



Greetings Yellowstone Region Nonprofits and Philanthropists,

The "**Give Local Yellowstone Valley Region**" 24 hour crowd-funding event will be hosted by the Billings Community Foundation on **May 3, 2016**. This event is part of the national "Give Local America" project sponsored by [Kimbria](#) which has raised millions for nonprofits across the country and over \$300,000 in Montana last year. BCF is currently receiving registrations from nonprofit groups in the Yellowstone region counties we serve and is seeking Event and Prize Sponsorships from regional businesses and individuals. For Sponsor sign up, the deadline is March 31st, and April 6th is the deadline for Nonprofit sign-up. Please go to the following web page for more information: [Give Local Yellowstone Valley Region](#)

Next Wednesday, March 23rd, there is a "Brown Bag" Q&A gathering at noon in the Royal Johnson Community Room at the Billings Public Library. Also on March 23rd, BCF is hosting a panel discussion on "Using Social Media" for representatives of groups who wish to participate in the "Give Local" event. The panel discussion will begin at **4pm at the Billings Petroleum Club** located on the 22nd Floor of the downtown Crowne Plaza Hotel. If you plan to attend, please send an email by Monday, March 21st to the following address: billingscommunityfoundation@gmail.com

The plan for our May 3rd Give Local Day Celebration is to center early morning activity at "**Rock Creek Coffee Roasters**" in Downtown Billings, moving to "**Thirsty Street Brewing**" in the afternoon and finishing the evening at "**Hooligans**" across the street. Groups at these locations will be tracking "Donation Totals" online as well as providing access to online giving. Activity will include; **radio broadcasts, Facebook videos and "shout-outs"** with different groups at various locations. During the day, as Sponsor Prize Winners are announced, **Business and Individual Sponsors** will be given thanks through social media "shout outs" and Facebook posts.

In the weeks ahead, BCF will be providing resources and information through our "Give Local Yellowstone Valley Region" web pages, our [Give Local Bulletin Board](#) page and on the [BCF Facebook](#) page. Depending upon the number of participating nonprofits, we plan to provide more opportunities to develop social media skills and plan strategies for "Give Local Day" on May 3rd. The more nonprofits that we have participating, the larger the audience we will have learning about the great work of nonprofits in our region. **The signup deadline of March 31st for Sponsors, and April 6th for participating nonprofits, are approaching fast and we encourage you to sign up ASAP!**

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