

## **CHAPTER HISTORY OF GREATER YELLOWSTONE THRESHOLD SINGERS**

### **Chapter Beginnings**

The Greater Yellowstone Threshold Singers chapter of Bozeman, Montana held its first organizational meeting in January of 2019. Our founder, Lotus Greiner, sang with the Oakland Threshold chapter before moving to Bozeman and, once here, decided to start the chapter. This small group began learning Threshold songs, adding to its membership, learning about bedside singing through the Threshold Curriculum, and preparing information flyers.

### **Membership and Leadership**

The chapter currently has 21 members, including the six original members.

The chapter welcomes new members as they come in. After meeting with the music director, new members attend four practices before joining Threshold Choir, and ten practices before attending a Bedside Curriculum training (done in-house).

There is a Leaders' Circle that meets once a month.

### **Practices and Community Singing**

Practice is held every Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm. Bedside sings average 3-4 a month. In addition, the chapter sings monthly for residents of a rest home. Recently the chapter sang for three remembrance services, one at a local labyrinth, and at in-service training programs for hospice volunteers.

There are no hospice facilities in Bozeman; therefore, we sing for hospice patients at elderly facilities for independent living, assisted living, and memory care, as well as for anyone in need of the comfort of our songs. Song baths, upon request, are also held at these facilities.

### **COVID**

In March of 2020, the group sang at the Mountains of Courage conference in Bozeman to introduce the chapter to the community. The next day the country shut down due the COVID pandemic and put bedside singing on hold. Despite the challenges of the pandemic the small group of singers wanted to sing, if only for each other so members agreed to hold zoom rehearsals on Monday evenings. With the guidance of the group's music director, the singers continued learning Threshold songs and how to blend their voices in rich harmonies.

### **Mission**

Members of the Greater Yellowstone Threshold Singers are devoted to Threshold's mission to bring a calm **presence, lullaby voices, and simple, compassionate songs to soothe and reassure the song recipient, as well as family and caregivers.** The members are all so grateful that Kate Munger created this amazing organization!

Greater Yellowstone Threshold Singers. July 2025

Alie Hinckley, Avela Grenier, Elizabeth Rose, Betsy Wise, Olga Michael, Nancy Valore, Zoe Pritchard, Barbara Graham, Kath Crumrine, Mary Maifeld, Nellie Brushaber, Kyrie Dawson, Kiera Grant



January 24, 2026