



MUW General Campaign Chair Special Update

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Dear Friends of MUW,

Last summer, after a very successful Covid-19 Relief effort, we wondered if the community could respond as generously to our annual Better Together campaign. Today, we look back at the level of giving throughout the entire year and are astounded and humbled by the response of our donors.

Long-time supporters – and a significant number of new donors! –responded to multiple calls for assistance. You contributed a total of \$607,000 to support area agencies dealing with increased needs due to Covid-19, while donating \$1,307,000 to the Better Together campaign to provide the critical services families and individuals in our communities rely on.

Your generosity is making a positive impact in the lives of your neighbors every day. Because of you:

- *The Monadnock Alliance for Families was able to provide families with basic needs items such as diapers and wipes, food, phone, and gas cards*
- *The Grapevine in Antrim reported that nearly 1,500 people in 16 towns in their region received the resources they needed to keep their families healthy and whole*
- *Gert's Pantry in Swanzey, a member of the Monadnock Food Pantries Collective, was able to serve 68 households or approximately 112 people with fresh, nutritious meals.*
- *The Monadnock Region After School Collective provided 358 children with face-to-face afterschool support, and an additional number were supported remotely.*
- *The Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative gave direct client assistance to 65 households to avoid a housing crisis.*

All of this is made possible by your support!

Recently we surveyed some of our new donors. Many cited a wide range of motivations for contributing in 2020, and some included thoughtful comments, explaining what inspired them to give. Common themes included:

- *Being thankful to have a job and wanting to give back*
- *Feeling influenced by their workplace campaigns and challenge matches*
- *Working at a partner agency and knowing many*



You are now able to look up past issues of this newsletter!

Click [here](#) to see prior issues from 2021!



A big “thank you” to our Pacesetters! Their campaigns help MUW get a jump-start on our new annual campaign.

- Hamshaw Lumber

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.

- *people who benefit from multiple programs*
- *Being a new area resident and unfamiliar with what charities to donate to*
- *Believing in the work of MUW and knowing it's the right thing to do*

We appreciate all our donors, and especially welcome new donors to the MUW family. You are the hand-raisers and game-changers we rely on to help us overcome some of the most entrenched problems facing in our region.

Sincerely,

Laura Gingras, Ted McGreer, Alan Stroshine
Better Together General Campaign Co-Chairs

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