



1221 N. Russell St.
Missoula, MT 59808
www.blackfoot.com

Contact: Kate Olney
Blackfoot Telecommunications Group
Phone: (406) 541-5020
Fax: (406) 532-5018

PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Supports UM Football and Local Child Advocacy Group

Every Griz Touchdown Means Cash for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

October 1, 2009 Missoula, Mont- On October 17, there's one more reason to cheer the University of Montana's Grizzlies to victory against Eastern Washington. As the Official Game Day Sponsor, Blackfoot will donate two hundred dollars to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for every GRIZ touchdown.

"Every year, Blackfoot gives back to Missoula and twenty western Montana communities throughout our service areas by supporting many worthy organizations. Since Mayor Engen declared October as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Month, we saw a unique opportunity as a strong corporate Griz supporter to give visibility and dollars to a great organization that really helps kids in the community," commented Joan Mandeville, Blackfoot's Chief Executive Officer.

Join Blackfoot on October 17 to cheer the Griz to victory and to help raise awareness and funds for CASA! If you plan to attend the game, stop by our tent inside the stadium and say hello. CASA is a national child advocacy group and offers local trained volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children whose cases are before the court. To learn more about CASA and how you can help, please visit their website at www.casamissoula.org. Go Montana Grizzlies!

About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group: Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot (Blackfoot) Telecommunications Group was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and 22 other communities in western Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 150 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE