Dear MUW Supporters,

Let’s begin today’s letter with a pop quiz: When does MUW’s annual campaign kick off?

If your answer is September, you’re right. However, a handful of companies run their annual employee giving programs earlier in the year. In fact, Hamshaw’s Lumber has already completed their campaign (YAY!), kickstarting MUW’s 2023 Imagine What We Can Do Together annual campaign. And several other local companies are right behind them!

What is a Pacesetter?
Each year a dedicated group of local businesses help build momentum for MUW’s formal September campaign kickoff. Last year our Pacesetters’ efforts enabled us to kick off the United We All Win campaign having already raised $179,000 (20% of our goal!), energizing and motivating organizations about to kick off their own workplace giving campaigns.

I want to personally express my gratitude to these Pacesetter companies for their hard work and generosity last year:
- C&S Wholesale Grocers
- Cheshire Medical Center
- Corning Specialty Materials
- Hamshaw Lumber
- Monadnock Food Co-op
- New Hampshire Ball Bearing
- Southwest Community Services
- Winchester Learning Center

Is Being a Pacesetter Right for Your Organization?
There are several benefits to being a Pacesetter. Participating companies have the flexibility to conduct their annual campaigns when it works best for them and their employees.

Pacesetters are:
- Seen as leaders in the community

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Donate now!
When asked why New Hampshire Ball Bearing decided to run a Pacesetter campaign last year, Molly Webster, Manager of Human Resources, said, "We elected to run the 2022 campaign in the new year in order to ensure it had maximum visibility and engagement, and wasn't lost in the noise of the holiday season."

Roberta Royce, Executive Director of The Winchester Learning Center, responded to the same question, saying, "Being a Pacesetter is so much fun and it is a huge motivator for the staff. They take pride in getting our campaign done early and paving the way for others."

If you would like to investigate the benefits and logistics of running a Pacesetter campaign for your company, we’d love to talk to you! Please contact Kate Cote 603.352.4209 x28.

Sincerely,
Liz LaRose, President

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Between now and March 31, you can get a digital subscription to The Sentinel for $3.00 a week and with it comes a StartSmart™ package of durable board books for children 0 to 5.

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**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.

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