



**Monadnock United Way** 

2023 Annual Campaign

### Imagine What We Can Do Together...Fundraisers, Hand-Raisers and Gamechangers

You changed the game last year. People received food and emergency shelter. Child care centers remained open and viable. Families received essential services. Our partners, our initiatives, and the community flexed time and again to help every person possible – because of your generosity. Today, our community continues to strengthen.

## Too many of our neighbors are still facing hardship:

- We still have third highest rate of child abuse and neglect in the state
- Our children still score lower than the rest of the state in English and math
- One quarter of our residents are low-income. The rest of NH the rate is 1 in 5

# These statistics are likely to get worse in the months to come.

Poverty, abuse, and low educational achievement reinforce each other; creating a downward cycle that harms a community and destroys its vibrancy. The damage seeps in over time, often taking a generation to become obvious. We can't wait that long to act.

TOGETHER we can eliminate and change these realities forever.

# Our region has proven time and again that we #liveunited.

## United Together, we are the fundraisers, hand-raisers, and game-changers that:

- Face hunger, homelessness, poverty, and child abuse with open eyes
- Step up to strengthen our community every single day
- Prepare our neighbors for success in school, work, and life

With your support, we can address today's problems and create a strong community for tomorrow.

Imagine what we can do together.

### There are many ways you can donate!

Online: muw.org Text: MUW to 41444

Payroll deduction: See your HR dept. Mail: MUW, 23 Center Street, Keene, NH 03431

Monadnock United Way fights for children, education, and financial stability in every community throughout our region.

GIVE TODAY at MUW.org

#### **Imagine What We Can Do Together**

Our region is known for collaboration and MUW is proud of these four partnerships representing 22 community programs. By combining resources and working closely together, these programs help to ensure a vibrant region for all.

#### **Monadnock Region Afterschool Collective**

Children receive quality after school programming

in safe environments with the coordinated efforts of these seven after-school programs in 13 locations across our region: 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 • Beyond the Bell (at Mt. Caesar and Cutler Schools in Swanzey, Troy

Elementary, and Emerson Elementary in Fitzwilliam) •

#### **Monadnock Alliance for Families**

Hillsboro-Deering Before and Afterschool

Through this alliance of five agencies, families can receive home visits, parenting classes, and supports along their entire parenting journey: Rise for baby and family • Monadnock Family Services • The River Center • The Grapevine • Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services

#### **Monadnock Food Pantries Collective**

Eight local pantries are sharing funds, resources and buying power to provide healthy foods and fresh produce to people across the region:

The Community Kitchen (Keene) • Joan's Pantry (Chesterfield) • The Federated Church Food Pantry (Marlborough) • Helping Hands of Troy • Jaffrey Food Pantry • Kidz Cupboard (Marlborough) • Rindge Food Pantry • St. Vincent de Paul Society

## **Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative**

Three programs have joined forces to move individuals into stable housing, providing emergency shelter, classes, and case management:

Southwestern Community Services • Hundred Nights • Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention

### **MUW's Impact Monadnock...Preparing Children for Success**

Investing in early childhood strengthens families; improves academic, social, and emotional outcomes; and has positive outcomes for education, health, employment, and civic life.

- Keene Day Care Center, Inc.
- Southwestern Community Services Dental Program
- Monadnock Community Early Learning Center
- Hillsboro Child Development Center, Southern NH Services
- Walpole Village School
- Winchester Learning Center
- Impact Monadnock Business Ambassadors
- StartSmart
- Pyramid Model
- Child Care Expansion Grant (grant funded)
- Early Childhood Region 1 (grant funded)



For more information on any of our partner programming, please visit muw.org

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As the state's 24-hour social services hotline, 211 connects individuals with critical services. It is also the hotline for COVID-19 and The Doorway for substance misuse. 211 is managed by Granite United Way and funded, in part, by all five United Ways in NH.