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Monadnock United Way Distributes Over \$155,000 in CARES Act Funding to Help People Affected by Substance Use Disorder

Keene, NH - In partnership with the Governor's Office and Granite United Way, Monadnock United Way was awarded and distributed over \$155,000 in CARES Act Funding to help provide basic needs to people affected by substance use disorder (SUD) and experiencing challenges caused by COVID-19 in the Monadnock Region. This brings the total raised and distributed for Covid Relief by MUW, in the Monadnock Region, to \$607,000.

MUW partnered with three qualifying programs to distribute the funds including: The Doorway at Cheshire Medical Center, Monadnock Area Peer Support Agency (MPS), and Gates Recovery Center in New Ipswich, NH between September and December 2020.

The three programs helped over 660 individuals and families affected by SUD cover the costs of basic needs including childcare, transportation, fuel, utilities, housing, clothing, phone bills, computers, and internet access.

Kathie Saari, CRSW Pastor/Director Gates Recovery Center said, "The grant was very helpful to our clients. We are currently helping mothers, some of whom are single and some with husbands in recovery. We have been using the money to help them with childcare so that they can go to work and continue going to recovery meetings."

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In August, Governor Sununu earmarked funding to provide basic needs supports to individuals, families, and households impacted by substance use disorder and the economic and health challenges presented by COVID-19. MUW President, Liz LaRose, said, “We are honored to have attracted Federal funds to support people with Substance Use Disorder during such a critical time in their lives. We are also proud to have partnered so closely with The Doorway, Monadnock Area Peer Support, and Gates Recovery Center. They each play an important role in helping people in our community get the resources and help they need during their recovery journey.”

“In the early months of the Covid epidemic, a couple fell behind on their rent and owed approximately \$7,000 of rent in arrears,” said Nelson Hayden, MA, MBA, LADC, Director/Clinician at the Doorway at Cheshire Medical Center, “With the CARES Act Funds we received through MUW, The Doorway was able to cover these costs. The couple has stable housing, and the landlord was extremely grateful for the assistance, which allowed this couple to climb out from an insurmountable problem.”

“It is a privilege to work with our colleagues at Granite United Way, the United Ways of New Hampshire network, and the Governor’s Office to distribute these critically needed funds in the Monadnock Region and the State,” said LaRose. “Covid-19 has hit some of our most vulnerable populations hardest and this assistance has been a lifeline.”

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery is dedicated to the timely, fair, and transparent allocation and disbursement of CARES Act emergency relief funds to COVID-19 pandemic impacted communities, organizations, and businesses. All New Hampshire United Ways utilized proven review processes to identify and award over twenty organizations across the state. The funds from this program have provided desperately needed assistance in securing basic needs for people throughout New Hampshire affected by COVID-19.

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Monadnock United Way is dedicated to improving lives by mobilizing diverse partners and investing in programs and people to create long-lasting, measurable change. MUW was founded in 1952, and currently has more than 2,500 donors, advocates, and volunteers. At Monadnock United Way, we fight for children, education and financial stability and basic needs in every community throughout our region.