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## **Hopa Mountain Announces a 2016 Citizen Leadership Award to Child Bridge**

Given annually to recognize the exemplary community service of groups and individuals, Hopa Mountain's Citizen Leadership Awards are drawn from nominations from individuals from communities throughout the state. This year, one award recognizes the work of Child Bridge, a statewide, faith-based organization that finds and supports adoptive families for Montana children in need. (<http://www.childbridgemontana.org/>).

Child Bridge is based in Bigfork, Montana, but serves foster and adoptive families throughout the state. Kathleen Sheffield, Social Service Technician with the Department of Health and Human Services, nominated Child Bridge for the award. Kathleen shares, "Through their foster family recruiting efforts and a myriad of supports... care, education, retreats, camps, encouragement, and partnering with local churches, Child Bridge helps foster and adoptive parents meet the needs of these children who have been victims of abuse and neglect."

As the Child Bridge Community Director in Kalispell, Aaron Scofield, noted, "Child Bridge effectively utilizes a faith based model to provide homes and families for children in need. We work to create awareness regarding the need for families to care for children, and we bridge the gap between churches, communities and government to serve children and families in communicative, effective and efficient ways."

Child Bridge Executive Director, Steve Bryan noted, "We're honored and grateful to receive this Citizen Leadership award from Hopa Mountain. We hope that this recognition continues to shed light on the great need in our state for foster families to care for Montana children in their time of need."

For more information about Child Bridge, please visit their website or call (406) 837-2247. For more information about Hopa Mountain's Citizen Leadership awards, please contact (406) 586-2455 or email [info@hopamountain.org](mailto:info@hopamountain.org)

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