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SUPPORT OF THE FLATHEAD COMMUNITY TOUCHES THE LIVES OF LOCAL CANCER SURVIVORS
Halt Cancer at X awards four Montana cancer support organizations \$50,000 at annual celebration

KALISPELL, Mont. (Sept. 20, 2019) – Halt Cancer at X, a fundraising initiative of Montana Equestrian Events, has awarded \$50,000 in grants to four local cancer support organizations: Casting for Recovery, Cancer Support Community Montana, Flathead Cancer Aid Services, and Kalispell Regional Healthcare Mobile Mammography. A grant celebration was held on October 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rebecca Chaney Broussard Center for Nursing & Health Science at Flathead Valley Community College. Halt Cancer at X has given more than half a million dollars to local and national organizations since its inception.

"This little teeny idea has turned into something amazing," says Sarah Broussard, founder of Halt Cancer at X. "We grant so much money each year, and it's simply because of the community here that we are able to do that. I'm so grateful to all of the groups that are involved in the Flathead Valley and beyond that help people with breast cancer in so many different ways."

Casting for Recovery received \$3,000 for a fly-fishing retreat that is offered to participants at no cost. The retreat offers opportunity for women with breast cancer to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

Cancer Support Community Montana received \$5,000 for the annual Mending in the Mountains Retreat, held in Big Sky, Montana. The weekend retreat is a time of healing, relaxation, friendship, education, and laughter for those that have experienced cancer.

Niam Moody shared her experience at Mending in the Mountains Retreat, where she and the women she spent the weekend with came up with the word "Friendsandfamily.com" to symbolize the lifelong connections that were made there.

Flathead Cancer Aid Services received \$17,000. The organization helps any family, with any cancer diagnosis, as best they can. Flathead Cancer Aid Services assists with costs that are rarely covered by medical insurance: gas, transportation, housing, food, supplements and day care. A video featuring the organization was showcased at the grant celebration.

Kalispell Regional Healthcare received \$25,000 to fund their new Mobile Mammography coach. The coach reaches women who are unable to travel to an on-site imaging center. The mobile unit and hardworking technologists are making it easier for those in rural communities to have the lifesaving opportunity of early detection.

Elise Cormier, a technologist on the coach, spoke about what an honor it is to serve those who would not normally have the opportunity to be screened, and to be there for them during bad times and good.

Halt Cancer at X is grateful to the Flathead community for all of their support during the 2019 Event at Rebecca Farm, and for the groups and community members that attended the celebration to show their support.

ABOUT HALT CANCER AT X

Halt Cancer at X is a fundraising initiative of the non-profit organization, Montana Equestrian Events, established in memory of The Event at Rebecca Farm founder Rebecca Broussard. The primary focus of Halt Cancer at X is finding a cure for breast cancer. Each year, with funding raised through local donations, eventing supporters, and additional funding from Montana Equestrian Events, Halt Cancer at X provides grants to national organizations that conduct breast cancer research or local offer cancer support services to residents of the Flathead Valley. Halt Cancer at X has granted more than a half million dollars in grants to non-profit organizations since its inception in 2012. For more information, visit www.rebeccafarm.org/halt-cancer/.

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