



HELP SUPPORT OUR OPENING DOORS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN FUND



During the 2003–2004 school year, the Museum saw a sharp decrease in school group visitation, from approximately 11,000 students a year to fewer than 6,000 schoolchildren attending. While the financial loss of admission fees to the Museum was substantial, the educational and cultural loss to the children of Montana was far greater. We know that introducing kids to dinosaurs, science, and history early in their life can teach them to think about and explore new ideas. A trip to the Museum of the Rockies can inspire a child toward his or her career path and lifelong goals.

In 2005, former Museum Board Member Denys Slater and his wife Jane led the effort to establish this fund through the generosity of Museum ball-goers to help make the Museum free to all schoolchildren in Montana by covering all admission fees and assisting with transportation costs to and from the Museum as part of an organized field trip. As a result of the generosity of donors like you, we have been able to open our doors to all schoolchildren in Montana. During the 2008/2009 academic year, approximately 1 out of every 24 Montana schoolchildren grades Pre-K–12 visited the Museum of the Rockies. We ask you to continue this legacy by ensuring the Museum remains accessible to every to Montana public, private, tribal, and home schoolchildren—and continues to inspire children to explore, wonder, question, and learn. Since the inception of the private fund to support this program in 2005, the Museum Ball has raised \$195,475 and as a result welcomed 37,366 school children to the museum.



Giving opportunities will be available in the Dutch and silent auctions.

HELP SPONSOR MONTANA'S SCHOOLCHILDREN:

\$5	1 child
\$50	10 children
\$100	20 children
\$1,000	200 children
\$2,500	500 children
\$5,000	1,000 children
\$7,500	1,500 children
\$10,000	2,000 children