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## Putting the ‘Heart’ in Hartung: Former Priest is Bequest Believer

Micah Hartung knows a thing or two about services.

A recently retired pastor at the former Metropolitan Community Church in Great Falls, Hartung presided over church services in his adopted city for the better part of the last quarter century. An avid fan of *The Walking Dead*, a TV series about a post-apocalyptic world filled with zombies, Hartung also knows that nothing is promised to you – especially not tomorrow.

Perhaps this can explain why Hartung has taken the step in recent months to become not only a Legacy Society member at Planned Parenthood of Montana, but a proud supporter of this autumn’s Bequest Challenge.



Planned Parenthood of Montana’s Legacy Society celebrates gifts from donors that exceed the donor’s lifetime, leaving a legacy of support to empower thousands of women and men in Montana as they seek access to high-quality sexual and reproductive health care. Legacy gifts can include bequests, gifts of stock, real estate or planned giving vehicles. Talk to your tax specialist about what might work best for you and your family. Regardless of the way the gift is made, Legacy Society donors assure that their commitment to reproductive rights live on.

For Hartung, choosing to designate Planned Parenthood of Montana as a recipient of a portion of his estate was an easy one because PPMT and its staff were there for him when life was most difficult.

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Five years ago, while still a Reverend at the Metropolitan Community Church, Hartung decided to change genders. Gina Hartung arrived in Great Falls as a student minister in 1990. She was ordained in 1995 and quickly gained a devoted membership at MCC, which became known to LGBTQ folks for its compassion and leadership within the community.

Hartung, who became a Planned Parenthood patient at age 16, knew where her first stop on this “journey” would be. Like her former church, Planned Parenthood health centers have become leaders in providing health care services to transgender people across the United States. Unfortunately, insurance companies and sliding scales have been slow to catch on with this group of patients, thus making each doctor visit vary by hundreds of dollars. That’s why Hartung is dead-set on using his legacy gift to help other Montanans who are transitioning, especially those who are teenagers or in their 20s.

“Between buying the hormones and seeing the doctors it can be expensive,” Hartung says. “Young people think, ‘Oh I’ll just go right into surgery,’ but there’s a whole process in place before this that they need to go through.”

Medical professionals suggest hormone treatments for a minimum of two years, but five years is preferred. Doctors have to agree that the individual is emotionally stable and their blood work has to check out before even starting the gender reassignment surgeries.





It's that time again. The season we all dread...when our mailboxes overflow with oversized mailers, when a constant door knocking sends dogs into a frenzy, when dinner is interrupted by phone calls, when email inboxes are clogged with pleading asks for dollars, when social media is dominated by arguments between acquaintances and strangers. It's the last months before an election.

I hear from so many of you, faithful supporters of Planned Parenthood, about your disdain for politics. And I share many of those feelings. And yet, here I go anyway, pressing on with a note to you about elections. Because here's the thing: mail pieces, phone banks, door-to-door canvasses, they are what wins elections. As the CEO of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana, I know that when it comes to making sure we have access to family planning, reproductive health care, abortion service, and sexuality education across Montana, elections matter. In Montana, your vote matters.

That's why, once again, pink t-shirts, pink postcards, and pink door hangers are cropping up across our state. This year we have formed Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana PAC to work in support of champions for women's health in critical statewide and legislative races. When our staff and volunteers talk to voters, it makes an impact beyond even what the candidates themselves can achieve. We are a trusted messenger to a portion of the electorate critical to maintaining access in Montana: younger women. Members of this group are less likely to vote, but when they show up at the polls (or drop a ballot in the mail), they vote in favor of candidates who support women's health. And it is Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana PAC that can convince them to use their power.

In 2012 it was the work of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana that clinched the governor's race and Senator Jon Tester's re-election. We have to repeat that success this fall. Montanans deserve a governor who will use his veto pen to protect women's health, we deserve a Supreme Court that will uphold our right to privacy, and we deserve a Legislature that respects the rights of all Montanans to get the care we need, when we need it, and from a provider we choose. We can't make that a reality without your support.

