



Monadnock United Way

MUW General Campaign Chair Update

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Dear Friends of MUW,

Home visiting is one of the evidence based practices that is key to the work of [Impact Monadnock](#). It's a simple but powerful program that connects families with needed resources, provides education to support parenting, and offers one on one services that are prioritized and delivered according to each family's unique needs.

This can be life-changing for parents and their children.



Ashley G. knows the importance of home visiting. She and her son received this service from [Rise for baby and family](#), one of the agencies in the [Monadnock Alliance for Families \(MAF\)](#), an MUW funded collaborative that also includes [The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center](#), [Healthy Starts at Home](#), Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, [Monadnock Family Services](#), and [The River Center](#).

Ashley's son was born in 2018 and she and her husband were immediately concerned about a possible issue with his feet. He was diagnosed with metatarsis adductus, a condition that causes the front half of a child's foot to turn inwards. The family was referred to Rise for baby and family for physical therapy services. Terry, their Rise therapist who was visiting weekly, was able to recommend stretches and other strategies to help. At 12 months, Ashley's son, who had struggled with multiple ear infections in his first year, was not yet speaking. As

Please join us on May 11 from 8:00 to 9:00 am at the Alumni Center at Keene State College for The Childcare Conundrum: *How Business Can Retain Employees Today and Build Tomorrow's Workforce*, a Regional Issues Series event hosted by The Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber and featuring Liz LaRose, MUW President as moderator.

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a result, a Rise speech therapist also joined his team.

The support she received from Rise was invaluable, Ashley says.

“But it was so much more than just physical therapy appointments. They supported me in so many ways. They answered my questions and reassured me when I felt overwhelmed.”

Today Ashley’s son is active and mobile, and his speech is much improved.

Margaret Nelson, Executive Director of The River Center, summed it up by saying,

“The strength based approach to working with families brings focus to what parents and caregivers are doing right and helps them identify goals that they want to work on in their families.”

Starting on May 16 and running through June 10, MUW will be partnering with [The Local Crowd Monadnock](#) giving platform to raise funds specifically for Impact Monadnock. Please join us and support the many programs of IM: home visiting, access to high quality child care, promotion of family friendly business practices through the Impact Monadnock Business Ambassadors, and social emotional supports for children and their teachers through the Pyramid Model.

All Monadnock Region children and their families deserve to thrive! You can help by [donating today](#).

Sincerely,

Danya Landis, Karen Peterson, Beth Wood
General Campaign Co-Chairs, Stronger Together Annual Campaign

p.s. Congratulations to Margaret Nelson for winning the [New Hampshire Center for Non-Profit’s Impact Award](#). The award honors nonprofit employees for significant contributions to their organizations, the nonprofit sector and the state. Congratulations, Margaret for all that you do for our Region and State!



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