Dear Friends of MUW,

MUW’s 2021 Community Impact Report, released earlier this month, highlights collective impact in three focus areas: Children, Education, and Financial Stability. Liz LaRose shared data about Children two weeks ago. Today we’re discussing some of MUW’s achievements and challenges related to Education in 2021.

Our Vision and Why it Matters
We envision a community where everyone receives an education that enables them to achieve their fullest potential. Learning to read in third grade is crucial to a child’s educational development because in fourth grade they use reading to learn other subjects. Children who aren’t proficient are more likely to drop out of high school, potentially limiting their earning potential and their ability to contribute to their communities and support their families.

Educational Achievement in 2021
Like many communities in our state, school districts in the 34 towns served by MUW were impacted by COVID-19 and standardized scores dipped in some areas. In spite of the challenges, these achievements stand out:

- Seven of the eight districts in our service area report students scored at or above the state average in the 11th grade English Language Arts SAT exam

The Monadnock Region Afterschool Collective members are:
- ACCESS Winchester Afterschool Program
- Hinsdale Afterschool Program
- Keene Family YMCA School’s Out Program (plus Chesterfield site)
- Project Keep (at Symonds, Fuller, and Franklin Schools in Keene)
- Project Edventure Marlborough Afterschool
- Hillsboro-Deering Before and Afterschool Program
- Beyond the Bell (at Mt. Caesar and Cutler Schools in Swanzey, Troy Elementary, and Emerson Elementary in Fitzwilliam)

Join the Club and Make a Difference! When you join MUW’s Community Builder’s Monthly Giving Program, you are putting food on the table for children and families, safely housing community members, and getting children ready for the best possible start in life!

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Five out of eight districts had graduation rates at or above the state average

**MUW’s Response**
In September 2021, MUW awarded $85,500 from our COVID-19 recovery fund to nine educational organizations. Grant recipients with programs and initiatives that impact educational achievement included:

- Keene Housing Kids Collaborative - $2,500 for summer activity scholarships
- The Mayhew Program - $10,000 for students participating in one-on-one and small group mentoring
- Winchester Learning Center - $10,000 for staff education and training

MUW continued to support the Monadnock Region Afterschool Collective, which has a track record of positively impacting educational achievement and student well-being. In 2021 MUW’s investment of $142,500 enabled the collective to serve 938 youth in 15 towns.

**MUW depends on your backing so we can support programs and initiatives that help Monadnock community members receive an education that enables them to achieve their fullest potential.**

The **United We All Win** campaign goal is $1,490,990 and we are at $544,907 or 37% to goal. If you have already given, THANK YOU! If you haven’t and would like to give, please click here, text MUW to 41444, or mail a check to MUW, 23 Center Street, Keene 03431.

Sincerely,
Chris Coates, Cheshire County Administrator
Andrew Connell, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Senior VP Center Store Procurement
Louise Danforth, Monadnock Community Hospital, Program Coordinator Monadnock Health Partners
United We All Win General Campaign Co-Chairs

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