Dear Ferry County Community Members,

We love this community and being a part of it! We love serving you and finding ways to make Ferry County a better place to live. We want to continue doing these things, and we want to do even more, if possible. However, over the last few years and partly due to Covid, it has become more and more difficult to reach these goals, and the biggest reason is because we have all seen a sharp drop in the number of volunteers in our community.

Each of the organizations listed below offers valuable and vital services, programs, education, and events, such as Winterfest, Prospector's Days, roller skating, movie and game nights, youth sports, the foodbank, animal sheltering, substance abuse and suicide prevention, positive youth development, and emergency medical and firefighting services. We would all like to add even more to that list, but we are struggling to keep our current programs and events afloat because we do not have as many volunteers as we once did.

We are reaching out to community members like you to make sure you are aware of this issue and to ask you to consider donating anywhere from 2-4 hours a month (emergency services likely require more) to one or more of the organizations dedicated to helping improve our community. You do not have to have previous experience to volunteer, and there are a ton of different ways – big and small – you can lend a hand. If you would like to help us continue providing our current services, programs, and events and/or help us create new ones, please reach out and let us know! With your help, Ferry County will become an even better place to live, work, and play!

For more information, to ask questions of specific organizations, or to volunteer, please check out Ferry County Sunrise's list of volunteer organizations at **ferrycountysunrise.com/helpinghand.** 

Sincerely,

