



Monadnock United Way

# Imagine What We Can Do Together

2023 Annual Campaign



## Basic Needs: The Impact of the Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative

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**Your support transforms lives and creates lasting change for families throughout the Monadnock region.**

### Dear MUW Supporters,

Collaboration allows for a coordinated and integrated approach to addressing homelessness, pooling resources, expertise, and support networks. The Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative (CCEHC) is a vital MUW-funded collaborative aimed at addressing homelessness and housing insecurity within Cheshire County. This collaborative effort brings together Southwestern Community Services, Hundred Nights, and Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention with the shared goal of providing comprehensive support and resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

### 2023 Impact

One identified outcome of the CCEHC is that Monadnock community members will achieve financial stability and well-being by addressing basic needs that support financial stability. In 2023, the CCEHC achieved the following through their key components:

- **Emergency Shelter Services:** 412 clients received emergency housing (needs equating to 31,236 bed nights) in a safe, clean environment and 100% of these clients received necessities. CCEHC provides emergency shelter services to individuals and families facing immediate housing crises. This includes access to temporary shelters, safe housing options, and basic needs such as food, clothing, and hygiene facilities.
- **Case Management:** 412 clients were informed of available community resources, services, and housing options and 239 clients engaged in a housing-focused case plan. The collaborative offers comprehensive case management services to help individuals navigate the complexities of homelessness and access necessary support

*Thank you for creating opportunities with us.*



### Calling all Volunteers!

MUW is in need of a volunteer who has written communication skills to help with various short writing projects. If you are interested, please contact Sophie Carney-Brenner at [sophie@muw.org](mailto:sophie@muw.org)

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systems. Case managers work closely with clients to develop personalized plans, connect them with relevant resources, and provide ongoing assistance to facilitate their transition out of homelessness.

- **Community Outreach and Education:** 20 clients participated in educational opportunities to increase their knowledge of self-improvement strategies. In addition to addressing immediate housing needs, the collaborative also focuses on education efforts to help individuals and families through workshops like Tenancy 101 and Financial Literacy.



## Work In-Action

### **When Nancy\* called the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, she was in the middle of a crisis.**

Her safety was threatened as she had been beaten by her husband and was worried that she might have broken ribs. MCVP's Advocate tried to help her remain as calm as possible in this terrifying situation. Finally, during a moment of quiet, Nancy raced to her car.

The MCVP Advocate stayed on the phone with her for the entire 30-minute drive. Once safely inside the MCVP facility, the Advocate sat with Nancy, guided her through some deep breathing exercises, and listened to her story. She could not return to her home, and she had no friends or family in the area with whom she could stay. Her advocate completed an assessment to determine if Nancy was the right fit for one of MCVP's few shelter beds. She was!

**Her advocate helped Nancy get settled into MCVP's "For Now House" where she could stay for 3- 6 months while she built up the physical, mental, emotional, and financial strength to step back into independent living.** When Nancy arrived at the shelter, she was greeted by several other guests, most of whom had experienced abuse very similar to her own. She also continued to receive regular support from MCVP's Shelter Advocate, including developing an empowerment plan that included steps to heal the invisible wounds of trauma and prepare for independence. MCVP's Housing First Advocate helped Nancy

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If you have any questions regarding this initiative or are unable to provide an email address, contact [sophie@muw.org](mailto:sophie@muw.org) or (603) 352- 4209 ext. 24.

identify housing options that would suit her new life free from violence. **Thanks to the services of MCVP Nancy was able to access life-saving services and begin anew.**

**Your support makes this important work possible and helps people like Nancy to transition out of crisis to stability and hope. We are grateful for your commitment to MUW and our community!**

\*name changed for confidentiality

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**Sincerely,**

Chris Coates, Cheshire County Administrator  
Larry Monson, General Manager, Monadnock Ford  
Rose Novotny, Bank of New Hampshire  
*Imagine What We Can Do Together General Campaign Co-Chairs*

**Thank you for helping to ensure that community members like Nancy, have the resources they need to thrive.**

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