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MSU STUDENTS RECEIVE GRANTS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

MISSOULA --

Students at Montana State University—Bozeman have received three grants from the Montana Campus Compact for service projects involving children, senior citizens and pets who need sponsors or good homes.

Students in the "Child Advancement Project" will use \$900 from the compact to work with local elementary schoolchildren who need individual attention. The students -- from education, engineering, child development, business, biology and family science -- will learn more about schools, children in various life situations and community service.

The compact awarded \$1,076 to "Befrienders," an intergenerational program sponsored through the Bozeman Senior Center and MSU that partners elderly people in the community, many of them housebound, with students majoring in health and human development. The program provides companionship for senior citizens while giving students opportunities to use classroom knowledge and provide a community service.

Four MSU students working with the Humane Society of Gallatin Valley are using \$853 from the compact to learn small-group communication while helping the society with a membership drive and a campaign to garner monthly pledges from community members willing to adopt a pet housed by the society. The students also attend society board meetings to observe small-group interaction.

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The Montana Campus Compact is a coalition of 15 colleges and universities in the state working together to incorporate community service into students' lives. Headquartered at The University of Montana—Missoula, the compact awards small grants for service projects each spring and fall.

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