

## We are Better Together when we step up for those in need.



## MUW General Campaign Chair Special Update

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Home visiting, one of the services provided by MAF, has an amazing impact on the health and well-being of area families. Click here to read about how two families benefitted from this



Please "like" MAF's new Facebook page by clicking **<u>here</u>** and remember to share this important site with your friends and colleagues.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

With the importance of social distancing, we are limiting the number of hours that our staff come into the office to process gifts received via US Mail. We are asking donors to use our safe, secure donation portal whenever possible. However, we gratefully accept checks from anyone who prefers to donate in that manner and we will ensure that they are processed in a timely manner.

Dear Friends of MUW,

The Monadnock Alliance for Families (MAF), formerly the Monadnock Home Visiting Alliance, is comprised of five individual agencies: The Grapevine of Antrim; Home, Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services of Keene; Monadnock Family Services of Keene; Rise for baby and family of Keene; and The River Center of Peterborough.

MAF was the first collaborative funded by MUW and we are so proud of the impact they are making on our community! MAF brings together each of their agencies' respective networks and resources to advance a similar goal. MAF's vision is that all families in the Monadnock Region have access to high-quality services that strengthen parenting and promote optimal child development.

In an effort to give families all the tools and resources they need to thrive, MAF has launched a new Facebook page filled with up-to-date information on programs for families.

Alicia Deaver, Executive Director of Rise for baby and family said "We're delighted to launch the Monadnock Alliance for Families Facebook page. It's a wonderful resource for both families and family support professionals around the region giving them a single site to visit to see many different programs and events for children and families. It is the logical next step for the Alliance as we work to ensure every family in the region gets the support they need, whether through a class or a personal visit. Together, the five Alliance organizations can provide so many different kinds of support, tailored to meet the needs of each family. We are very grateful for the Monadnock United Way's technical and financial support, which has made all this possible!"

The Facebook page is just another way for MAF to augment and promote its work during the pandemic. Alicia explained, "As we move into 2021, all five Monadnock Alliance for Families organizations are supporting families through a combination of virtual and in-person programs and visits. As with so many organizations, we are constantly evaluating where we can work with children and families in person and where we can better support them virtually. We expect the balance to be constantly shifting; we will always put the needs of both our families and our staff first to ensure everyone gets the services they need."

To learn more about MAF's work, click here.

Sincerely,

Laura Gingras, Ted McGreer, Alan Stroshine **General Campaign Chairs** 

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