We are NOT affiliated with any national organization.

90 cents of every dollar raised benefits Montana children.

We have granted 347 wishes to date since 1984.

Every year wish recipients and their families are invited to join us for a summer and winter reunion.

Wishes are funded entirely by your donations & fund-raising.

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2012 WISHES GRANTED

Aspen	Clinton	Disney World
Johnathan	Livingston	Disney World
Ethan	Missoula	Disney World
Larissa	Frenchtown	Pro Bowl
Mariah	Busby	Disney World
Hayden	Columbia Falls	Disney World
Abby	Missoula	Disney World
Jase	Charlo	Disney World
Samantha	Missoula	Disney World
Kaiden	Missoula	Disney World
Aubrey	Great Falls	Disney World
DJ	Missoula	Hawaii
McLain	Helena	Hawaii
Whitten	Bozeman	Camper
Levi, Aaron & Allen	Pinesdale	Hot Tub
Sophie	Polson	Hot Tub
Nathan	Billings	Refurbished Jeep
Janearae	Columbia Falls	Disney World

PENDING WISHES

Miriam	Hamilton	Ride Horses on the Beach
Cameron	East Helena	Disney World
Mikenna	Butte	Disney World
Jorden	Glendive	Hawaii
Elsa	Kalispell	Sea World
Levi, Aaron & Allen	Pinesdale	Sea World
Aspen	Belgrade	Disney World
Teagan	Missoula	Disney World

The Montana Hope Project, started in 1984, originated from the strong desire of Montana Troopers to establish a special service that would create a positive and rewarding impact both for the troopers and for the communities in which they serve.

The goal of the Montana Hope Project is to make dreams come true for critically ill children in Montana. Wishes are funded by corporate and private donations, memorials and fund-raisers, and ninety percent of all proceeds raised go directly to Montana children. The average granted wish costs about \$6000 and the most requested wish is a trip to Walt Disney World.

The Montana Hope Project's volunteer staff is comprised of active and retired troopers as well as many community volunteers. Our success is due to the combined efforts of dedicated individuals and organizations who give their generous support. We welcome you to join our efforts to give critically ill children their dream come true. The lives of children are precious and should never be cut short without wishes coming true.

CHILI

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Chapter and Yellowstone
Harley Davidson in Belgrade**



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COOK-OFF

by Glen Barcus,
MHP 245

The 1st annual Chili Cook-Off was held at Yellowstone Harley Davidson in Belgrade on March 24 by the Bridger Mountain H.O.G. chapter. With around 400 people in attendance the event was a great success! The event boasted 15 local restaurants competing to take home the top prize for the "Best Chili in the Gallatin Valley". The chef from Belgrade's Rio Sabinas Southwestern Grill (www.riosabinas.com) was awarded the plaque and distinguished title. A grand total of \$7956 was raised with an additional \$790 in merchandise sales.

Many of the District 7 Troopers appeared and starred in the show, illustrating just how dedicated and supportive we all are of the Hope Project mission. Many thanks to the help I received on game day from Richard, Marsha, Cal, Art, Butch, Rhonda, Joe, and December. Special thanks goes out to Mark Watkins of the Bridger Mountain H.O.G. who truly made this all happen!

Pictures of the event can be seen on the Bridger Mountain H.O.G. website link:www.bridgermountainhog.org

KRUZ

Event Sponsors:

Tom Gress & Bonnie Saxton



Picture by Tom Gress

4 KIDZ

Hello All,

The Burgers, Brats & Burnouts has run its course after 6 successful years. Bonnie & I have decided to end this event after the largest turnout(80+ people), 8+ different burnout vehicles, the most beautiful spring day available, and being able to raise some money for our Montana Kids with Kruz 4 Kidz!

We want to pass on a huge thank you to all who attended this event, assisted in making it as good as it became, and donated to The Montana Hope Project. Total donations for this event was \$1650!

