Work That Matters

Great Falls Head Start teacher Dee Henderson is part of a team that helps break the cycle of poverty for hundreds of Montana families.

Head Start serves low-income children ages 3-5. Without Head Start, many of these children would start school without knowing their numbers, letters, or even how to hold a crayon. Many would never catch up.

Dee teaches children basic skills for school and life, ranging from phonics to taking turns.

Research shows Head Start students are more likely to graduate from high school and become productive citizens. Every dollar spent on Head Start saves taxpayers $9 in remedial services. Head Start helps family stability and reduces dependence on public assistance.

Yet for many Head Start employees, the salary is so low they qualify for assistance themselves.

Montana needs Dee Henderson. She and her co-workers give our littlest citizens a chance for a better life. We need to keep Dee and other public employees doing work that matters.

Learn more about Dee and Work That Matters at workthatmatters.org.

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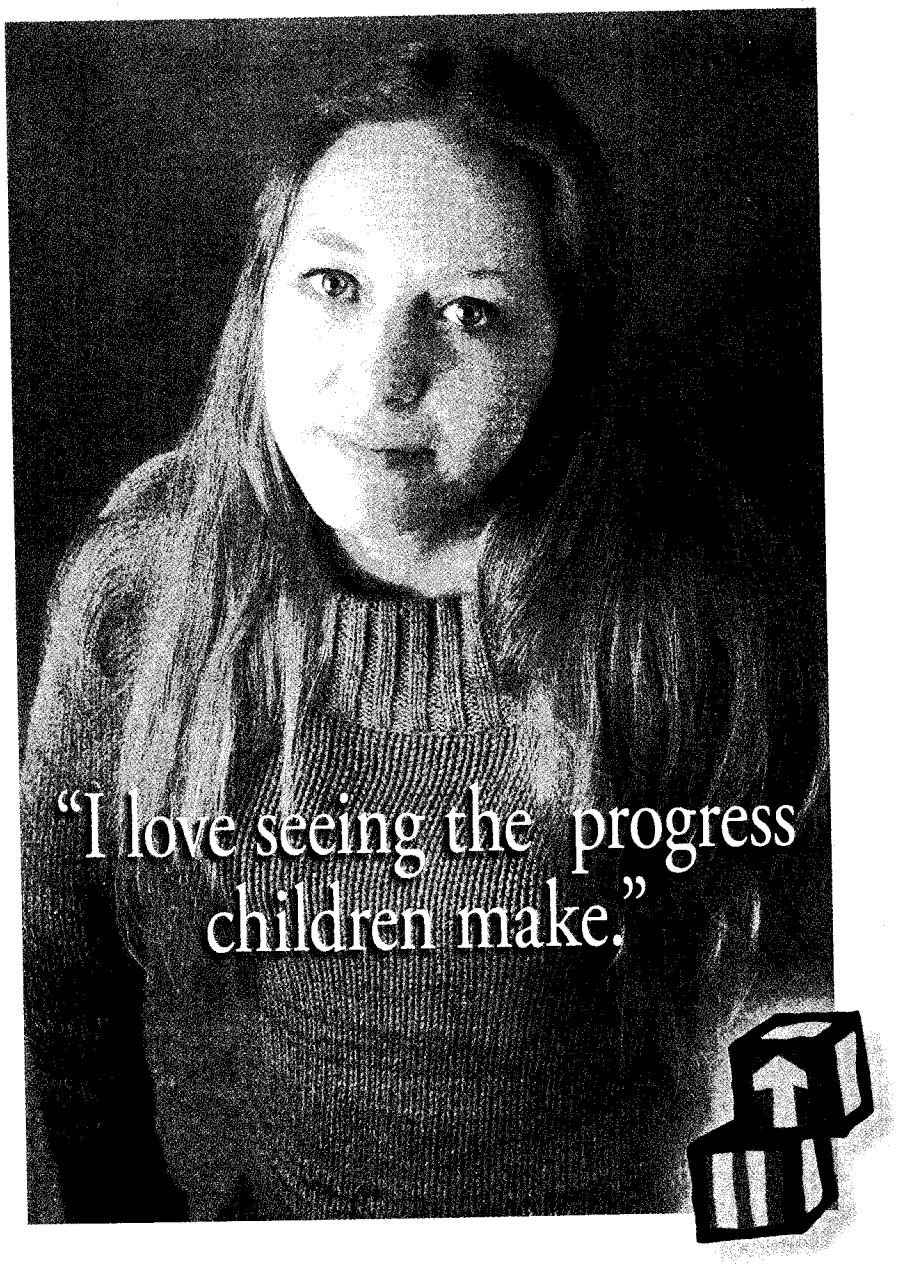
"I love seeing the progress
children make."