

This is my United Way

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I am proud and honored to be a part of the Monadnock United Way Board of Directors. I first got involved in MUW three years ago when I contributed on a committee of volunteers to help inform marketing and communications efforts, which is the area of my professional expertise.

I still continue my volunteerism on the marketing and communications committee, and I also serve on MUW Board of Directors, contributing to the fiscal and programming direction of the organization.

I was motivated to become a volunteer because of the real impact that MUW has on the lives of children and families all across the Monadnock Region. Before moving to New Hampshire and beginning my involvement with MUW, I volunteered in Los Angeles and in Washington, DC helping families and students who weren't provided the stability and educational resources that all children should have. I have always cared deeply about nurturing and educating children. As a mother of two young children myself, I recognize the natural joy, spirit, kindness and incredible potential that live within children when they have the love, security and resources they need to thrive. This is precisely what MUW helps families to gain.

Once I began my volunteering efforts with MUW, it became even clearer to me how it truly lifts up families and communities by focusing on children, education and financial stability. MUW uses a powerful approach to addressing serious community needs, through "collectives."

This means that MUW brings together service organizations to form new collaborative partnerships so that those organizations work together to best serve the needs of families and their communities.

This approach is working! In fact, I hear time and time again from partner organizations and from people who have received assistance about just how life-changing MUW is for many families and organizations. I feel a true sense of satisfaction in contributing my time and professional experience to support MUW, and I have personally gained more insight into just how much need for help there is in the Monadnock Region – it is truly astonishing, and underscores the importance of MUW's mission and work.

In addition to my volunteering, I also support MUW with financial contributions because I believe strongly in its mission, staff and the real impact it has on people, and indeed, whole communities. It is my hope and request that other Monadnock Region residents will join me in supporting MUW's fight for healthier, stronger and more secure families.

It is true: When we live United, we all win.

