



GETTING RESULTS

The MWF board realizes the tremendous values of owning its own building and grounds and that they must be maintained to ensure them as assets. In mid-September, ten members of MWF and staff volunteered for four days to paint and make much needed repairs to our building and grounds. MWF secured some contributions from local businesses for paint, equipment, and topsoil but as with any home improvement project, time and labor is the greatest need.

An hour here, four to ten hours there, volunteers contributed more than 225 combined “people-hours” frequently working till dark. Camping on the property, MWF, President Tim Aldrich and his wife Carol led the effort and their son Kevin, a building contractor, provided the expertise to tackle more difficult tasks such as replacing damaged fascia. The maintenance and improvements could not have been completed without the volunteer labor contributed by Kevin, Aldrich Construction Group, Inc., 3480 Baldwin Rd, Stevensville, MT 59870

The building and grounds that are valuable assets for MWF provide a central office location, facilities for business meetings, social gatherings, housing staff, and are available as meeting space for other non-profit organizations.

The effort by volunteers was one example, one display of how many board members and members of MWF are committed to the organization, believe in “giving back”, believe in the power of people working together, and take pride in MWF. If the project had been completed by private contractors it would have cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000. Instead, MWF’rs came together to “get ‘er done” – this is what we do!

While most of the materials necessary were contributed, MWF did realize some expenses. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Craig, csharpe@mtwf.org, (800) 517 -7256 or mail to our office at: PO Box 1175, Helena, MT. 59624.

MWF extends its appreciation to Helena businesses that contributed to our building and grounds project and we ask that you patronize the following:

- ♦ **Sherwin Williams Paint Stores**, Manager Stacey Whited, 1700 North Montana Av., Helena, MT (406) 442-2553.
- ♦ **A-I Rental/Party Plus Rentals & Sales**, Owner-Dan Jacques, 1400 Cedar Street Helena MT 59601 (406)442 -7690 Fax: (406)443-5879
- ♦ **Gardenwerks – Garden Center**, Owner Mike Hiel, 3225 Cooney Drive, Helena, MT. (406)442-5008.