

October 2022 Newsletter



White House Invites PMUW President to Share the Local Impact of Recent Federal Funding

Pocono Mountains United Way President and CEO Michael Tukeva was one of 50 community leaders and elected officials to attend a White House meeting on the local impact of federal funding Thursday, Sept. 29.

On Sept. 29, the Biden-Harris Administration hosted the Communities in Action: Building a Better Pennsylvania event in Washington, D.C., where attendees discussed how federal funding, including the American Rescue Plan, affected commonwealth communities.

[Continue reading about Michael's trip to the White House on the Pocono Record website.](#)



Still want to help out other agencies in Monroe County? Visit www.VolunteerMonroe.org to see available volunteer opportunities.

[Project Equity launches in Monroe](#)



To increase transparency and inclusivity for all communities within Monroe County, the Pocono Mountains United Way launched Project Equity.

One of the first initiatives of the Stroudsburg-based organization is a partnership with Black-led business, Resilia. The company is working with 20 nonprofits serving Monroe County.

[Continue reading about this new initiative.](#)



80th Anniversary Honorees Fundraising Challenge

In August, PMUW hosted a breakfast honoring 80 individuals, families, and organizations that have made a significant impact on the local community over the years. Now, we have created a fundraising event that allows YOU to support your favorite honoree and donate to Pocono Mountains United Way through their fundraising team. Search through the names on our website to see a [full list of honorees](#) and click on the name to be redirected to their fundraising page. Every donation provides the option to fundraise on the team of one of our 80 Honorees, so jump in and be part of this tremendous fundraiser that creates a positive contribution to our local community. [Ready, set, GO!](#)

Event Updates

October Protect Your Hearing Month

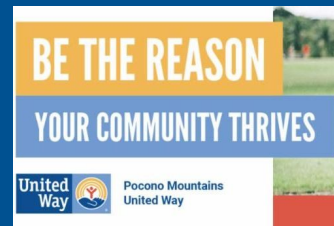
The Healthy Start Early Childhood Screening program wants you to know that October is National Protect Your Hearing Month. Celebrating this awareness campaign that is supported by the CDC is the perfect opportunity for you to think about getting a hearing screening for your children.

If you feel your child has trouble with speech, language, or hearing, consider contacting East Stroudsburg University Speech & Hearing Center to schedule a free hearing or speech and language screening at 570-422-3247.



2022 Campaign

Pocono Mountains United Way launched its 80th Campaign on September 7th. The Campaign is led by Chris Barrett, President/CEO, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and Michael Tukeva, President/CEO, Pocono Mountains United Way. Our Be the Reason Campaign encourages people to give United and *be the reason...*



- that no family struggles to make ends meet.
- individuals are working to improve their financial stability.
- children are prepared to succeed in school and beyond.
- people in our community won't go hungry.

Ready to make a difference? Visit our [website](#) to learn how to participate through a workplace campaign or to donate with an individual pledge.

Other United Way Programs

HELP IS AVAILABLE
Connecting with community services is easy.

PoconoInfo is a free one-stop information and referral service for Monroe County that provides easy access to human services in our community.

☎ 570-517-3954
✉ info@PoconoUnitedWay.org

PoconoInfo will help eliminate guessing, confusion, and helplessness.

Services and resources we can help you find:

- Substance Abuse
- Foodbanking
- Rental/utility assistance
- Transportation
- Legal advice information
- Case intervention services
- Where to donate food
- Childcare
- Legal counselor
- Credit counseling
- Public assistance programs
- Where to donate food
- Substance Abuse & more
- Aging parent assistance
- Support groups
- And more

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Monroe County Pennsylvania ERAP
This is a time-limited rental program with different requirements than earlier programs.

Who can qualify for the ERAP program?

- ERAP provides assistance for Monroe County renters who are behind on their rent or utilities regardless of monthly rate
- Household income must be equal to or less than the following totals for household members 18 years and older:

# of household members	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual household income	\$9,600	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$20,400	\$22,800	\$25,200	\$27,600

Click Here to apply on-line or go to MonroeERAP.com

Monroe ERAP Information Line: 570-517-3954

Agencies providing program services:    

LANDLORD-TENANT EVICTION MEDIATION
A Free Service for Monroe County Landlords and Tenants



Helping Our Community Resolve Eviction Disputes

- Are you a tenant who lives in Monroe County? Are you worried about being evicted?
- Are you a landlord who rents property in Monroe County? Are you experiencing a landlord-tenant dispute regarding rent?
- Do you want the help of a neutral third party in resolving this problem?
- Are you interested in mediation to resolve a tenancy dispute, and do you agree to participate in mediation?

The mediation services offered by Pocono Mountains United Way can help.

What is Mediation?
Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process that brings both sides together to resolve conflicts. The mediator does not make a decision, but rather helps both sides come to an agreement.

Pocono Mountains United Way
Together, We Can Do It!

Pocono Mountains United Way is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the health, education and financial stability of Monroe County families through community volunteerism, fundraising and advocacy.

PoconoInfo Helpline
570-517-3954

Emergency Rental Assistance Program
www.MonroeERAP.com
m 570-243-6677

Eviction Mediation Program
570-261-8023

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