



How the SPIRIT Moves

The Butte SPIRIT Homes
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Left: Making the most of what we have is a valuable life lesson, sometimes learned on a plastic sled with 1" of snow!!

NOW OPEN: BUTTE SPIRIT WOMEN'S HOME

With Resident applications now coming in and staff hired, we are so close to the Grand Opening of the new Women's Home! We need some help getting off the ground, so we are fundraising again to help with costs for these women as they start to find stability and support in early addiction recovery. The funds raised will help cover initial food staples for the house until the women can self-sustain their own meals. Funds will also help to create our Resident Loan Program, which will help them with rent cost for the first month and everyday expenses until they can sustain costs themselves.

The Resident Loan Program is paid back, interest free, by our residents and will replenish in that way going forward. We know that this community knows how to show up and help a purpose driven cause like this. Thank you for your support always in helping people in need of recovery find it.

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Link: **Women's Home in the News!**

This home lays the groundwork for a future Women and Child Facility, with the additional cost now paving the way for a successful future expansion.

[Butte SPIRIT Home] provides a safe place that is comfortable, with enough structure to nurture a lifestyle of sobriety.
SPIRIT RESIDENT

WELCOMING NEW STAFF

We extend a warm welcome to all 5 of the new staff mentioned throughout this newsletter! Read their bios on this link: <https://buttespirit.org/about-us/staff/>

Butte SPIRIT Center is a 501c3 non-profit (EIN#: 83-3127164)

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOME?

In the past 3 months, the Butte SPIRIT Men's Home has welcomed a new Rehabilitation Aide, Jim Wommack, to the team. Now with reliable staff, including a relief position, the Men's Home is filling its purpose in its finest form yet.

The twice weekly therapeutic groups in the home have grown tremendously with outside partners providing recovery skills as well as financial management classes in the home. When they aren't learning within the home, Lisa is often taking our Residents out to learn to have fun in recovery, attending events and fun activities such as bowling!



Above: Assistant Residence Manager, Rane Daigle, poses with Men's Home Residents to wish YOU a Merry Christmas!

WOMEN'S HOME

Butte SPIRIT Women's Home attained a license in October and has since hired 4 staff to support operations. The qualified and passionate Ashley Mclean, CBHPSS, has stepped into the vital role of Residence Manager, supported by

3 Rehabilitation Aides, Sherry Cornelius, Tasha Gunnels & Topanga Surdevant.

The Women's Home has received \$150,000 in grant funds from the Montana Healthcare Foundation and the Montana Mental Health Trust to cover many of the staffing costs associated with scaling up the home's operations by slowly and deliberately offering beds to those women who are earnestly seeking recovery. Our first two residents are scheduled to move in in the first week of January.

MEMORIAL BRICKS: LAST CHANCE!

To date, we have raised \$31,261 in donations from individuals and businesses like you through our memorial brick program. There's still time to leave a legacy brick in the Women's Home walkway, engraved with the message or name of your choosing for an investment of \$500+. Funds raised go to the purchase costs of the Women's Home.

Donate through our Facebook Page @ButteSPIRIT OR

Through PayPal on our website at buttespirit.org OR

A check to "Butte SPIRIT Center" at 609 West Galena St. Butte, MT 59701

