



A message from our new Executive Director:

Dear Friends of World Language Initiative,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new executive director at WLI, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making language and culture education available to all Montanans. I am honored to have been chosen to lead this organization into the next chapter of its journey.

Over the past 25 years, I have dedicated my personal and professional talents towards making a positive impact on peoples' lives. This is a path I started as an elementary school teacher and then moved into early childhood education. From there, I took my skills to a different level as a business and events manager and next as an operations manager for a company working with partners throughout the world. I have most recently served my community at Thrive as a parent liaison and through my volunteer service for organizations such as Bridger Ski Foundation, Montana Science Center (formerly Children's Museum of Bozeman) and the Yellow Dog Community & Conservation Foundation. All of these experiences have allowed me to interact with and get to know new and different people from many different cities, countries and cultures from around the world. In each person I have met there has been an opportunity to learn and grow. My success has only been possible because of the relationships I have built and the kindness I have been shown along the way.

As the new executive director, I am committed to advancing the WLI mission and expanding the reach of our programs and initiatives. I am eager to build upon the momentum that has been created over the last few years for our language classes, summer camps, in-school day programs, language initiatives, and community cultural events. Each of these has been an opportunity for building community and creating connection with each other

and our beautiful world. I am also excited about supporting community requested programming and growing into more places that have not had easily accessible language and culture education. I look forward to working with our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners to continue to create and grow meaningful and impactful experiences for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

I have always been passionate about the power of language and culture to connect people and promote understanding, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity at the World Language Initiative. Together, we can create meaningful impact in the lives of individuals and our community.

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the coming months. Today, I **invite you to join me in celebrating the work of WLI during Give Big Gallatin Valley, May 4th and 5th.** With your support, we can continue our important language and culture programming, providing a passport to the world for all that seek to expand their view.



WLI is participating in GIVE BIG Gallatin Valley for our 4th year!
Mark your calendars for **May 4th - May 5th, 6pm - 6pm**

Come join us for our 2023 Give Big Gallatin Valley kick-off event!

WLI Give Big DONOR LOUNGE

WHERE: LA ESQUINA
111 E Oak St., Suite 1A

WHEN: May 4th, 4pm - 6pm

Stop by Bozeman's hottest new Mexican restaurant to learn more about World Language Initiative-MT and enjoy food and drinks generously donated by La Esquina.



With your help, we can meet our goal of raising \$20,000 in critical funds to bring world language and culture learning opportunities to students of all ages, while keeping program costs low or free of charge.

Visit our Give Big Gallatin Valley page on May 4th - May 5th, 6pm - 6pm to make your donation!

Give Big for WLI-MT

Your donation to WLI's language and culture programming, gives a student a passport to the world!



From our Montana mountain town to...



...a celebracion in Mesilla



...a patisserie in Paris



...a market (سوق) in Marrakech



...a parade (游行) in Shaanxi

Let language and culture
education with WLI-MT
be your
**PASSPORT TO THE
WORLD!**



Additional Ways to Support WLI during Give Big Gallatin Valley

Would you like to be a Peer-to-Peer fundraiser and help share WLI's mission far and wide?

Interested in becoming a 2023 Give Big Matching Sponsor and boosting donations to WLI even further?

Please contact Sally Rohrer by e-mailing sally.rohrer@wlimt.org

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