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LETTER FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Youth Day of Caring: Young Hearts, Big Impact

Dear MUW Supporters,

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, a time to celebrate the individuals who bring MUW's mission to life through the gift of their time, talent, and compassion. [Volunteers](#) are at the heart of everything we do, empowering MUW and our nonprofit partners to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and strengthen our community in meaningful ways. On behalf of all of us at MUW and our partner organizations, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers!



The Next Generation Steps Up

As we celebrate our volunteers in April, what better time to foster the values of service, teamwork, and community impact in our community's youth? MUW's Youth Day of Caring is designed to engage students in meaningful, hands-on volunteer projects that support their school and local community. During the month of April, several sites from the [Monadnock Region Afterschool Collective](#) including [ACCESS Winchester](#), [Beyond the Bell](#), [Hillsborough Kid Adventures](#), [Keene Family YMCA](#), and the [Monadnock Youth Coalition](#) will plan and complete service projects. Student-centered projects will focus on meeting real community or school needs, bringing home the benefits of volunteering to the students.



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This weekend, Stephanie Latini, MUW's Internship and Business Outreach Manager, [published an op-ed in the Keene Sentinel](#).

In Stephanie's words: **"The piece focuses on a workforce challenge that's closely connected to much of our work, specifically, the systems that make workforce participation possible (or difficult) for individuals and families. It reflects many of the themes we've been seeing across programs and partnerships, particularly around access, coordination, and long-term sustainability."**

"NBT Bank is proud to sponsor MUW's Youth Day of Caring because we believe in the power of working together. When we support our youth and invest in their growth, we strengthen the entire Monadnock Region. Our commitment to community is rooted in the idea that we're better together — and that shared effort is what makes our region thrive."

***Jess Wisell, Senior Relationship Banker,
Keene Branch***

NBT Bank Sponsors Youth Day of Caring

[NBT Bank](#), a generous supporter of MUW with a strong commitment to our community, is sponsoring this year's Youth Day of Caring. They believe in bringing organizations, businesses, and neighbors together to create opportunities to help our communities grow stronger.

NBT Bank has a meaningful impact in the Monadnock Region by supporting a wide range of programs and initiatives. A few examples of their ongoing dedication include:

- Serving as premier sponsor for Keene's SwampBats summer baseball camp
- Providing top-level support for Keene Family YMCA's Sneaker Ball
- Participating in Keene Family YMCA's Giving Tree program
- Supporting Feeding Tiny Tummys
- Providing volunteers to The Community Kitchen and Keene Public Library
- Delivering financial literacy classes through the Keene Family YMCA

Engaging the Next Generation of Community Builders

MUW's Youth Day of Caring is a reminder that the spirit of community has no age limit. While life moves quickly, the need for community involvement remains constant. That's why I'm excited that MUW and NBT Bank are inspiring and engaging the next generation, empowering them to take an active role in shaping the future of the community they call home now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Liz LaRose, President

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