

Your Support Helps Families Weather Rising Financial Challenges

Dear MUW Supporters,

A few weeks ago, the [Keene Sentinel reported](#) on a recent New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute (NHFPI) study which describes how the rapidly rising cost of living is impacting affordability, especially for lower-income individuals and families. The report details how the typical NH family has lost major ground over the past decade, as the cost of basic necessities—food, housing, energy, healthcare, and childcare—rose substantially faster than most household incomes. The report's release aligns with this newsletter's focus on [Financial Security](#), the third in MUW's series showcasing how your generous support strengthens Children, Education, and Financial Stability across our region.



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Thanks to you, we have raised \$707,212 or 46% of our \$1,519,000 goal! Let's keep the momentum going!

Behind the Headlines: Help for Families Facing Rising Costs

We share a vision of a Monadnock region where individuals and families have the financial resources necessary to live healthy, happy, and productive lives. In reality, 9% of individuals in our region live at or below the federal poverty level.* But rather than focus on numbers, we want to share some amazing success stories showing the direct, positive impact your donations have on individuals and families in our community:

Tanglewood: In July 2024, a devastating storm caused \$1.5 million in damage to the Tanglewood Mobile Home Park in Keene. More than 50 homes were damaged, including 10 deemed structurally unsound. The community faced massive tree loss, limited federal aid, and ongoing costs for cleanup and repairs—leaving many residents struggling to recover. Rising to the challenge, MUW, statewide partners, and neighbors united to raise over \$87,000 to help clear debris and restore safety after the storm. Efforts to help families fully recover continue in 2025.

Scholarships: In 2024, 197 children accessed quality early learning through tuition scholarships at five MUW-supported centers. When one girl's family faced a sudden income loss, an MUW scholarship kept her enrolled at [Walpole Village School](#), surrounded by caring teachers and friends. The support eased childcare costs, gave her parents peace of mind, and helped them focus on work and family. Today, the girl and her family are thriving.

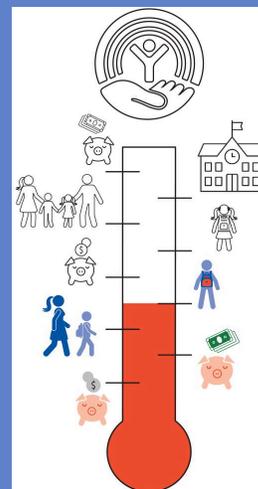
Housing and Basic Needs: In 2024, the [Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative](#) supported 305 individuals with shelter, food, and essentials while helping them work toward stability. Sixty-two percent engaged in housing-focused plans, exceeding the 50% goal, and educational participation rose from 4.85% to 19%. By combining immediate support with long-term solutions, the collaborative is helping more people build skills, secure housing, and move toward lasting independence.

Please take a moment to read MUW's [Community Impact Report](#) and learn more about MUW's investments and results for Children, Education, and Financial Stability.

Our Neighbors Depend on Us

MUW's Our Monadnock, Our Impact annual campaign is critical to our ability to ensure those most in need in our community receive the help and assistance they need. It's November and, thanks to your generosity, **we have raised over \$707,000 toward our goal of \$1,519,000.** But we've got a way to go, and we'll need everyone's support to ensure our neighbors have the means to lead fulfilled, productive lives. They're depending on us!

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