Thank you all so very much! Tom Gress

RIDE FOR HOPE



By Richard Hader,
MHP 160

Pictures by
Victoria Wojciechowski

The annual Ride for Hope 500 concluded in Havre this year at the Town House Inn. It had been 17 years since we'd made a trip to Havre and everyone braved the heat to make the ride. One hundred plus riders hit the pavement to help us raise money to continue granting wishes to the children of Montana who suffer from life threatening illnesses. The top pledge earners were Dave McCormack, Royce Bird and Wes Matson. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner provided by Wolfer's Diner. *(A highlight of the evening was auctioning off Richard Hader's hair!)*

Next year the Ride will end at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort on July 13th. As a result of visiting with many riders and listening to their ideas, we have decided to try the 2nd weekend in July, rather than the 4th weekend.

We are excited to welcome a new Ride for Hope coordinator for the 2013 rally. Dave Evans, recently retired from the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office in Billings after 28 years of service, will coordinate the routes and plan for a memorable gathering at Fairmont. Dave is the President of the Montana chapter of the Blue Knights and has supported the Hope Project in the past and we are excited to have him aboard!



Parade through Havre



Sacrificing hair for The Project



Wes, Royce & Dave

Missoula County Sheriff's Association

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Bill Burt, Sean Finley, Tiana Hader,
John Lamb , TJ McDermott

The Missoula County Sheriff's Association has become an active partner with the Montana Hope Project to help support wishes in the Missoula area. This year the association made a \$500 donation. Sheriff Deputies were also on hand to help grant some wishes.

HELENA ELKS BENEFIT

Sponsored by the Helena Elks &
Rhonda Huseby

LAKE MARY RONAN ATV RIDE

The ATV ride hosted by Lake Mary Ronan Lodge had 339 riders. Weather was great and a good time was had by all! Our annual Lake Mary Ronan ATV ride returned to the Lake Mary Ronan Lodge thanks to owners Mike Doran and Meg McLaughlin.

On March 18, 2012, the Helena Elks Lodge hosted a fund-raiser for the Montana Hope Project. An awesome lunch was served, approximately 50 silent auction items were sold and a wish was granted that day. Several Hope Project recipient parents shared details about their child's wish and what the wish meant to their family. The afternoon event was well attended and netted approximately \$7500 for the Montana Hope Project. Thank you to the Helena Elks Lodge and to all who generously donated to make this first time event a success!

By Rhonda Huseby

SUMMER REUNION

By Kathy Sangray

Hope families joined Project volunteers for a jam-packed weekend at the Izaak Walton Inn at Essex, Montana. Seeing Glacier Park from the Red Jammer buses is always a highlight, along with helicopter tours of the Park by Glacier Heli Tours. The fun didn't stop and a boat tour of Lake McDonald only added to the wonderful experience of seeing Glacier Park. Ice Cream at Eddie's topped off the unforgettable afternoon.

The food was spectacular as always, with the Cut Bank Fire Department expertly grilling up a feast. The special guest entertainment was our own MHP Troopers, Cal Shock and Toby Baukema, playing their acoustic guitars and singing some old hits, like Junior Brown's "I'm the Highway Patrol". The performance moved into the lodge and an intimate group thoroughly enjoyed the encore.

The memorable weekend also included photo ops with Montana Highway Patrol Troopers and Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Old friends and new are invited to join us again next summer!



Tiana Hader with
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ian Patsey & Judy Devoe

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Pictures by
Victoria Wojciechowski

