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# <u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

**CORRECTION**: A previous version of this release has an incorrect telephone number. Please use this corrected version.

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## AREA SERVICE PROJECTS PLANNED FOR MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

### MISSOULA-

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will sponsor "Raise Spirits

and Help Fright Poverty" as part of the 18th annual Make A Difference Day on Saturday, Oct.

25.

Each year, millions of people across the nation participate in the largest national day of

helping others. Students and community members who would like to volunteer for the

following local service projects should sign up at the OCE office in Room 015 of the Davidson

Honors College, call 243-5531 or e-mail rohanna.erin@mso.umt.edu.

- 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: Prepare and serve "Spooky Meal" at the Poverello Center and decorate the center to create a festive and enjoyable atmosphere. The Poverello Center, located at 535 Ryman St. in Missoula, is Montana's largest emergency homeless shelter and soup kitchen, serving hot meals 365 days a year.
- 1:15- 5 p.m.: Help children who reside at the Joseph Residence transitional housing facility make homemade Halloween costumes. The center currently houses 16 families.
- 1:15- 5 p.m.: Participate in a "Raise Spirits Supply Drive" to collect personal hygiene supplies, such as toilet paper, socks and shampoo, to donate to the Poverello Center.

OCE, a department of UM's Davidson Honors College, serves as the University's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility. More information is online at http://www.umt.edu/oce.

Information about Make A Difference Day, founded by USA Weekend magazine, is online at <u>http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday</u>.

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