

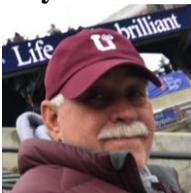
Board of Directors

Tom Harrington – President



Graduated from Montana State University with a degree in finance and management. Commissioned through the U.S. Army ROTC program and served twenty-two years in various leadership and staff assignments and retired in 2000 at the rank of colonel. Currently employed as a Community and Economic Development Extension Agent with Montana State University Extension in Jefferson County and acts as loaned staff to the Jefferson Local Development Corporation. Works on various economic development projects and natural resource utilization. Actively involved in community organizations such as the Jefferson River Watershed Committee, Jefferson Valley Sportsman Association, Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee, Whitehall American Legion, Whitehall Community Center, Whitehall and Boulder Chamber of Commerce. Serve as a directory for Liberty Place, Inc. that focuses on helping individuals with a brain injury.

Roy McBride – Vice President



Roy brings a wealth of financial expertise to the Board of Directors as he has 30 Plus years in the banking industry. It is because of this experience that he chose to serve on the board for Liberty Place. Mr. McBride is a dedicated member of his community as he is involved in various community programs: he serves on the Board of Directors for the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation; is an active member of the Community Transition Advisory Council which coordinates economic development efforts between the Whitehall community and Barrick Golden Sunlight Mine; and he serves the youth of the valley through the Whitehall Baseball program

Charles Fritz, MD – Recorder



Charles Fritz, M.D. Emergency Medicine Physician (ret), has lived in Bozeman 30 years. Charles has been married 46 years to his wife, Tani. They both like the outdoor activities of Montana. I applied for the Board of Liberty Place because this loving organization filled a much needed gap in care.

April Buonamici – Treasurer



In 2005 when I retired to Bozeman, I attended my first Festival of Trees, the major fundraiser for Liberty Place. It was such a beautiful affair that I became a committee member, so I could help with it. My life had been spent teaching children. I was certified in special ed, music and general classroom. Upon meeting the Liberty Place clients, they were just like the students I had taught, only all grown up. However, Montana no longer provides for their educational needs and mental stimulation once they turn 18. So I wholeheartedly turned to helping fund-raise for their educational needs at Liberty Place, and eventually served as Festival of Trees coordinator for seven years. As a music teacher who is married to an art teacher, I am very proud of the current arts program that Liberty Place is running. What a wonderful way to bring out individual talent to bless the community!

Rhonda Hobbs



Rhonda Hobbs holds her Bachelor's Degree from Montana Tech/University of Montana, and received her MBA from the University of Phoenix. Rhonda is the in-house accountant for McDonald's restaurants in the Butte area, and is self-employed with bookkeeping and tax prep business. Mrs. Hobbs serves her community as a member of the Whitehall Saddle Club, as a Girl Scout Leader, and the leader for Waterloo Boosters 4-H Club. Rhonda shares her past experience as a corporate controller, which has proven to be a great value by keeping Liberty Place, Inc. fiscally responsible.

Diane O'Connor



I was raised in Bozeman and love the beautiful state of Montana with the many opportunities for outdoor activities. I am blessed with three children and their families. I worked for ILX Lightwave for 14 1/2 years as an Associate Accountant and a Buyer. Later I did Business and Material Management as an Independent Consultant. My last position was as the Controller for Dobeck Performance in Belgrade.

Tom Salvagni



I'm enjoying this however it's all very new to me. As far as my background, born a raised in Butte, relocated to Whitehall in 1976 and have been here since. I worked in the meat processing industry for 14 years and also 27 years at GSM where I served in operations, warehouse/purchasing, and mobile maintenance. Currently I am semiretired I am driving school bus for the Cardwell School district and also still with WPT who I try to help out as needed. I also have a small farm in Jefferson County having 28 mother cows, producing all my own feed for them. Chief cook and bottler per say. As far as my service to LPI BOD, like I said I'm still learning, but I'll try my best to serve where needed. Community involvement not much, there again I will try to help wherever if asked and I agree with the project. I am happy to be part of LPI, I do highly respect this organization and all those who have been and still are supporting it, It's a much needed service for those dealing with brain injuries!

Jane Geissler



Jane Geissler has a long history of helping people. She has served as a bookkeeper, an activity director and a volunteer in skilled nursing facilities, is a past member of the Board of Directors for Love In The Name of Christ, and has been a volunteer for her church. She has also served as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors for Befrienders. Jane is a member of a prayer that group has decorated many trees for the Festival of Trees through the years. Mrs. Geissler has joined the Board at this time because much help is needed for the expansion project.

Robin Williams



There is no explanation for how I became involved with Liberty Place, other than the reality that I believe we are guided by God, if we will only listen. And three years ago God made sure I understood that he had a need for me as a volunteer. Every time I drove by Bootstrap Ranch it was this feeling that I had to turn in their driveway and talk to them. I finally contacted them and said I could volunteer. As I had in a prior life taught fitness classes, I became the volunteer instructor for any resident who desired a tailored exercise class.

I was asked if I would consider being on the Board of Directors. When they opened their board meeting with a prayer I knew I needed to be a board member and contribute my time and ideas there as well.

There is no higher calling than being a servant of God.

Gail Gunderson, Co-Founder



Being involved in long term care throughout her career in both direct care and administration, Mrs. Gunderson has been acutely aware of the need for community based programs for those working through recovery after brain injury. Gail has been an advocate for the Continuum of Care model for survivors, and this is behind her desire to make a difference. Gail's passion is also for seeing to the development and education for the staff of Liberty Place, Inc. She continues to volunteer several times a month for staff training and assists with the continued improvement of the program through participation in designing policy and procedures. Mrs. Gunderson actively works as a member of the Accreditation Committee.

Dorothy Solyst, Co-Founder and Honorary Board Director



As one of the 'Founding Mothers', and now an Honorary Board Member, Dorothy has been with Liberty Place since its inception. With over twenty-five years of experience as an Occupational Therapist, she became acutely aware of the needs of individuals who have sustained brain injuries - especially in the State of Montana, where statistics place it in upper tiers per capita, for this unimaginable feat for the body and mind.

ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Pamela Hiebert, MD Board Certified in Internal Medicine; Associate with Bozeman Deaconess Internal Medical Associates; Bozeman, MT. Dr. Hiebert has supported Liberty Place, Inc. since its beginning and along with her husband, Tom Bozeman, has been a major sponsor of the Festival of Trees fundraising event.

Art Wittich, Attorney At Law, founder of the Wittich Law Firm and Senator to the Montana Legislature has helped Liberty Place, Inc. since the early days by providing counsel to establish bylaws and other important non-profit business procedures. Along with his wife, Candice, Sen. Wittich continues to support Liberty Place, Inc. as an individual and through his law firm.