You can add your power to our movement by making a gift to Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana PAC, by volunteering for phone banks and canvasses, by becoming an informed voter (visit [www.ppamt.org](http://www.ppamt.org) for our online list of endorsed candidates), and by educating your friends and family on the importance of voting.

And remember, in just a handful of weeks your mailboxes (both physical and electronic) will once again be your own.

Onward!

Martha Stahl  
PPMT President and CEO

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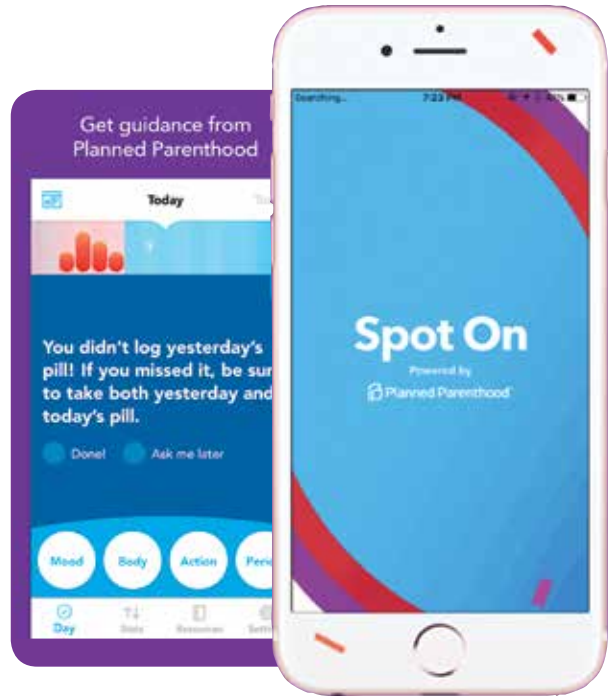


## Planned Parenthood’s New Period Tracking App is Spot On

Planned Parenthood and its affiliates across the country got some good news this summer when its newly launched period tracking mobile app, Spot On, was featured as one of the “New Apps We Love” in Apple’s App Store. Spot On, unveiled to iPhone users in March and Android patrons in late June, was designed to help young people — although it serves older users as well — keep track of and predict their menstrual cycles. This free app also helps manage a person’s birth control and gives tips on sexual health.

Planned Parenthood is proud to bring its resources to a new platform and hopefully continue to reach young people where they are — on their phones! With more than 1.5 million apps to choose from in the App Store, securing a place among their coveted apps for a short period of time was a complement to the work that Planned Parenthood is committed to doing.

If you know a Montana teen or a mobile phone user of any age who might benefit from downloading this app, please share this story with them. Check out PPFA online for more information about [Spot On](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/spotontracker) at [www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/spotontracker](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/spotontracker).



## Planned Parenthood of Montana Health Centers

### Billings West

(406) 656.9980  
1844 Broadwater #4

Monday . . . . . 8 am – 6 pm  
Tuesday . . . . . Closed  
Wednesday . . . . . Closed  
Thursday . . . . . 8 am – 6 pm  
Friday . . . . . 8 am – 6 pm

### Billings Heights

(406) 869.5040  
100 W. Wicks Lane

Monday . . . . . Closed  
Tuesday . . . . . 8 am – 6 pm  
Wednesday . . . . . 8 am – 6 pm  
Thursday . . . . . Closed  
Friday . . . . . Closed

### Great Falls

(406) 454.3431  
211 9th Street South

Monday . . . . . 8 am – 5:30 pm  
Tuesday . . . . . 8 am – 12 pm  
Wednesday . . . . . 8 am – 5:30 pm  
Thursday . . . . . Closed  
Friday . . . . . 8 am – 5:30 pm