WISHES



Abby receives her wish from Sean Finley MHP 228, Tiana Hader and John Lamb



James, Patrick and Emily at Disney World



Sammy and friends enjoy a Grizzly game



Sammy with Ken Breidenbach MHP 123

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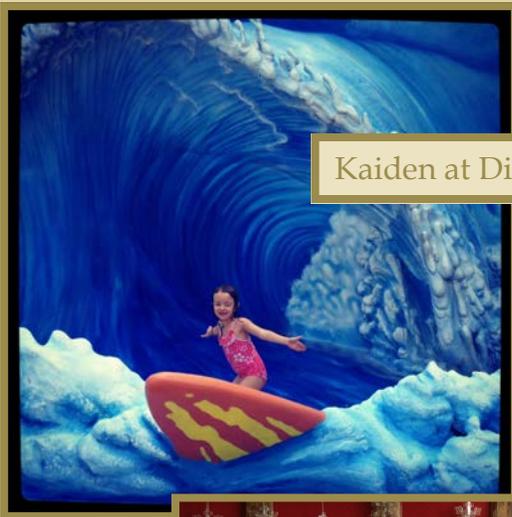
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Lots of friends celebrate Ethan's wish



Deputy John Lamb with DJ and his Mom



Kaiden at Disney World



DJ's wish presentation at Cold Stone Creamery



Kaiden receives her wish at Howard's. Sean Finley MHP 228, John Lamb, Tyler holding Kellan, Stephany, TJ McDermott, Tiana Hader holding Kaiden and Chuck Lee



Rich Salois MHP 335 with DJ

ASPEN'S WISH

By Jenna
Cederberg:
Missoulian

The news was a little overwhelming for the girl, who sat politely as the gifts were piled onto her desk.

The 12 students in Mrs. Heyer's second-grade classroom at Clinton Elementary School knew something was up Thursday afternoon. A rather large crowd had filed into their class around 1:30 p.m. In it was a host of law enforcement officers and a scattering of other adults, some with cameras and others carrying trays of cupcakes.

"I'm thinking it must be something to do with Aspen," Mrs. Robyn Heyer said to her class. "With all her family here."

Aspen is an 8-year-old second-grader who has been through a lot in her short life. Aspen suffers from chronic lung disease and secondary pulmonary hypertension. She's on oxygen 24 hours a day and must carry a tank on a cart made by staff at the school to help her get through the day. On Thursday, Aspen was treated to a big surprise in front of her wondering classmates and family. Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Sean Finley got to deliver the news: "Aspen's going to Disney World next Saturday," he told the class. It isn't just Aspen who is going on the dream trip. She'll get to share the experience with six of her family members when they head to Orlando, Fla., on Saturday.

The trip was provided by the Montana Hope Project, which is sponsored by the MHP and helps make wishes come true for critically ill children in the state.

Representatives from the Highway Patrol, Missoula Police Department and Missoula County Sheriff's Office presented Aspen with gifts, including a homemade Montana Hope



Aspen with Deputy John Lamb

Picture by Tom Bauer: Missoulian

Project teddy bear, \$400 worth of spending money for the trip, the itinerary for the flights, and a digital camera and memory card.

The news was a little overwhelming for the girl, who sat politely as the gifts were piled onto her desk. "Thank you!" Aspen managed with a smile after all the gifts were given. Next, the entire class was treated to ice cream cupcakes courtesy of Cold Stone Creamery.

"Best. Cupcake. Ever," exclaimed Aaron, who sits just in front of Aspen.

Aspen chose Disney World in part because she loves Mickey Mouse, and she wants to see him when she gets there. Aspen's sisters Gigi and Yolanda, brother Lee, cousin Shawnee, niece Kady and mom Shelly are all going with her for a week at the theme park.

"She's such a visual person, I think she's going to be overwhelmed," Shelly said. "For all of them, I just think it will be something to remember." The only other time Aspen has been on a plane was to travel for open-heart surgery. The winters are tough on her, so this is the perfect time to go, Shelly said.

Finley and his crew have been helping the Hope Project grant wishes to area children throughout the week. In all, four families will fly to Florida on Saturday thanks to the project. One child is going to the NFL Pro Bowl later this year, Finley said.

"Wishes are whatever kids want," Finley said.

The Montana Highway Patrol sponsors the project but many law enforcement agencies contribute, and all trips are funded through donations.

While the big trip is Saturday, Shelly was busy enjoying her daughter's immediate joy as Aspen posed for pictures with the Hope Project crew.

