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**QWEST AWARDS \$10,000 TO MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**BILLINGS, Mont., Oct. 31, 2007** – The Qwest Foundation today announced an award of \$10,000 to the Montana Nonprofit Association's (MNA) annual conference held Sept. 24-26 in Billings. The conference provided Montana nonprofit leaders with key training in areas such as nonprofit management, fundraising, communications and volunteerism.

"We were pleased to participate in this year's MNA conference," said Dave Gibson, Qwest president for Montana. "Qwest is committed to strengthening the important work of the nonprofit organizations in Montana. It is our hope that the Qwest grant will make a positive impact on not only the nonprofits throughout our state, but the many Montanans who benefit from the noble work of these organizations."

"This is the fourth year that Qwest has generously sponsored our annual conference," said Brian Magee, executive director of MNA. "We are grateful for their continued support of nonprofit leaders across the state. This conference truly does aid in the enhancement of individual skills and organizational effectiveness used to build thriving nonprofits and serve the communities of Montana."

MNA's mission is to promote a strong nonprofit sector, supportive public climate, and the ability of nonprofits to accomplish their missions. Representing the richness and diversity of Montana's nonprofits, MNA members address a broad array of missions and come from all four corners of the state.

**About the Qwest Foundation:**

The Qwest Foundation's core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

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