

A close-up photograph of a young girl's face, looking up and slightly to the right. She is blowing on a large white pinwheel. The pinwheel has several blades and is mounted on a wooden stick. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

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this year
a historic
one.

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2010 Annual Report

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President's Message



The Montana History Foundation is working tirelessly to preserve and protect Montana's history.

This fiscal year we supported new projects like preservation work on the Frank Bird Linderman cabin in Southwest Montana, funding a sound system for the tour train in Virginia City, and granting funds for historic lighting on the Fort Benton Bridge. We also sponsored speakers at the History Day festivities in Billings, Original Governor's Mansion fundraising activities, and we lent our fundraising expertise to organizations large and small.

MHF continues to provide annual support to the Virginia City History Camp, music machine repair and maintenance in Virginia City, the Montana Historical Society's History Conference, and Advocacy Day support to the Museums Association of Montana.

In addition to our project funding priorities, we also took the time this fiscal year to think long and hard about our own future.

Along with another clean audit, including high praise from our independent auditor, we created long-term fund accounts to maintain our office headquarters at the Scriver Center in Helena

and the McFarland Curatorial Center in Virginia City. These accounts are rainy day funds that allow us to perform preventative maintenance to our properties...something we have learned from the historic properties we assist with... maintenance deferred translates to larger problems later.

We reorganized our office to meet best practices and better accommodate our goal of having more of a presence in Montana's communities. Establishing a new strategic plan in May 2010, we have ignited a passion for our new paradigm in funding historical projects in Montana. Working quietly with the Montana Preservation Alliance and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to establish a granting fund called the Preserve Montana Fund, we have already drawn the support of many donors and we have raised \$560,000 to date.

As our vision gains further focus and momentum, we will be sharing the exciting details with you, our donors. Here at MHF we are excited about all the possibilities that await us as we are out and about in Montana. With your support, we are up to the challenge!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Parker".

Bruce Parker, President

Mission

The Montana History Foundation is an independent, nonprofit corporation that provides development and advisory leadership for organizations dedicated to the preservation of Montana's history and culture.

Projects



Accomplishments

\$560,000 raised for **Preserve Montana Fund** ◊ Preservation funds for **Frank Bird Linderman Cabin** in Southwest Montana ◊ Established long-term maintenance accounts for **Scriver Center** in Helena, MT and **McFarland Curatorial Center** in Virginia City, MT ◊ **Fort Benton Historic Bridge** Lighting project ◊ **Virginia City Train** sound system ◊ **Virginia City Blacksmith Shop** forge components ◊ Sponsored funds raised for **Friends of #12 Steam train** in Nevada City, MT ◊ **Music Machine** restoration and maintenance in Nevada City, MT ◊ **History Day** speaker sponsorship in Billings, MT ◊ **Original Governor's Mansion** fundraising support in Helena, MT ◊

Fundraising expertise support to various organizations statewide

◊ Annual support of **Montana Historical Society's History Conference**, **Montana Heritage Commission's History Camp**, and **Advocacy Day** sponsor for **Museums Association of Montana** ◊ Office restructuring to meet best practices

Opportunities

Opportunities abound when it comes to preserving Montana's past. Our new **Preserve Montana Fund** allows donors the opportunity to make a difference locally, regionally and statewide. Grants help fund history projects under the broadest of definitions. If you are interested in the **Preserve Montana Fund** or hosting a presentation in your community, please contact us.



MHF Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2010 and 2009

ASSETS

	6.30.10	6.30.09
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 620,752	\$ 658,379
Receivables:		
Accounts Receivable	0	76
Promises to Give, Net	1,968	11,634
Other Receivables	29,000	29,000
Inventory	17,470	17,560
Prepaid Expense	1,521	1,521
Investment Securities	1,288,446	918,316
Fixed Assets, at Cost		
Curatorial Building and Improvements	1,168,036	1,168,036
Scrivener Center	1,224,018	1,224,018
Scrivener Land	157,000	157,000
Software	25,057	25,056
Equipment	24,657	23,206
	2,598,768	2,597,316
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<648,162>	<577,961>
	1,950,606	2,019,355
Other Assets		
Unamortized Loan Fee	0	800
Donated Assets	77,180	77,180
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance Policy	44,182	42,401
Interest in Charitable Remainder Trust	135,476	133,010
	256,838	253,391
Total	4,166,601	3,909,232

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accrued Payroll Taxes and Benefits	12,336	9,971
Planned Gift Liabilities	49,213	1,504
	61,549	11,475
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,614,499	1,592,935
Temporarily Restricted	692,927	689,048
Permanently Restricted	1,797,626	1,615,774
	4,105,052	3,897,757
Total	\$ 4,166,601	3,909,232

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A photograph of a young girl with long blonde hair, seen from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden grass. She is holding a small blue and white pinwheel on a stick. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. To the left, a traditional metal windmill stands on a tall tower. The word "Vision" is overlaid in a large, semi-transparent serif font on the left side of the image.

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