

Investing in Education, Strengthening Our Region

Dear MUW Supporters,

This is the second of three newsletters highlighting the significant difference your support makes across MUW's three focus areas—Children, Education, and Financial Security—as detailed in the recently-released [Community Impact Report 2024](#). Today we're looking at our second area, Education.



Education is Key to a Brighter Future

MUW's vision is a community where every child receives a strong educational foundation for a bright, successful future. Educational success strengthens children, their families, and our entire region. Right now, however, a shortage of qualified early childhood educators in the Monadnock Region puts our vision at



Our Monadnock, Our Impact Kickoff Highlights

Please watch the [Community Voices panel discussion](#) on workforce development efforts in childcare



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Thanks to you, we have raised \$602,087 or 40% of our \$1,519,000 goal! Let's keep the momentum going!

risk—limiting families' access to quality childcare and early learning.

Two Local Education Initiatives

MUW plays a leadership role in two initiatives designed to ensure children are ready to learn by the time they enter school and to increase staffing levels for local childcare establishments.

[Monadnock Community Pyramid Model](#)

Educators and parents use this framework to develop social emotional learning—the process through which children learn to manage emotions, achieve goals, show empathy for others, maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. These skills are key to educational success.

In 2024:

- 250 educators have been trained in the Pyramid Model.

[Childcare Expansion Project](#)

This grant-funded project seeks to expand training and employment pipelines for early childhood education and to retain local graduates to live and work in our region.

In 2024:

- 25 providers advanced in the Child Development Associate (CDA) program
- 25 new childcare jobs were created, helping to open 53 new slots for families
- 15 Keene High School students earned a CDA credential

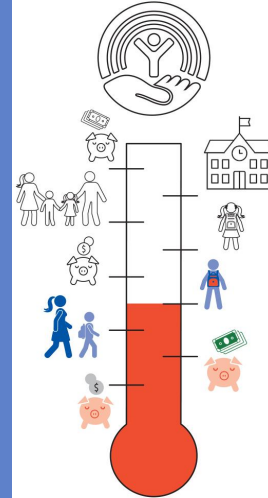
Preparing the Next Generation of Teachers

Keene High School's Cheshire Career Center (CCC) offers the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification, a nationally recognized credential, in the Careers in Education program (made possible by the Child Care Expansion project).

Students complete coursework in child development, behavior, and curriculum design, along with hands-on classroom experience. They also earn CPR, First Aid, and Universal Design for Learning certifications, boosting their employability.

Fifteen students recently earned their CDA, giving them qualifications to work as lead teachers rather than assistants. Local childcare providers, facing staffing shortages, welcome this new pipeline of skilled young educators.

"It's incredible to see how many of our graduates are now working in nearly every school and childcare center in our



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community."

**--Jennifer Antosiewicz, Careers in Education
program leader.**

Let's Keep the Momentum Going

We're nearly halfway through MUW's Our Monadnock, Our Impact annual campaign, and we're deeply grateful to everyone who has already contributed. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised \$602,087, or 40% of our \$1,519,000 goal! Many of you donate in the later months of the campaign and your continued support will once again be key to our success. Of course, there's no need to wait—now's the perfect time to join your neighbors in making a lasting impact across the Monadnock Region!

Sincerely,

Ashley Elliott, Board Chair, Rise for baby and family
Tom Julius, Board Chair, Monadnock Interfaith Project

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