The past 12 months have been a whirlwind of activity! Kee is excited to announce, Keestone Communication Inc. has officially been granted 501c3 designation ([www.keestonecommunication.org](http://www.keestonecommunication.org)). With the launch of the non-profit, a lifelong dream is coming to fruition for Kee and the team! We didn’t think it was possible to be busier but as the word spreads there has been increased interest and activity at Keestone Communication. As we have grown, Dr. Stacy Stellflug who is an associate professor of nursing at Montana State University Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing, has been joining Kee in presenting the Kee Concepts of Communication and integrating the concept of psychological safety in communication into the presentation.

With the continued dedication and support of Blue Cross Blue Shield through *The Big Blue Sky Initiative,* we have generated even more momentum across Montana and now Wyoming. We continue to teach the Kee Concepts of Communication (KCC) in a variety of venues and with a wide range of industries. As a recap, the six Kee Concepts of Communication are: Respect, Listen and Validate, What don’t I know? Meet people where they are, not where you want them to be, Don’t feed the bears, and Back out of the power struggle. We are regularly reminded there is beauty in simplicity. The Kee Concepts of Communication are simple, and they are applicable to all ages, education levels, and environments. They really do work!

With *The Big Blue Sky Initiative* Grant, Kee and the team, have presented the *Hiding in Plain Sight* documentary and the Kee Concepts of Communication (with psychological safety) to over 2,600 people across Montana and Wyoming. If you are comparing, we have reached almost 1,000 more people than last year! The team has traveled to Shelby, Havre, Geraldine, Power, Fort Benton, and Casper, WY as well as providing countless presentations in and around the Billings area. Kee has provided 10 hours of consultation time and 97 hours of presentation time (KCC, HIPS, and Q&A).

Kee continues to develop a model that can then be replicated and spread across multiple venues as she truly believes if we can teach people to communicate and how to get their needs met in a respectful way, we can reduce suicides, reduce gun violence, and improve mental health!