



Monadnock United Way

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Timken Foundation of Canton Awards Monadnock United Way Covid-19 Relief Fund Grant

Keene, NH – The Timken Foundation of Canton has awarded Monadnock United Way (MUW) a \$15,000 grant to be used for Covid-19 relief efforts. These funds will allow MUW to continue its efforts supporting our community in this time of crisis. Specifically, the funds will be used to support the Monadnock Food Pantries Collective and Monadnock Home Visiting Alliance (MHVA).

“We are grateful to receive this support from the Timken Foundation, which will provide meals, essential supplies, and services to individuals and families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic,” said Liz LaRose, president, Monadnock United Way. “The Timken Company and Foundation of Canton have helped so many worthwhile organizations in our region and we are pleased to partner with them during this trying time.”

The Monadnock Food Pantries Collective consists of 7 food pantries spanning the region and is led by The Community Kitchen. Members include: The Community Kitchen, Gert’s Pantry (Swanzey), Joan’s Pantry (Chesterfield), Federated Church Food Pantry (Marlborough), Helping Hands of Troy, Jaffrey Food Pantry, and Kidz Cupboard (Marlborough). This collective is actively procuring and distributing, through hot meals and pantry programs, vital supplies to help feed Monadnock region residents who are most vulnerable to the COVID-19 economic ramifications. Since Covid-19 has become a significant issue in this region, the Pantries Collective has been coordinating food distribution activities through regular Zoom calls with not only their seven Collective members, but other food-related organizations, including regional school systems, and organizations such as Monadnock Understand Childhood Hunger, Tiny Tummies, and many others.

MHVA consists of four organizations who typically directly visit over 400 families in their homes. Members include Rise for Baby and Family, The Grapevine Family Resource Center, Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services Healthy Starts, and The River Center Family Resource Center. This group is using Covid Relief funds to support families who are at greatest risk, providing phone cards to families, allowing them to continue home visits virtually without incurring costs they can ill afford while also allowing them to stay connected with their support system. Funds will also be used to provide needed essentials: food, diapers, gas cards for medical transportation, and immediate essential expenses. The close relationships these organizations have with the families they serve help to ensure that emergency needs are addressed immediately, effectively and efficiently.

The Timken Foundation of Canton is a private, nonprofit, family foundation, founded in 1934 by Henry H. Timken, Sr. Over that time, the Foundation has disbursed more than \$400 million in grants. The Timken Foundation makes grants primarily in the communities where The Timken Company and Timken Steel Corporation operate.

For more information about the Covid-19 Relief Fund and the organizations it benefits, please visit <https://www.muw.org/covid-19-relief-fund>.

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About Monadnock United Way

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 4,500 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.