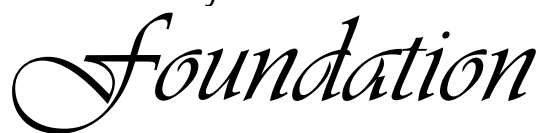


The Madison Valley Medical Center



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Rio Tinto Minerals Supports Healthcare through a \$5,000 Donation

Medical Center Foundation receives donation for the second year in a row

ENNIS, MT — April 1, 2011 — Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation Inc. (MVMCF) announces that it received a five thousand dollar unrestricted donation from Rio Tinto Minerals. The gift was presented at a small gathering at the Madison Valley Medical Center last week.

The gift is a demonstration of Rio Tinto Minerals' ongoing commitment to making a positive contribution wherever it operates. The company has been a strong supporter of Madison Valley's social, environmental and economic health since operations were established in the Valley more than 60 years ago.

Rio Tinto Minerals employs about 140 people at its three talc operations in Montana – Yellowstone Operations, the largest talc mine in the United States; and Three Forks and Sappington Operations, world class talc processing plants. The Montana Operations demonstrates its commitment to the community by contributing nearly \$40 million to the local and regional economy through good jobs, taxes and local spending; and making direct contributions to organizations that support education, health care, youth programs and environmental education in southwest Montana.

"At Rio Tinto Minerals, we are deeply committed to ensuring the health and well-being of our communities," said Pat Downey, director of Montana Operations and Technical, Rio Tinto Minerals. "Like Rio Tinto, the Madison Valley Medical Center is an important part of the Valley and a leader in its field. With this donation, we are proud to recognize the outstanding care the Medical Center has delivered to the people of the Valley since 1950. It is certainly an honor to continue to support the Medical Center, so community members will have access to leading-edge health care for many generations to come."

"On behalf of the patients, medical providers and caring staff at the Madison Valley Medical Center, we are thrilled to receive this generous donation. This gift illustrates Rio Tinto's commitment to communities where employees and customers live. I hope this gesture will inspire others to support community wellness," said Christie Trapp, executive director of Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation, the non-profit organization that works to build philanthropic support for the Medical Center.

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"Jeff Errett, left, and right, Dan Northway and Pat Downey of Rio Tinto Minerals present a cheque for \$5,000 to the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation. Dottie Fossel, Madison Valley Medical Center Chair, pictured, thanked the company for the donation."