

United Way



Pocono Mountains United Way

March 2023 Newsletter



First Emerging Leaders Society

The Emerging Leaders Society met for the very first time last week, with young professionals and emerging leaders coming together at the Frogtown Chophouse. This new professional development, leadership, and community-building group seeks passionate, driven, and resourceful professionals in Monroe County that are looking to connect with like minded individuals. Events will include personal development and networking opportunities, community outreach, possible volunteer opportunities, and more. If you are interested in learning more and potentially joining us for the next Emerging Leaders Society meeting, email [Jake Higgins](#).

Tax Season Is A Great Time To Give!

Tax season is upon us, and we wanted to highlight two tax-savvy ways to investing in the community through Pocono Mountains United Way.

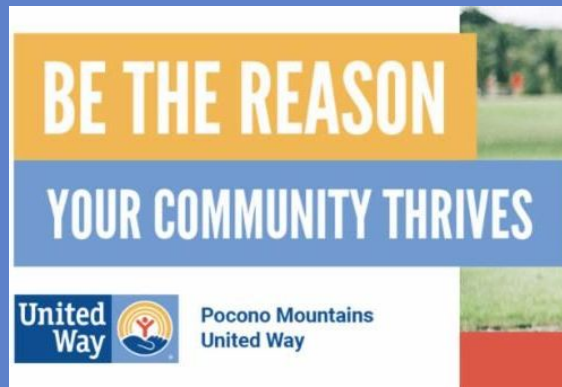
1. Did you know that you can reduce your tax burden and meet your required minimum distribution (RMD) for 2023 by donating directly from your IRA? This is a simple and effective way to invest in our community while also saving on taxes.
2. If you have appreciated assets, you can avoid capital gains by transferring your stocks today. By doing so, you can support our mission to improve lives and build a stronger community while also benefiting from tax savings.

If you have any questions about these smarter methods of giving, please contact [Todd Nemura](#) today!



Housing Still A Critical Need In Monroe County

There is just not enough housing in Monroe County at the moment, and it has created an issue for emergency shelters in the area. Blue Ridge Cable TV recently interviewed CEO Michael Tukeva for his thoughts on how the area can tackle this need.



Help our team make a difference in our community

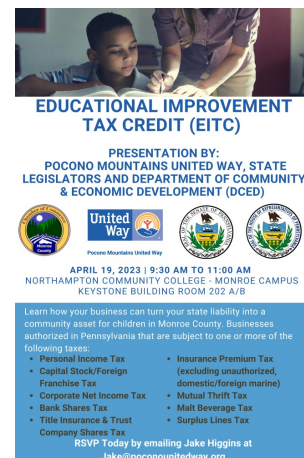
Click Here: [DONATE TODAY](#)

Upcoming Events

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Presentation

On April 19th, join Pocono Mountains United Way, State Legislators, and the Department of Community & Economic Development for a seminar for businesses about a tax credit they may be eligible for. Businesses have the opportunity to help aid in the education of a local child through the EITC program.

To learn if your business qualifies, click on the flyer for more information.



Road 2 Riverfest

Join us for a special Earth Day celebration event at Mountain View Vineyard, Winery, Brewery, & Distillery. Road 2 Riverfest will feature musical guests, a Zumba class, food trucks, and more. Plus, you don't want to miss the announcement of the Shawnee Riverfest XII Concert Roster!

We hope to see you there!



Pathways to Homeownership Monthly Seminar

Also on Saturday, April 22, the the homeownership program in partnership with NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania is hosting an event for prospective homebuyers! This is the first of a series of monthly seminars designed to provide you with information from a certified housing counselor and other industry experts. If you are looking at buying a home in the near future, you don't want to miss out on this event!



INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE! PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Move ahead to a better place by educating yourself!

Living in Monroe County and have questions or need help buying a home? They have the answers in a relaxed, "no pressure" atmosphere. Bring a guest, join us to learn how to buy a home, get a certified housing counselor and other industry experts. You will see our upcoming monthly workshop for Monroe residents at <https://www.pocounitedway.org/monroe-county>.

What you will learn about:	Event details:	Who you will learn from:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Approval Shopping for a Good Home Inspection Loan Application Interest and Fees Closing Costs Financing Presentation 	APRIL 22, 2023 SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM Monroe County Community College 2411 N. 7th St., Norcross, PA 18773 Room VAPP 104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUD-Certified Housing Counselor Mortgage Lenders Real Estate Agents Home Inspectors Insurance Agents Real Estate Attorneys

This Monroe County workshop series is brought through a partnership between NeighborWorks and United Way. We have a shared vision to increase the ability of families and individuals by providing programs and services that create opportunities for responsible homeownership and affordable housing. Please contact us via links below to learn more.


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Contact if you have any questions: housinghelp@pocounitedway.org



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

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
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PoconoInfo will help eliminate guessing, confusion, and helplessness.

Services and resources we can help you find:

- Shelter Planning
- Foodbanking
- Financial assistance
- Transportation
- Special abuse information
- Early intervention services
- Mental health services
- Employment
- Legal assistance
- Credit counseling
- Public assistance programs
- Where to donate food
- Job training, skills & info
- Homeless assistance
- Support groups
- And more!

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HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

FREE Savings planning & loans to access homeownership resources & funds

FREE Credit analysis & improvement

FREE How to qualify for an affordable mortgage

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Get support from a HUD-Certified Housing Counselor on how to create a customized path to homeownership. Individuals who work with HUD Counselors are 30% less likely to experience foreclosure. Successful, sustainable homeownership begins with educated homebuyers. You will have the tools, capacity, and knowledge to know your options so you can make the best choice about whether and what to buy, affordable financing plans, and accessing possible financial assistance programs.

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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 difficult tenant dispute regarding rent?
- Do you want the help of a neutral third party in resolving this problem?
- Are you interested in exploring a peaceful, win-win solution, and informal process would work for you?

The mediation services offered by Pocono Mountains United Way can help. Call 570-261-8023 to reach a trained mediator.

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.

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 Together. More. Than Ever.

For more information or to schedule a mediation session, please contact the Eviction Mediation Program at 570-261-8023.

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