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IMAGE: Graphic of "Fill the Wagon" logo

MCC Students Seek Donations for First Responder Project

<u>MILES CITY, MONTANA:</u> As part of this year's 9/11 National Day of Service and MCC Welcome Wagon, Miles Community College Students will be collecting monetary donations to purchase and create gift boxes for local and area first responders.

Each year, MCC hosts a variety of activities for college students during Welcome Wagon week, held when students arrive on campus for the start of the fall semester. During Welcome Wagon, student groups including MCC Student Senate host the fundraising event Fill the Wagon, choosing a new charity focus each year.

This year, MCC students, along with AmeriCorps staff members, will be using donations to create gift boxes for first responders, in honor of the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. These gift boxes will include snacks, treats, and goodies and will be delivered to Miles City fire, police, sheriff, dispatchers, and staff.

"Our first responders are so important to our community," says Richard DeShields, MCC Dean of Student Engagement and Auxiliary Services. "We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their service"

Previously, Fill the Wagon projects have included collecting books, backpacks, and purchasing school supplies for local schools and students.

For more information on the event or how to donate, please contact MCC Dean Richard DeShields at 406-874-6226 or deshieldsr@milescc.edu. Donations can be made online at bit.ly/MCCFilltheWagon.

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