

# UNITED is the way FORWARD



## WE HELP PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

### Connections Create Opportunities for Students

Investing in the next generation is one of the key elements to building strong communities. Granite United Way investments in youth throughout the Southern Region continue to be some of our greatest impact across the community.

Programs like **Leader in Me** grew tremendously throughout the Manchester School District over the past five years. This is a result of a generous matching gift from the Stebbins Family, the program is now being offered in all five of the West Side schools from elementary to high school.

**The Youth Enrichment Partnership** continues to make strides in addressing the needs of the middle school-aged youth across the community. This effort involves more than a dozen youth-serving, local nonprofits combining forces to act on behalf of children.

**In the Greater Derry area, investments have been made in adolescent wellness.**

At The Upper Room, nearly 500 youth have been supported by their Adolescent Wellness and Junvenile Diversion programs. Many of which accessed other programs within the agency as well, or their families accessed services.

"We are proud of our partnership with Granite United Way, resulting in positive outcomes for youth and their families," said Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director at The Upper Room. "They engage in education, support and skill building, leading to positive solutions and strengthening the protective factors, and family resilience that moves people to success."

"What makes us unique is our ability to identify partnerships and resources that create brighter futures for our students," said Susan Howland, Southern Region Area Director. "The support from our partners in the community are changing lives every day."

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### LOCAL IMPACT STARTS HERE

**20,157 CALLS TO 211 NH**  
were made by residents of the  
Southern Region seeking  
information and resources.

### SOUTHERN REGION GRANTS

Local volunteers awarded grant funding to 41 Southern Region nonprofits, including Equity Grants to local nonprofits that address complex community needs.

### RECOVERY FRIENDLY WORKPLACES

There are 49 Recovery Friendly Workplaces in the Southern Region that are businesses dedicated to fostering a supportive environment that encourages the success of their employees in recovery.

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

The 3 Southern Region Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites prepared 608 federal tax returns this past season, for \$816,244 in federal refunds, and included \$166,796 in Earned Income Tax Credit.

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