"It's just amazing. I just love to see her smile and be happy. It's her time in the spotlight," Shelly said.

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MCLAIN'S WISH

By Cynthia,
McLain's Mom

HAWAII = HEAVEN OR AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT OF IT...

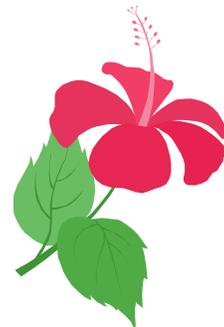
We arrived late on Saturday night (June 9), and in true "we are newbies" style, it took us over an hour and a half to find our Villa. But it was worth it, because when we woke in the morning, the view was glorious. And so was the time in Maui. We all enjoyed our time in this tropical paradise. When McLain was asked why she was excited to go to Hawaii she told the news reporter that she looked forward to spending time together as a family, and that we did.

- Dinner at Cheeseburger in Paradise as we watched the sunset
- Time on the beach as the kids learned to snorkel and use the boogie boards
- Golfing for the boys- shopping for the girls
- Snorkeling for all -an excursion that allowed us all to try out the "real deal" when it comes to snorkeling, and gave McLain a chance to "drive the boat" with Captain Allen!
- Zip-line time for the big kids and Greg - while McLain and I were pampered by getting our toes done and spending time in a bookstore - and ate lunch at the famous "Bubba Gump" restaurant
- Swim, Swim, Swim - with a pool out our back door, we all had plenty of time to "dive for dollars," race each other and practice our swimming strokes.
- And to close our family vacation - dinner at the Melting Pot . . . which was a very exciting adventure of fun for all of us!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Montana HOPE Project that granted McLain's wish to spend time in Hawaii - and to all of our family and friends for their generous love and support these last 18 months. And to our Father in Heaven, who continues to bless our family in many ways. . .



Hawaii



Courtesy Photos

WHIT'S WISH

By Glen Barcus, MHP 245

Whit is an 11-year-old boy who suffers from Spina Bifida. Whit's parents, Jeff and Tracy, are truly a gracious couple who had a hard time coming to terms with receiving a wish. Jeff had expressed interest in trying to find a camper to the Hope Project's President, Richard Hader. Richard and I contacted Big Sky RV to see if we could find an affordable option. The Fredrickson's of Big Sky RV contacted Jayco Inc., and because of both their generosity, the Hope Project was able to purchase a 26' 2012 Jayco Jayflight Swift bumper-pull camp trailer. Murdoch's, who continually supports the Hope Project, contributed a 3,000 watt generator for a fraction of the sales price.

This camper will serve a dual purpose for Whit and his family in that it will provide a means for family recreation while enabling the family to effectively tend to Whit's medical needs. The camp trailer will also make it easier for the family to take along Whit's necessary supplies on their long and frequent trips to Denver for continuing hospital care. With the amount of essential supplies needed to care for Whit, flying is not really an option. The new camp trailer will make these trips easier on the whole family.

The Montana Hope Project is pleased to give some reprieve to the children of Montana who are critically ill. We believe in Montanans helping Montanans, and thanks to the greater Bozeman area community we are able to continue our mission. On behalf of the Montana Hope Project, I would like to express our gratitude for the contributions from Big Sky RV, Jayco Inc. and Murdoch's of Bozeman who made granting this wish a huge success. The Montana Hope Project is a volunteer organization who relies on fundraising and donations to sustain our existence. This year alone we have received incredible support through local fund-raisers in our community, particularly Yellowstone Harley Davidson and the Bridger Mountain H.O.G. chapter and Beartooth Flyfishing in the Cameron/Ennis area. Without local support, wishes like Whit's would not be possible.

Friends and Troopers gathered to present the new camp trailer to Whit and his family.



Hope Project president, Richard Hader, also presented Big Sky RV's owner, Wayne Fredrickson, with a Hope Project Bronze

Courtesy Photos

LEVI, AARON AND ALLEN GET WISHES GRANTED

Sometimes wishes do come true.