### Helena

(406) 443.7676  
1500 Cannon Street

Monday . . . . . 8 am – 5:30 pm  
Tuesday . . . . . Closed  
Wednesday . . . . . 11 am – 7 pm  
Thursday . . . . . Closed  
Friday . . . . . 8 am – 5:30 pm

### Missoula

(406) 728.5490  
219 E. Main Street

Monday . . . . . 9 am – 6 pm  
Tuesday . . . . . 9 am – 6 pm  
Wednesday . . . . . Closed  
Thursday . . . . . 9 am – 6 pm  
Friday . . . . . 9 am – 6 pm

Saturday (First and third Saturday of every month) . . . . . 9 am – 12 pm

### Billings Administration

Monday – Friday only  
(406) 248.3636





## Neyhart, Scofield win Scholarships

Because it's back-to-school time, Planned Parenthood of Montana is proud to announce its 2016 Teen Council Scholarship award winners. **Alexandria Neyhart** of Billings and **Madison Scofield** of Great Falls received their scholarships at the year-end banquet for their respective Teen Councils last June.

Teen Council members who complete their senior year of high school are invited to apply for the scholarships. Awards are based on their years of service to the Planned Parenthood peer-led education program. Students who do Teen Council for one year are eligible for \$500, two-year members are eligible for \$750, and a three-year stint in the program is worth \$1,000.



Neyhart, who graduated from Billings Senior, is attending Roosevelt University and its College of Performing Arts in Chicago. She is studying musical theater and has a tremendous singing voice. Neyhart was part of the Billings Teen Council team that recorded 591 hours of service to PPMT during the 2015–16 school year.



Scofield, who graduated from Great Falls High, will attend Great Falls College – MSU this fall. She plans on entering the health care field when she is done with college. Scofield is staying involved with Planned Parenthood of Montana as a temporary Affordable Care Act (ACA) navigator. She put in more than 100 hours individually during the last school year.

Planned Parenthood of Montana and the Teen Council program are lucky to have dedicated participants like Alli and Maddie. We wish them well in their collegiate pursuits. If you know someone in the Missoula, Great Falls or Billings area who might make a good Teen Council member and would like more information on the program, please contact [joli.mathis@ppmontana.org](mailto:joli.mathis@ppmontana.org). ■

*“I’m excited to bring my experience and passion for protecting and expanding access to reproductive health care to planned parenthood of montana” — Laura Terrill*

## Meet Laura Terrill

Planned Parenthood of Montana is pleased to announce the newest member of our organizational family. **Laura Terrill** accepted the position of Vice President of External Affairs for both PPMT and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana. Her first day was September 6.



Terrill’s focus will be governmental relations, with lobbying being a key component of that during legislative years, as well as a senior leadership role within the Education and Development departments. Terrill will have a very busy fall as she orients herself with the campaigns of Montana’s statewide races and legislative contests. “I look forward to working with our supporters and advocates to serve our communities,” Terrill said.

Terrill comes to Montana from Oregon. She most recently served as Chief of Staff to Oregon’s Secretary of State where she helped implement the nation’s first automatic voter registration program. Prior to that Terrill was the Executive Director at Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, the statewide policy and political arm. She also has an extensive background in campaign work and politics, helping run Suzanne Bonamici’s successful bid for Congress in 2012.

Terrill and her husband, James, recently invaded their oldest daughter’s collegiate home of Bozeman. The couple also has a daughter attending college in Colorado and a son at Bozeman High School. On the weekends they enjoy spending time at their family ranch in Gallatin Gateway, which has been in the family since 1955. ■





## Hartung continued



Transitioning to better health care.

“Only 5 percent of this is the gender reassignment surgery,” says Hartung, who began transitioning at age 53 and is now 60, “the other 95 percent is living as a gender that you’ve never lived as previously.”

So, when Hartung had the chance to potentially make some other transgender person’s life a little bit easier, he jumped at the opportunity.

“I really just want people to get a healthy start, with a knowledgeable doctor, an FDA-approved testosterone or estrogen for treatment, and somebody who will follow that through,” Hartung says. *Someone like Planned Parenthood.*

Hartung never expected to be in this position. His mother died two years ago this October and then his wife died 28 days after that. Suddenly Hartung was forced to deal with all sorts of inheritance questions, while undergoing and recovering from several lengthy and painful surgeries.

“It’s where I send everybody,” ... “so many kids and families come to me and ask me about becoming transgender; I help them out on the process. (Planned Parenthood of Montana) is so inclusive — always have been. That’s where I would want people to go so they feel safe and respected.” — Micah Hartung

“I had to fill out all of this paperwork... in case of my death,” Hartung says. “That’s when I decided that if I can leave some money to Planned Parenthood to help transgender people with whatever they need... that would be a great legacy for me.”

But Hartung didn’t stop there. Enter the Bequest Challenge, which began at affiliates across the country around the same time Hartung was meeting with his financial advisers last spring.

Hartung hopes to gently push for issues he believes are important to hundreds of Montanans.

“I want to continue to break down those barriers ‘til the day I die,” Hartung says, “and even after my services.” ▣

## What is the Bequest Challenge?

The Challenge is a special offer being made by Planned Parenthood Federation of America and three major donors—Cecilia and Garrett Boone and Richard Rosenthal — who underwrote the challenge in the hopes of getting more people thinking about planned giving. The first step is putting PPFA or a local affiliate into your will, estate plan or trust; second is letting Planned Parenthood folks know; and third involves reporting the expected amount of your bequest. The challenge will award the affiliate 10 percent of that amount. If legacy givers do not want to disclose their gift amount, PPFA will still award the participating affiliate \$1,000.

Some supporters in Montana will soon receive an update from the national office about the **Bequest Challenge**, which coincides with Planned Parenthood’s Centennial. For more information on PPMT’s Legacy Society or the Bequest Challenge, please email [Christina.Roberts@ppmontana.org](mailto:Christina.Roberts@ppmontana.org)

A sample of what the letter might look like, and which explains the Bequest Challenge is outlined below:

Our records indicate that you have included Planned Parenthood of Montana in your estate plans, and we thank you! This is a great opportunity to confirm your plans to make a planned gift to Planned Parenthood of Montana, or if our records are wrong, to consider making such a gift. For every bequest plan made or confirmed during the Challenge, Planned Parenthood of Montana will receive a donation from the generous group of Planned Parenthood donors who are funding this challenge.

Funding received from your bequest and the challenge grant will stay in Montana to help us better serve our community. We hope you will consider supporting our mission through your estate plan. Bequests are critically important to our work to provide birth control, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, abortion services, and much more to thousands of Montanans every year.



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## to be Updated Upcoming Events

This fall PPMT CEO Martha Stahl will be on the road to towns across the state to talk about the upcoming elections and to share information on candidates and our endorsements. Please see below for more information:

**Sept. 25** • *Old World Wine Tasting* event in Missoula. PPAMT Board chair Tess Carlson will share her knowledge of wine.

**Sept. 27–29** • The *Martha on Tour* series holds evening house parties in Corvallis and Butte to open the week, followed by a PAC breakfast meeting at the Baxter Hotel in Bozeman on Thursday.

**Oct. 12** • *Kettlehouse Community UNite* at the Kettlehouse Brewery, located at 313 N 1st St. W., in Missoula. Invite your friends to enjoy a pint for PPMT from 5-8 p.m. There will be condom art crafting and lots of sexual health information available.

**Oct. 16–28** • Planned Parenthood Federation of America and PPMT is excited to begin its *Centennial Celebration* with events across the state. In Missoula the celebration kicks off with a six-person panel on the importance of PP in their lives. Start is at XXX p.m. at the Crystal Theater. In Great Falls the Progressive Clergy will hold its own event in recognition of the Centennial on Oct. 28. The Clergy plans to debut a film it helped produced starting at 7 p.m.

TBD – PPMT supporters will begin to see

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