At Monadnock United Way, we work every day to support children, improve educational outcomes and help people facing financial challenges. We raise funds and provide professional support to local nonprofit agencies and initiatives so they can work together to address some of our community’s most pressing problems. We bring everyone to the table so we can ALL be a part of the solution.

We do this work because we know that:

Healthy children who live in a nurturing home, school and community environment are more likely to achieve academic success and seek career opportunities that contribute to economic growth.

High school graduates have higher earning potential, contribute more to their local economies, are more engaged in their communities and are more likely to raise kids who also graduate on time.

Our wages are among the lowest in the state, and they have not kept pace with the rising costs of housing, healthcare and education.

Visit muw.org to learn more about our work and to help us Live United.

Theresa Cross moved to Keene with her three children more than two years ago, looking for a fresh start. But that fresh start turned a bit rocky when her living arrangements didn’t work out. Theresa and her boys found themselves homeless for the first time in their lives.

She reached out to Southwestern Community Services, one of Monadnock United Way’s partners, which found space for the family at one of its shelters. For five months, Theresa and her boys — then ages two, four and eight — lived at the shelter. Theresa worked hard with her case manager, and SCS was eventually able to find an apartment for the family and helped Theresa with her first month’s rent and security deposit.

Theresa also found a full-time job, and took classes offered by SCS, including Tenancy 101 and Financial Skills. “I’m much more stable now,” Theresa said.

Theresa said her caseworker at SCS has been an amazing support system. “I couldn’t have done it without her.” Theresa is grateful for the support she found at SCS. “I know there are definitely more moms out there who need that little bit of a step to get where they need to go,” she said.

Monadnock United Way provides funding to SCS’s Housing Stabilization Services program, along with other programs working to reduce homelessness, as part of our focus on financial stability and basic needs.

We win by LIVING UNITED.

By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And inspiring individuals to join the fight against our community’s most daunting social crises.

Every day, Monadnock United Way works alongside our dedicated partners throughout the area to serve those in need and find ways to advance our giving across nearly 40 communities in the Monadnock region.
Ten weeks early. She and her husband had not yet finalized their child care plans. It is valued at $150,000 per year.

**OUR IMPACT**

1. **1,133 Families** were connected to support services to improve their parenting skills.
2. **262 babies and young children** received developmental, social, and emotional screenings.
3. **208 toddlers** with developmental delays or disabilities participated in a playgroup experience.
4. **482 families** with young children received home visiting services, which can range from breastfeeding advice for new moms to speech therapy for toddlers.

Additionally, the IM-backed Monadnock Home Visiting Alliance (MHVA) received a $51,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The MHVA is a collaborative of four agencies that offer home visiting services. As a pilot program, MHVA received $84,000 of MHV funding in 2018. The additional grant money from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is helping the MHVA with its goal to increase by 20 percent the number of families accessing home visiting services in the Monadnock region.

**Why it Matters**

Cheshire County has the third-highest child maltreatment rate in the state.

**New Hampshire Child Maltreatment Rate Per 1,000, by County**

State of New Hampshire child maltreatment rate: 3.5

Source: New Hampshire Children’s Trust Fund

**EDUCATION**

We envision a community where everyone receives an education that enables them to achieve their fullest potential.

**OUR IMPACT**

1. **121 youth** facing adversity were matched with an MHW partner through the MHW program. The program showed improved academic performance in literacy and math.
2. **579 children and caregivers** were taught healthy relationship and communication skills that may help protect children from abuse.

**FINANCIAL STABILITY AND BASIC NEEDS**

We envision a community where all individuals have the financial resources they need to live healthy, happy, and productive lives.

**OUR IMPACT**

1. **380 low income families** were provided with legal representation to preserve a healthy relationship and communication skills that may help protect children from abuse.
2. **262 families** received tuition assistance to help them access childcare.

**Why it Matters**

*9 uninsured or underinsured individuals received financial assistance to access mental health services, and 262 families received tuition assistance to help them access childcare.*

**Why it Matters**

Of the largest six districts in our region, four had fewer than 50 percent of their students score at or above proficient on the 2014 grade reading exam.

**All data about partner services are from 2016.**

**Why it Matters**

Low income is defined as individuals living on or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold based on family income, size and composition. Poverty is defined as individuals living on or below 100% of the federal poverty threshold based on family income, size and composition. In 2017, the federal poverty threshold for a family of four was $25,164.

Source: University of New Hampshire, Center for Public Policy, Northern New England Indicators.