

WE ARE HERE.

This is our opportunity to help
the Merrimack County community

Learn, Earn and Be Healthy.



Granite United Way

A gift to Granite United Way will respond to needs across the Merrimack County and ensure access to important programs and services our neighbors rely on.



You have known Granite United Way as a trusted partner helping people Learn, Earn and Be Healthy across New Hampshire and Windsor County, Vermont. By working together, we create opportunities to address our community's most critical needs.



We are here to answer the call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at our 211 NH information and referral call center.



We are here to help our youth advance their leadership and literacy skills that will be the foundation for lifelong success.



We are here to provide supports to individuals and families who are striving to build financial stability.

Delivering Impact



It is incredible what we can do together.

Every donor dollar in the Merrimack County delivers on Granite United Way's promise to leverage those investments in the most efficient ways that will provide a lasting impact on our community. These are just a few of the ways we've been working together to help our neighbors Learn, Earn and Be Healthy.



Reducing Trauma

Helping children and families experiencing crisis can reduce the impacts of trauma later in life. Thanks to support from Granite United Way, the Concord Police Department, Merrimack County Advocacy Center, and Riverbend Community Mental Health teamed up to launch Concord's Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team (ACERT).

"Although connecting families and children with in-person services has proven to be difficult during this challenging time, the ability to provide a support network and specialized resources – even remotely – offers families a safety net and caring person to help build resiliency in their children." Bethany Cottrell, Human Services Director, Merrimack County. Since their launch in October of 2019, the team has helped hundreds of children and families access community resources.

Safety in our Homes

In partnership with RALI NH, Granite United Way's Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN) purchased and distributed over 800 lockable boxes and bags to promote safe storage of prescription drugs in the home and while traveling. Using relationships with local police departments, Recovery Friendly Workplaces, and local nonprofits, CAPHN connected with parents, caregivers, and high risk populations to ensure that medications could be safely stored while still accessible for those who needed them.

"Having these resources available in homes, and in the community reduces youth and adult access to prescription drugs, and it increases public awareness of the risk of harm that misusing prescription drugs can have. The best prevention happens at every level of the community and all our partners make this work possible," noted Annika Stanley-Smith, CAPHN's Director of Substance Misuse Prevention.



Connecting in Crisis

Granite United Way's COVID-19 Relief Fund has helped thousands of people across our state to meet their basic needs during the pandemic. In Merrimack County, Waypoint has connected with local nonprofits to help clients who needed immediate relief to address challenges presented by the pandemic, assisting nearly 400 individuals in the community. One local recipient was able to purchase clothing and stay connected to mental health services through a prepaid cell phone. A case manager at Riverbend worked with a client whose family had really been struggling during COVID-19. "She was so grateful for the gift of groceries, and the relief that came over her knowing she didn't have to stress about food. It shows we are still doing good in a world that is tough to navigate."