Five-year-old Levi of Pinesdale has been telling his mother, Charee, for years that he wanted to ride on an airplane someday and go see some places. Most particularly, Levi wanted to travel to Sea-World and watch a whale. It was a wish that Charee and her husband, Jason, weren't sure how they'd ever afford. *"Our family has never really gone on a vacation like that,"* Charee said. *"Money is pretty tight for us."* Every extra penny goes to pay for mounting medical bills to treat Levi and his twin 4-year-old brothers, Aaron and Allen.

The boys have been diagnosed with a rare and devastating genetic disorder called Giant Axonal Neuropathy, known as GAN. The disease damages nerve pathways that carry signals from the brain to the muscles. Over time, it slowly causes its victims to lose control of their bodily functions. There are 28 known cases of the disease in the world.

In May, the Ravalli Republic published a story about the family's efforts to try to raise money to pay for research that could provide a cure. After reading the article, Montana Highway Patrol trooper Rocky Bailey put on his other hat as a volunteer for the Montana Hope Project and made sure that an application ended up in the family's hands. *"We grant wishes for families facing circumstances exactly like this,"* Bailey said.

After reviewing Levi's completed application, the volunteers charged with making wishes come true decided to doubly bless the family. Last week they delivered a brand new hot tub that all three boys can use for the warm water therapy that eases their pain. Sometime in the next little while, Levi's other wish to board an airplane and see a whale up close will come true when the family will travel to Disney World in Florida for an all-expenses-paid vacation from the Montana Hope Project.

Richard Hader of Alberton is president of the Montana Hope Project. He said it was an easy decision to grant the family with three young boys impacted from the rare disease two wishes.

"We knew that the family was having to commute quite a bit for water therapy and how important that was for the boys," Hader said. The seven-day vacation package offers them all something different. *"It's really a nice thing for families dealing with issues like this,"* Hader said. *"It's a way for them to get away from doctors and the everyday stresses of their hectic life."*

Anyone who has been associated with the Montana Hope Project for any time at all knows that's true. Since its inception in 1984, the organization has granted 347 wishes to families dealing with life

-threatening illnesses across the state. This year alone, this wish was number 16 on the list. The average wish costs \$6,000.

"It's an all-volunteer organization," Hader said. "Ninety cents of every dollar goes to granting wishes."

Twice a year, the Montana Hope Project hosts reunions for families who have been granted wishes. *"It's something that works out really well for everyone," Hader said. "The families realize that they're not alone. And we get a lot more out of it than we ever give. 'No' is not in the vocabulary of these families."*

The program counts on Montanans to donate toward the cost of the wishes and, in many cases, work alongside the troopers to make them come true. In the case of this wish, a family member stepped forward to build the forms for the concrete pad that the hot tub rests upon and Donaldson Brothers Redi-mix of Hamilton donated the concrete. *"That's huge for us when the community comes together like that," Bailey said. "It's money that we can use to grant someone's wish."*

Mike LaSalle of Donaldson Brothers said the company has a long record of being community minded. *"It seems like on a project like this, we would be remiss not to do something to help," he said. "This is a rural county where people still wave to each other as they drive by. Sometimes you have to go beyond just waving."*

Rocky Weidow is Levi, Aaron and Allen's uncle. He was happy to be able to help out by building the concrete forms. *"I think it's great that all of these people decided to help out," Weidow said. "We need more people to do this kind of thing for others. I'm retired and try my hardest to help out others. When you help someone else, it always comes back to you in one way or another."*

Charee said the community has just been remarkable in its response to her family's struggle. She's very appreciative of the Montana Hope Project.

"It's really neat that they do that for people," she said. "I've really wanted to be able to take them on something like this while they still can go."

How did the boys take the news?

"I don't think they know yet," she said. "It's going to be quite a surprise."

Story & Picture By:
Perry Backus, Ravalli Republic



Parents Jason and Charee, pose in front of their new hot tub with their boys, Levi, Allen and Aaron. Presenting the wish are Richard Hader MHP 160, Rocky Bailey MHP 261, Rocky Weidow and Mike LaSalle.

