

RMC WILL HOST CARDBOARD BOX CITY

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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College will host the Interfaith Hospitality Network’s Third Annual Cardboard Box City, on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, to raise awareness about and funds for the IHN’s homeless families.

The Mayor’s Committee on Homelessness estimates that, on any given night, there are 80 homeless families trying to survive in Billings.

Last school year, there were 458 homeless children in grades K-12 in School District #2, an 11% increase over the previous school year.

“We hope everyone will want to participate to help tackle this serious problem,” said Rev. Kristi Foster, Rocky Mountain College chaplain. “Our college is fortunate to be able to provide a pretty place for this event, but we’re aware that the homeless do not have that same advantage.”

The day of the event, participants are asked to bring boxes large enough to sleep in to Rocky Mountain College between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. Prizes will be given for the most creatively decorated boxes and to the individuals and group that raise the most money.

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“Cardboard Box City is unique because participants are able to walk in the shoes of those they are helping by experiencing what it feels like to be homeless for a night,” said Adela Awner, with Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Registration and other forms are available at the Interfaith Hospitality Network website: billingsIHN.info, by calling 294-7432, or by contacting the RMC chaplain’s office, 657-1098.

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a group of multi-denominational churches which work together to provide meals and shelter in their churches, and aid in finding permanent homes and jobs to get families back to being independent.

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