2018 Impact

NeighborWorks Great Falls creates strong neighborhoods and successful homeowners by developing and promoting quality affordable housing. See our impact during our fiscal 2018 year, October 2017 through September 2018.

352+

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Homebuyer
Education
Graduates
and Financial
Counseling Clients



52 Homebuyers Assisted with Down Payment



29

Matched Savings Participants began Establishing Savings

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75

Foreclosure and Reverse Mortgage Clients Counseled



\$75,000+

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of Community Grants Invested into Downtown Great Falls for Safety, Revitalization and

19 Home Rehab Loans to improve Neighborhoods



15 Tons of trash collected

during Annual Clean Up



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11,623 Volunteer Hours Utilized **\$443,586** raised for

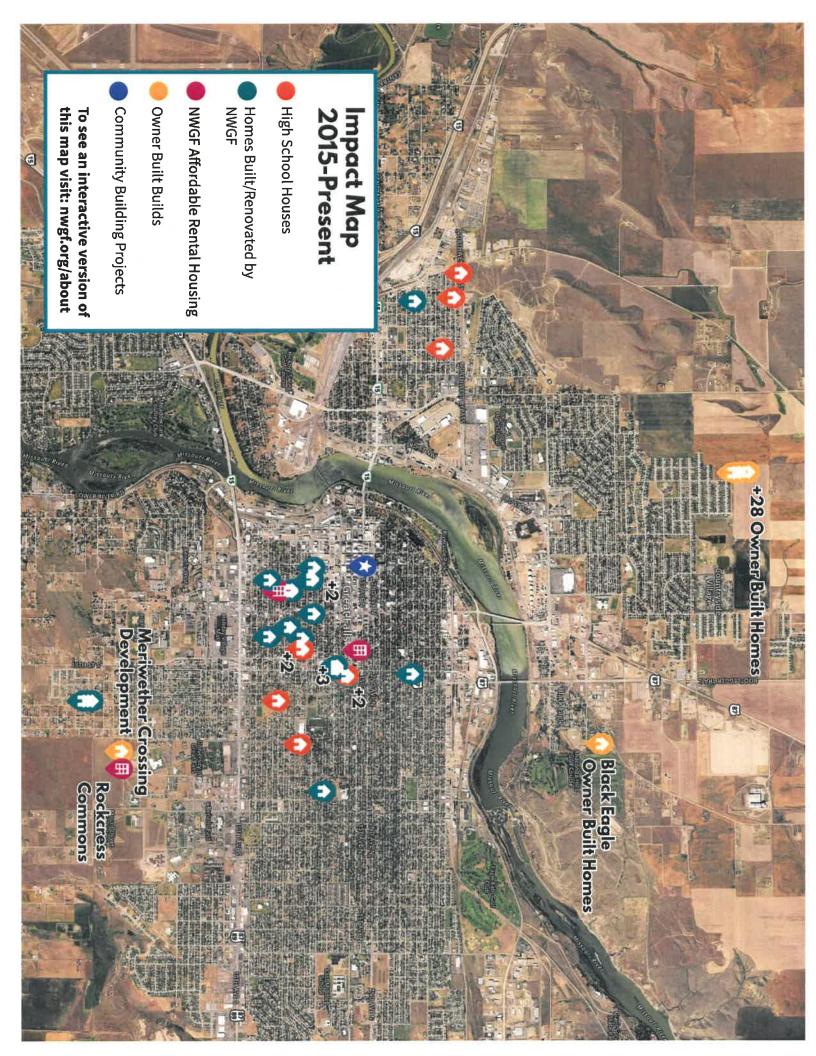
Endowment and Annual Drive

Annual Fund Drive Goal: \$147,500

Total Endowment Goal: \$2.5 Million

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MACLEAN-CITY PARTNERSHIP—A HORRIBLE DEAL Jeni Dodd, May 21, 2019

- 1. The mayor stated at previous meetings that the relationship between Commissioners Moe and Robinson and the Maclean was "exploratory at best." However, in emails I requested through FOIA, I've found that is far from true. In fact, Moe has already authored the proposal for partnership, the so-called Mission Document, between the city and the Maclean.
- 2. That proposal makes the city responsible for insurance, maintenance, personnel and legal services for BOTH organizations. Seems quite disingenuous for Moe to propose that the city take on additional FTEs with a partnership, while she claimed to be concerned that additional FTEs would result from the cattery addition.
- 3. City funds ALL SERVICES (medical, food, retrieval of strays/neglected animals).
- 4. Maclean continues to raise funds, but doesn't have help the city with ANY of its costs. The funds Maclean raises are reserved for Macleans educational programs.
- 5. The city pays for insurance benefits for the ANIMAL FOUNDATION DIRECTOR.
- 6. The Animal Foundation retains ownership of the Maclean, yet city bears all the costs.
- 7. The emails mention a lease agreement which is not part of the proposal. This separate lease agreement would likely cost the city even more in lease fees to the Animal Foundation.
- 8. According to Maclean's 2017 tax return they hemorrhages money. Animal adoption cost them more than a half million dollar and generated only \$76,000 in revenue. This money-losing venture is not something the city should take on, particularly since the partnership would allow Maclean to keep any money it raises.

9. When asked at the last commission meetings with Animals First/Maclean resulted in the decision to postpone the cattery, Mayor Kelly said no. However, I have an email dated March 27 from John Huber to Moe, Robinson and a Maclean board member that states: "Owen called and talked to me about meeting this coming Monday April 1st at 9 am at the Stables. He indicated there is a vote that could affect what we are doing at the Tuesday meeting."

The email refers to the city commission meeting where Robinson and Moe voted to postpone the cattery decision until September. So obviously, meetings with the Maclean were instrumental in postponing the cattery.

- 10. In an April 7 email, Robinson emailed Moe comment on the Animal Shelter's FB page being inappropriate and indicate that he contacted the city manager and the mayor about it. I have the posting and it merely tell folks where they can go to comment, for or against, the commission's April 2 decision. There's nothing inappropriate about it. What's inappropriate is Robinson using his commissioner position to further his agenda for the city to take over the Maclean, an agenda he has championed for years, both as past president of the Animal Foundation and as a former board member.
- 11. City Director and Commissioner would sit ex-officio (non-voting) on Foundation Board. Where's the public input on this proposed board? Looks like taxation without representation.

This is just a way to rescue the floundering Maclean Center at taxpayer expense. The city commissioners has been far from transparent about this and have shown they are not working in the best interests of the taxpayers.