

Letter from the President – Newsletter  
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Dear Friends of MUW,

At Monadnock United Way, we fight for children, education and financial stability in every community throughout our region. These areas are critical to the success of our region's future and are the focus of our [Strategic Plan](#).

I'm pleased to report that in 2017 we made considerable progress in addressing the first of those areas - children. Impact Monadnock merged with MUW. We piloted our first collective impact initiative, the Home Visiting Alliance. We issued our first- ever request for proposals ([RFP](#)) focusing on children.

The results speak for themselves:

- 19 local businesses are supporting their employees by adopting family-friendly policies
- 4 local businesses adopted a Babies at Work program to ensure that infants can be with their families during those crucial months of development
- Pediatricians at Cheshire Medical Center have added social-emotional screenings to well-baby visits
- Home visitors across the region are formally collaborating to expand and strengthen access to this critical service for at-risk families of children pre-natal to age 5
- Our Children's RFP yielded innovate concepts addressing the needs of children of all ages and awards will be announced in June

We are poised to have even more impact over the next several years. Additional RFPs will focus on education and financial stability, which includes foundational basic needs. Woven throughout all these innovative solutions will be an important thread – the drive to embrace a common agenda and shared [Impact Vision](#) for the Monadnock Region's future:

- Monadnock children live in safe, nurturing, and healthy homes and communities
- Monadnock community members have the financial resources they need to live healthy, happy, and productive lives
- Monadnock community members receive an education that enables them to achieve their fullest potential

We are honored to work alongside our entire community to help achieve these goals. If you'd like to learn more about our [Strategic Plan](#), our [Vision](#), the current Children's [RFP](#), and how you can help make our impact vision a reality, visit [www.muw.org](http://www.muw.org) or reach out to me at [liz@muw.org](mailto:liz@muw.org). I'd love to hear your thoughts and explore ideas together.

All my best,



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Monadnock United Way