



The LIFTT Connection Newsletter

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Join us for the ADA Celebration on July 26!

"Aging & Disability Inclusion through Transportation" will be the theme for LIFTT's celebration of the 34th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26 from 11 to 3 at LIFTT's Billings Office.

Information, Vaccinations, MET Transit Tours, as well as Food & Fun on tap for LIFTT's 07/26 ADA Celebration

Director's Corner: Aging & Disability Inclusion through Transportation

Executive Director Carlos Ramalho reflects on this year's ADA Celebration theme and LIFTT's role in making it a reality in Southeast and South Central Montana.



Read Carlos's thoughts.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Heros!

All of us at Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow (LIFTT) extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible volunteers and businesses who came to our aid during the critical months of March, April, and May.

Your support has made all the difference, and we are forever grateful for the hand you extended to lift us up. We have proven that when a community comes together, there is no obstacle too great to overcome

Success Stories!

One way we measure how well LIFTT is fulfilling its mission is by assessing the success of consumers and peers in achieving their individual goals.

When a consumer or peer successfully completes a goal, their IL specialist, PCA facilitator, or Peer Program Coordinator writes up a "success story."

This month, we would like to introduce you to eight of our peers whose unique abilities have made them a valued part of the LIFTT team.



LIFTT's Peers: Celebrating Abilities



LIFTT Starts Laundromat @ Billings Location

LIFTT is thrilled to announce that we are starting a laundromat service at our Billings Office (1241 Crawford Drive). The LIFTT laundromat is designed to support our consumers without a washer and dryer at home.

[Laundry @ LIFTT Details](#)

**LIFTT & Billings Met Transit
Present
Aging & Disability Inclusion Through Transportation
AKA "The Bus Adventure"**



Nourishing Community: Breakfast & Lunch @LIFTT

We're excited to announce that LIFTT has launched a Breakfast and Lunch Program at our Billings office to provide nutritious meals to our consumers and dedicated team members. Every weekday, under the leadership of the talented Jocelyn Vincent and our kitchen crew, we serve about 50 meals between breakfast and lunch.

A big thank you to the folks at **Franz Bakery's** Billings location for their continuing contributions of bread and other items to this program since its start in April 2024. Their support has been instrumental in making this initiative a reality.



LIFTT could use your extra kitchen items!

LIFTT Welcomes Everyone!

Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow (LIFTT) is committed to being a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQA2S+ community.

Learn more about our DIEA statement and other non-discrimination practices





PCA Program is now fully EVV-compliant

Congratulations to our PCA Team as LIFTT's Self-Directed Personal Care Assistance Program fully complies with Medicaid's Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements.

[Find out what that means and why it's good news!](#)



Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow

ADA ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

AGING AND DISABILITY INCLUSION THROUGH TRANSPORTATION

LIFTT invites you to celebrate 34 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Signed into law on July 26, 1990, the ADA is a historic civil rights law that protects the rights of people with disabilities.

**FRIDAY
JULY 26
11AM TO 3PM**



Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the voices making a difference in our community.

FOOD TRUCKS • COMMUNITY RESOURCES • SPEAKERS • ADA EDUCATION

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LIFTT is a Montana 501(c)3 corporation organized as a Center for Independent Living (CIL). With team members based in Billings and Glendive, LIFTT provides people with disabilities with programs and services that help empower them to break down the physical, bureaucratic, and cultural barriers that prevent them from being fully independent participants in their lives and communities throughout 18 counties in southeastern and southcentral Montana: Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Golden Valley, McCone, Musselshell, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Wibaux, and Yellowstone.

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