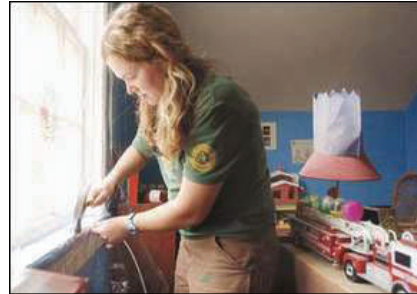


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MCC Softens Harsh Montana Winters for Low-Income Families

While many Montanans anticipate snowstorms that dump powder onto the ski slopes, the winter is not as warmly welcomed by families who struggle to pay higher heating bills. Residents are [warned to be cautious](#) of the chilling cold, but not everyone can tick the thermostat up a few degrees. MCC and [Human Resource Development Councils](#) spent the last three weeks weatherizing 1,500 homes for families that feel the pinch; by conserving energy, their heating bills won't skyrocket, and they will stay safe and warm this season.



Robert Young to Deliver Key Note Address at MCC Graduation



Robert Young, founder of [Red Feather Development Group](#), will speak at MCC's crew leader graduation Nov. 16. Red Feather educates and empowers American Indian nations to create sustainable solutions to the [severe housing crisis](#) within reservation communities. While focusing public attention on the intergenerational poverty and acute community development problems that plague American Indian [reservations](#), Red Feather teaches affordable, replicable and sustainable approaches to home construction.

180 MCC Participants Graduate in November



About 45 MCC [crew leaders](#) are pictured above at a spring Leadership Skills Training. These same young people will leave the MCC on Nov. 16 equipped with skills and values to make a difference in their communities and environment. Their [crew members](#), 135 dedicated national service members, graduate this week, wrapping up another successful season. We are anxious to hear what exciting adventures they will challenge themselves with next. We are so proud of them!

Member Spotlight: Nate Henry

Here's to Great Falls, MT, native Nate Henry. He volunteered on MCC summer youth crews for three years, and this year joined an MCC AmeriCorps crew. In four years, he has given 1,500 hours of service to his community and environment. Hats off to our most tenured member in history!



NFF Project Support: \$52,000 in Grants

Many thanks are owed to the [National Forest Foundation](#) for getting MCC members into the 192-million acre National Forest System, including Montana's premier Wilderness Areas.

Project Spotlight: Foy's to Blacktail

[The Foy's to Blacktail Trail Project](#) is moving along quickly. Check out a [summary](#) of this community trails project, a glimpse of the various contributing [entities](#), and [maps](#) of the planned trail.