

Imagine What We Can Do Together

2023 Annual Campaign



Let's Support, Nurture, and Protect our Children!

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Dear MUW Supporters,

It's April and (fingers crossed!) spring is finally here! All around us, we see new life sprouting and growing, nurtured by a combination of springtime showers and increasingly warm sunshine. April is also the Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month, which represents opportunities for us to nurture our children and help them grow.

Month of the Young Child

This month we celebrate organizations and individuals involved with early childhood education and development and supporting families. Through your generous donations, MUW supports collective impact collaborations and community programs that support families and children of all ages in the Monadnock region, including:

- Impact Monadnock, MUW's signature impact initiative, seeks to improve outcomes for all children in the Monadnock Region, from birth to age eight.
- Monadnock Alliance for Families, which works to ensure all families in the Monadnock Region have access to highquality services to strengthen parenting and promote optimal child development.
- SCS Dental Program, which partners with Cheshire Smiles to provide preventive dental health examinations to children in its <u>Head Start</u> programs without a dentist. Health is critical to a child's ability to thrive.



Child Abuse Prevention Month



Calling all Volunteers!

MUW is in need of a volunteer who has written communication skills to help with various short writing projects. If you are interested, please contact Sophie Carney-Brenner at sophie@muw.org

NEW!

To maximize the impact of your donation, we are transitioning to electronic thank-you letters.
Please provide an email address to thankyou@muw.org so we can continue acknowledging your generosity! Be assured

The Monadnock Region has the third highest rate of child maltreatment in New Hampshire. Abuse happens in families across the demographic spectrum – rich and poor, traditional and nontraditional, urban and rural. The NH Children's Trust (which funds Impact Monadnock) promotes Strengthening Families, a research-informed framework to encourage child development and reduce child abuse and neglect, developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policies. Five key Protective Factors that enable children to thrive form its foundation:

- 1. Parental resilience
- 2. Social connections
- 3. Knowledge of parenting and child development
- 4. Concrete support in times of need
- 5. Social and emotional competence of children

Check out both websites for user-friendly resources, information, and tools, including the <u>Strengthening Families Across New Hampshire Activity Book</u>. It's designed to assist 'Kinship' families – those grandparents, relatives, and family friends caring for children when their parents cannot – who may experience significant challenges in their caretaking role

Some Resources

- If you are concerned that a child may be the victim of any type of abuse or neglect, call the <u>Division for Children, Youth</u> <u>and Families</u> (DCYF) Central Intake Unit at 603-271-6562 or 800-894-5533 (NH only). They are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- For immediate emergencies, please call 911. Proof of abuse or neglect is not required to make a report and you may report confidentially.
- The Granite State Children's Alliance's website explains their <u>Know and Tell</u> program and includes free resources to help you recognize the signs of child abuse.
- The <u>Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center</u>, located in Keene, and the <u>Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough</u> <u>County</u>, located in Nashua, are part of the Granite State Children's Alliance network and are local resources for child protection and safety.



Moments of Joy

Safety and happiness are paramount to a child's development. We encourage you to view NH's <u>Moments of Joy video</u>, which depicts

that your privacy and security are of utmost importance to us, and none of the personal and financial information provided to MUW is shared outside our organization.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative or are unable to provide an email address, contact sophie@muw.org or (603) 352- 4209 ext. 24.

thriving Granite State families and was used to publicize 2023 Child Abuse Prevention month by <u>PCA America</u>. It's a great depiction of what we seek for all families and communities in the Monadnock Region and beyond.

Sincerely,

Chris Coates, Cheshire County Administrator
Larry Monson, General Manager, Monadnock Ford
Rose Novotny, Bank of New Hampshire
Imagine What We Can Do Together General Campaign Co-Chairs



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