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**Local nonprofits invited to apply for Halt Cancer at X
community grants**

Breast cancer fundraising organization gives back to local cancer support groups

KALISPELL, Mont. (Sept.6, 2018) – Halt Cancer at X is on a mission to stomp out breast cancer. Each year, the nonprofit contributes funds to national research initiatives and local cancer support services to help battle breast cancer in the Flathead Valley. In 2017, Halt Cancer at X distributed \$51,000 in community grants to nonprofits in northwest Montana aimed at increasing awareness, reducing risk or improving the lifestyle of those affected by breast cancer.

Halt Cancer at X is inviting nonprofits in and around the Flathead Valley to apply for the 2018 Halt Cancer at X Community Grants. Interested parties will have until Oct. 1 to submit their materials and winners will be announced during an evening celebration in late October in conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“The money is raised from three sources: the eventing community, Montana Equestrian Events, and the biggest portion of the money is raised from our community,” said chairperson Dr. Melissa Hulvat, of the parking donations and contributions gathered at the annual equestrian competition, The Event.

“The money comes from our community and we want to make sure that the money has an impact here that people can see and feel,” she added.

Last year’s local recipients included: Cancer Support Community of Kalispell, now known as Kalispell Regional Healthcare Cancer Support and Survivorship, Flathead Cancer Aid Services, Save a Sister and Casting for Recovery.

Famed local equestrian, Sarah Broussard, founded Halt Cancer at X in memory of her late mother, Rebecca Broussard, who passed away from breast cancer in 2010. Since Halt Cancer’s inception, the organization has contributed over \$500,000 to local cancer support groups and national cancer research efforts. The organization gets its name from the dressage portion of eventing, where riders are asked to halt their horses at an X marked in the arena.

Halt Cancer at X Community Grant requests should range between \$250 and \$25,000 and benefit residents in and around the Flathead Valley. Proposals objectives should either assist with breast cancer screenings, address unmet needs for those receiving treatment or and help survivors and families along their journey

to healing. Applications and more information about Halt Cancer at X can be found at www.rebeccafarm.org/halt-cancer/.