



# Big Hearts under the Big Sky

*Making a Difference, One Family at a Time.*

*“The Mission of Big Hearts under the Big Sky is to provide high quality outdoor adventures with MOGA Member Outfitters, at NO COST to families of those who have provided extraordinary service to our country and children who face the challenge of a life-threatening illness.”*

- ❖ We are Montana’s **PREMIERE** charity serving **MILITARY** service men and women and **CHILDREN** who face a life-threatening illness.
- ❖ Since 2008, Big Hearts under the Big Sky program has served 98 families/groups totaling 500 people, involving 56 MOGA Outfitter businesses and accounting for over \$1.15 Million in donated Montana Outdoor adventures and in-kind goods.
- ❖ Benefits of the Big Hearts program extend far beyond the hunt or catch; spirits are healed, capabilities and confidence expand, a sense of purpose is rediscovered, and families are restored.
- ❖ We are a Montana-based charity serving a national audience and providing Best-of-Class Service.

## Core Values

Loyalty • Integrity • Enthusiasm • Thoughtfulness • Decisiveness • Quality •  
Compassionate • Family • Spirituality

## Comments and Expressions from Trip Recipients

*“Our family is beyond blessed for the amazing trip Big Hearts provided us. For one week, our family was full of smiles as we forgot about the rollercoaster life of the cancer world. This trip recharged us and made us realize we CAN keep going. We gained a relationship that will last a lifetime with the Big Hearts Family!”*

*One little girl served commented, “I have been sick for 4 years. While on this hunting adventure, I haven’t felt sick for the entire 4 days.”*

*“Thank you MOGA for all that you do! You made this adventure a light at the end of the tunnel after a very rough year! Keep on, keepin’ on!”*

*“I know when I get home, I will be asked how did your trip go? I don’t know how to answer, sure I got an elk, but the trip was so very much more.”*

# Join us in *Making a Difference, ONE Family at a Time!*

## How You Can Help

When Big Hearts under the Big Sky was originally conceived, we naively thought we would be the center of a wheel radiating good will. We very quickly understood that the families served by the Big Hearts program are the center of the wheel and each spoke is an opportunity for others to give in support of the mission. We had inadvertently created a community-based opportunity to give back, that as Outfitters, we are only a small part of that equation. We invite you to join in support of the Big Hearts program. Below are some suggestions as to how you might like to be involved.

### SUPPORT BIG HEARTS UNDER THE BIG SKY

There are several ways to support the “Big Hearts under the Big Sky” program. All donations are tax-deductible, and the proceeds will be placed in the Association’s 501 (c) (3) Educational Institute (EIN # 84-1424925). The fundraising campaign relies on sponsorships, cash donations, auction item donations, and contributions to an Endowment; the goal is to create long term, sustainable relationships with our partner organizations. Donations may be conveniently made online by visiting <http://www.bigheartsmt.org/contribute.php>

#### Sponsorships

A contribution of \$2,500 will ensure an outfitted hunting, fishing or outdoor adventure trip is available for any qualified person under the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program. Sponsors will be noticed in the annual MOGA publication, will be tastefully listed on [www.bigheartsmt.org](http://www.bigheartsmt.org), and will receive recognition at the annual Big Hearts Benefit Auction held in Helena, MT on **January 18, 2025**.

#### Cash Donations

A cash donation of any amount will be helpful in attaining the mission of ensuring high quality outfitted trips to qualified persons under the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program. All donors will be tastefully listed on the Big Hearts website [www.bigheartsmt.org](http://www.bigheartsmt.org)

#### Endowment Contributions

The long-term goal of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association is to develop a financial foundation that will sustain the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program in perpetuity. Tax deductible donations to the Big Hearts under the Big Sky Endowment Fund will ensure the long-term viability of this important program. Donors who wish to be noticed will be listed in the annual publications and will be tastefully listed on the Big Hearts website. A contribution to the Endowment Fund is a way to ensure your charitable gift can support the program in perpetuity.

#### Gifts in Honor of Memory

Donations in the name of someone you wish to honor or in memory of someone is an expression of love and respect that will last in perpetuity. Gifts in honor or in memory to the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program are deposited in the programs Endowment Fund. These contributions are listed in the annual publications and will be tastefully listed on the Big Hearts website. We place a write up and selected photographs on the Big Hearts website as a way to honor and recognize the special person who is the subject of the memorial.

#### Donations for Sale or Auction

Montana Outfitters and Guides Association host an annual fundraiser for the purpose of generating revenue for operations and to sustain the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program. Contributions of material items that can be auctioned, raffled, or sold at the fundraiser are welcome. Donors will receive notice in the Convention Event program.

#### Banquet Sponsor Table Purchase

The purchase of a Banquet Sponsor Table at the annual Banquet and Fundraiser is a great way for businesses to show support for the Big Hearts program and to allow key employees and business acquaintances to enjoy a memorable evening of fellowship and celebration. Those interested in purchasing a Sponsor Table for the Big Hearts Banquet may contact the MOGA office at (406) 449-3578 or email us at [mogaoffice@mt.net](mailto:mogaoffice@mt.net).