Dear Friends of MUW,

We were thrilled to receive a $12,500 challenge grant from Topher Hamblet and the Hamblet Electric Charitable Foundation last week! If there is a silver lining to the Covid-19 crisis, it’s the unending generosity of the people in our community. We have been asking you to help your neighbors for weeks now, you and keep stepping up and showing your support.

Thank you!

Our partner agencies are the eyes and ears of the community and what they are telling us is that the need continues to grow. So many individuals, families, businesses and non-profits in our region have been affected by Covid-19 and most likely will be for months to come.

Here are a few examples of what we are hearing:

“The food supply chain is now exhibiting shortages. We are having trouble getting orders for all desired dry goods filled. At the moment, this is not urgent, because we are ordering 6-7 weeks out, but this is a change. We’ve also noticed that prices are going up.”
- Phoebe Bray, The Community Kitchen

“We will most likely lose about $5,000 on two separate fundraising events that are held every year in the spring. We are also losing $5,000 in tuition credits that were paid for April to families whose children won’t be back because they’re entering Kindergarten. And if we aren’t able to open for summer camps or are unable to do Open Houses to encourage enrollment for new families, our planned revenue streams will be severely affected.”
- Jody Metcalf, Walpole Village School

“Virtually all respondents cited major disruptions to their organizations and are adapting their services to meet critical needs in our communities while keeping their constituents, staff and volunteers safe. 92% of responding nonprofits have experienced a loss in revenue – on average 34% of budgets have been lost, with some missions faring much worse.”
- New Hampshire Center for Non-Profit Survey Results, April 20

MUW established the Covid-19 Relief Fund with 100% of dollars raised going directly to agencies and programs providing relief and support to our region’s families.

Go to our website for more information on the Covid-19 Relief Fund efforts.
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.

In this time of uncertainty, there is one thing of which I am sure: we are a strong community and we will get through this. We would not be able to do it without the dedication of our partners and the generosity of people like you.

Best,

Liz LaRose, President