

Nurturing Center founder honored

Another one of our local heroes has been honored.

The July 3-10 edition of the Missoula Independent featured "Freedom Fighters '03," highlighting people who have created a life of service to others. Among them was Susan Christofferson, founder and executive director of The Nurturing Center here in Kalispell.

For 25 years Susan and her staff have worked to support family values. As a friend of mine pointed out, The Nurturing Center reaches out to all kinds of families, not just the traditional variety, and recognizes that many times families are faced with challenging circumstances. By offering parenting classes, child-care referrals, teen mentoring, and a host of educational opportunities, this center fulfills a vital need in our community.

Twenty-five years is a long time to sustain an independent, local non-profit organization dedicated to serving families. Congratulations to Susan Christofferson and the caring staff for reaching this anniversary milestone. Next time you drive by Second Street West and Third Avenue West, take notice of the friendly house on the corner called the Nurturing Center.

It's one of the great organizations working to make our Valley a better place for all, and it deserves our support and recognition. —**Jordonna Dores, Bigfork**