NATHAN'S WISH

By Carmen Irish:
Billings Gazette

Nathan had just graduated from high school, was working a full-time job and was on his way to college when he was diagnosed with cancer last September.

Nearly a year later, Nathan and his family gathered with dozens of friends and family members Friday afternoon as members from the Montana Hope Project and Big Sky Collision Center granted him with a wish for his family's 19-year-old Jeep to be overhauled. Nathan watched in awe as lights and smoke poured out of a garage framing his family's newly overhauled vehicle.

Nathan's life-changing diagnosis at the age of 18 was the last thing he or his family ever expected. The first symptoms started with aches in his legs and knees, Nathan's mother, Marian, said. *"I thought it was because of his new job and being on his feet all day,"* she said. *"I told him he had better get used to it."* But shortly after, his symptoms turned worse: high fever and chills, and then he began to lose weight. After five days, Nathan went into same-day care to make sure he didn't have pneumonia.

Nathan didn't have pneumonia. He was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and was admitted to the hospital three hours later. He has since been on a treatment plan involving chemotherapy, a 53-week regimen that he and his family and doctors hope will lead to remission.

Nathan said he and his two older brothers, Cy, 21, and Jon, 20, learned how to first drive in the Jeep. They took family vacations to Idaho and frequented the drive-in movie theater in Laurel as kids. *"We have a lot of great memories together with this Jeep,"* Nathan said. The overhauling of the family's Jeep

wasn't Nathan's first idea for his wish. He had considered a family trip and even asking to be on the cover of Time Magazine. *"But this idea, me and my brothers came up with. We modeled it after my favorite superhero – Ironman's – armor."*

The Jeep got a fresh jet-black paint job – military style – with a new sound system and a police-issued push bar in the front. And it's decked out on top with fog lights. After the unveiling, Nathan, his mother and brothers paraded the new Jeep through Billings' downtown as part of the Burn the Point Classic Car Parade.

Brothers Bryan, John and Matthew from Big Sky Collision Center said that after meeting Nathan and learning his story, they were excited to be a part of making his wish come true. *"He has such a great spirit,"* said Matthew McDonnel, brother and part-owner of Big Sky Collision Center. *"It's humbling and an honor to be involved."* McDonnel said 20 of his employees were 100 percent on board and donated several hours of their time as well.



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Please go to www.montanahope.org for more information. Find stories on events, wishes granted and a calendar of upcoming events. Contact information is also available for all the coordinators. If you would like to help with an event or organize your own, please contact the coordinator in your area to get involved.

Please submit website & newsletter stories, letters, photos, ideas, information and updates to the editor: Montana Hope Project, C/O Kathy Sangray, 1375 18th Street, Havre, MT 59501, or email to ksangray@montanahope.org

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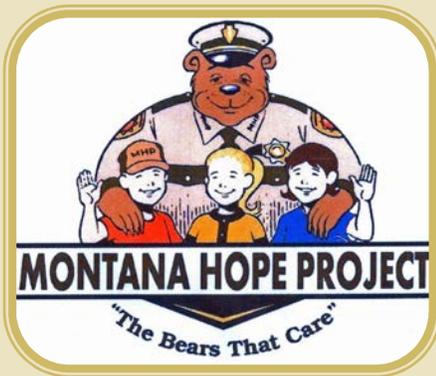
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Merry Christmas!

Our annual Christmas Winter Reunion at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort was our biggest yet, with over 60 families in attendance. Families were welcomed with cookie plates and gifts in their rooms.

The relaxing weekend was spent visiting with new and old friends; swimming and hitting the water slide; and enjoying a great meal and welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Many thanks to Amy Peterson and her staff at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort who went out of their way to help make this memorable weekend possible. Special thanks to Bitterroot Floral for decorations and to Jessica Russell and the School of Massage in Missoula for providing massages to Hope families and volunteers.