

Ann Geiger – Co-Founder – Executive Director



Macey Antikainen – Farmstead Administrator



In the late 1900s, I began to take courses in the medical field. At the time, I was mainly doing these as a way to get some college credits and avoid taking classes that I did not want to take. Little did I know that these would instill within me the desire to follow a field that eventually would lead me to the field of TBI. As a high school student I completed my CNA . As a young woman I knew that I had no desire to work in a nursing home, and instead found myself more often than not; in group home or home health care settings. Healthcare became a passion and a way to avoid the family ranch

I began full-time at Liberty Place in 2013. I fell in love with the mission statement! Freedom to try and the courage to soar. We all need the freedom to do things we may not think we can. We all could use a team behind us, pushing us, and giving us the courage to do things we don't think we can; or have been told we cannot do.

I have learned and continue to learn things that inspire me, move me, and push me. I love that every day, I can come to work and be a part of a person's game plan. It's important for survivors to have hope.

Ryan Popalis – Townhouse Administrator

Aimee Henry – Bootstrap Ranch Administrator



Aimee Henry has been working in healthcare for over fifteen years. She started as a certified nursing assistant when she was seventeen years old and has been working her way up through leadership roles for the last few years. Aimee was one of the first team members hired at our Bootstrap facility, starting as a life skills trainer she quickly moved into the lead position, and was promoted to Administrator a short time later. Aimee has fallen in love with assisting survivors of brain injuries with living to their fullest potential and plans to continue with Liberty Place for many years.

Jennifer Mitchell, BSRN – Whitehall



Jennifer Mitchell is a Registered Nurse with over 30 years of acute care experience. She has worked for Liberty Place, Inc. for ten years. "My husband and I moved to Whitehall in 2010. I noticed Liberty Place, Inc. as I drove to and from work at the hospital in Butte and eventually looked them up on the internet. My neighbor was the first to talk to me about the organization. She couldn't say enough wonderful things about the work they were doing. I was curious and when I heard there was a part time opening for a Registered Nurse, I applied for the job. I have learned so much about TBI over the past two years and enjoy being a part of a community based program where I can continue to grow professionally. It's been a rewarding, challenging, and fun-filled adventure and I hope to be a part of Liberty Place, Inc. "for many years to come."

Karan Cassidy, RN – Whitehall

Karan works part-time for Liberty Place, Inc., while she is enjoying her retirement in the Jefferson Valley. Ms. Jones has spent many years in the Public Health sector throughout Idaho and more recently, Anaconda Montana. Her experience in Home Health gives Liberty Place more depth in understanding the needs of clients working to become more independent in the community and the challenges that occur as a result. Knowing the resources available in the community is vital to assisting clients to be successful.

Patricia Bradley-Waldner, RN – Bootstrap Ranch



Patricia Waldner, RN, began working as the Belgrade facility nurse in July, 2017. Patricia has over 15 years of experience in the nursing field in areas such as children psychiatrics, long term care, home health, medical surgical medicine, IV infusion, family medicine, prenatal care, pediatrics and transitional care. She has also been the nursing supervisor for a family clinic and a nonprofit home health company. She obtained her Associate’s Degree in Nursing from MSU-Northern. Patricia became interested in the area of brain injuries after she had her own brain tumor removed in 2015. Patricia lives with her husband and two children. She enjoys reading, listening to music, learning and spending time with her family

Melodie Joy, RN – Bootstrap ranch

Melodie Joy, RN, came to Montana to be near her grandkids, and LOVES it here! Melodie earned her BSN at St. Mary’s in Notre Dame, IN, and has worked in pediatric home care, functional medicine, and opioid recovery before Liberty Place. Melodie appreciates the atmosphere and purposes of Liberty Place, and enjoys advocating for our residents! Fun fact: Melodie was born in the space between the entrance doors of the hospital – not really ‘in’ nor ‘out’. The gruff German head nurse decided that mother and baby were ‘contaminated’, and were quarantined for 4 days. ;^)

Kara Osborne – Admissions and Training Coordinator



Graduated from The University of Montana – Western with a BS: Business Administration with focus areas on Tourism/Recreation/Hospitality and Business Management. I have worked with Liberty Place, Inc. since 2011, starting as a caregiver and am now the Admissions and Training Coordinator. I like to volunteer in Whitehall and currently I am a Board Director for the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce. I like to stay active in the community, so I volunteer to help different events that help boost the economy of Whitehall. I love watching football, college (Go Badgers!) and professional (GO PACK GO!). I enjoy spending time with my son, family and friends as much as possible.

Melody Evans – Executive Assistant

I’m Melody. I came to work at Liberty Place on a lark. I retired to Whitehall from a career in environmental engineering and compliance. Liberty Place was something different. I have no background in any kind of health care but I found a niche here. I am the one who loves to deal with governmental compliance, CARF certification and anything that is somehow related to the environment. I hope to use industrial experience to advance our progress in a changing world.

David Parker, MM, MT-BC – Music Therapist – Liberty Arts Director



David Parker is the Music Therapist and Program Director at Liberty Place. He has a broad range of experience, from special needs classrooms to long term care facilities to his five years of working with traumatic brain injury at Liberty Place. As a music therapist, he is passionate about music's ability to heal pathways in the brain, to augment other therapies, and to provide a space for creativity, community, and cooperation. As program director, he strives to help residents reach for independence as well as a healthy and fulfilling life in community with others. He deeply loves his work at Liberty Place and finds unending inspiration in the residents' fight for a new life. David is also the founder and Director of the Liberty Arts Project.

Debby Wagner – Habilitation Technician

Debby Wagner is a graduate of Montana State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Before Liberty Place began providing services, a Town Meeting was held to inform the community of the prospect of this program establishing in the Whitehall, MT area. Debby was in attendance and thought that the work there would fit in with her background of study and desire to help people achieve and accomplish goals after setbacks in life. Debby was one of the first people hired and has been working with our residents ever since. Starting as a Personal Care Assistant, Debby became invested in getting the residents involved in community events and also worked with each one independently on their therapy goals. In 2011, she became the Habilitation Technician, being the liaison between various therapists and the staff who assist with ongoing programs for each resident. "With a brain injury, it can

be kind of tough to get motivated. I like to be an encourager. ", says Debby when asked why she continues to work with Liberty Place clients.

Lara Engler – Office Manager



I have always enjoyed helping others. I spent 11 years working as a nationally certified Veterinary Technician. While I loved my job very much, due to illness it became to physically difficult for me. I took 5 years off to be a stay at home mother to my son JW. When he became old enough to go to school, I wanted to rejoin the workforce in a position to help others. As I started looking for employment a close friend, Rhonda Hobbs, encouraged me to look at Liberty Place. She thought the job and my organizational abilities would be a good match. I have been with Liberty Place since Sept of 2016 and truly enjoy the job I do to support those that take care of our residents