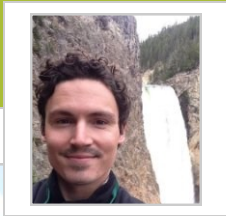




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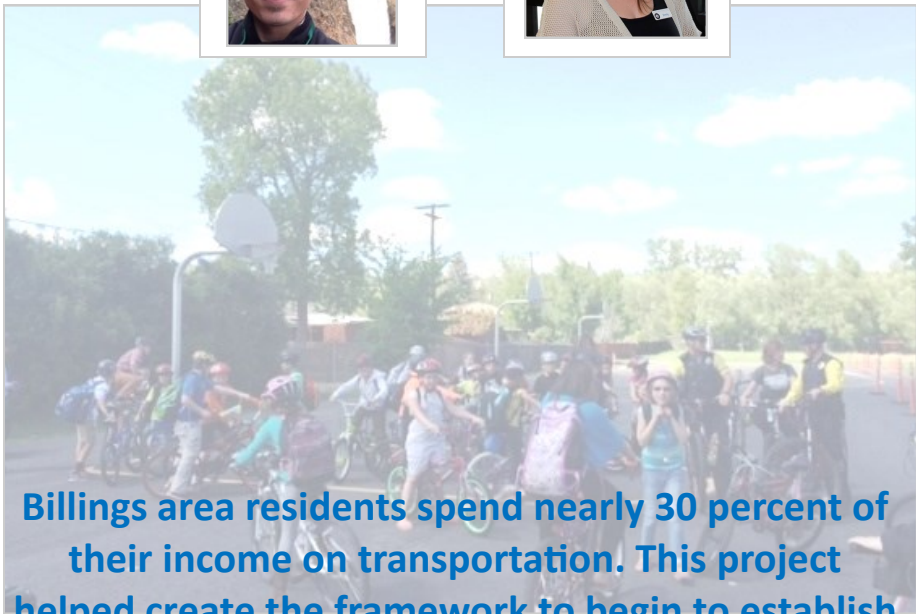


Two full year VISTA members served in 2014 focusing on the following initiatives:

- Public Transportation
- Fund Development
- Volunteer Recruitment & Training

QUICK FACTS:

- Over \$31,000 Generated
- 17 volunteers recruited & trained
- 1 new or expanded service
- 52.25 volunteer hours



**Billings area residents spend nearly 30 percent of their income on transportation. This project helped create the framework to begin to establish bicycling and walking as a normal form of transportation, in order to reduce those burdensome expenses.**

The VISTAs identified the bike repair clinics as a means to introduce education, encouragement and cultural changes. By providing children, especially those from low-income families, with safe reliable bikes to ride helps alleviate the burden of high transportation costs. This project is helping shape a culture in Billings where active transportation is the norm and the City Planning Division and School District #2 did and will continue to encourage youth in Billings to utilize active transportation.



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