



2023 Year In Review



Our Annual Report to the Community was filled with inspiration, gratitude, and a celebration of the impactful strides we have made together in the past year. It also gave us the chance to showcase the collective strength, resilience, and shared purpose that define Pocono Mountains United Way. The journey continues, and we look forward to the continued success of our united community.

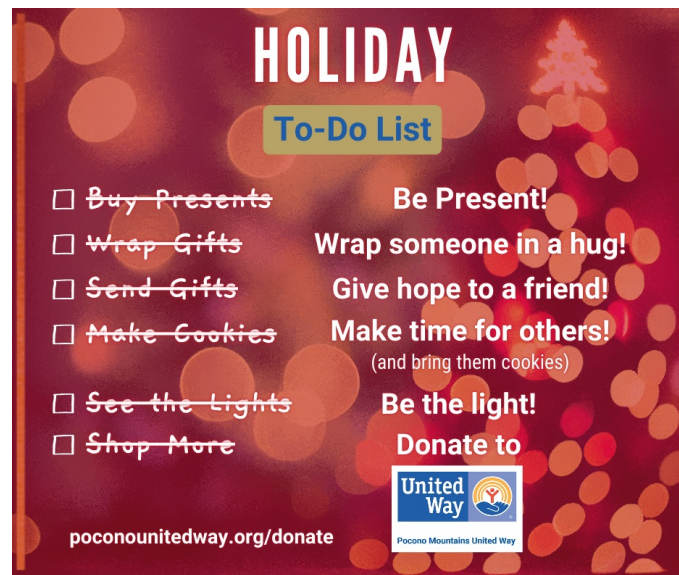
Here are just a handful of our highlights from 2023...

- ❑ Our **Healthy Start Early Childhood Screenings Program** wrapped up its 19th year by surpassing 30K screenings in December!! **BIG THANKS** to our screening partners Sights For Hope, ESU Speech & Hearing Center, Pocono Services for Families & Children, Amerihealth, and Deborah Gschrey for helping us ensure our children are ready for school!
- ❑ The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program completed 219 returns in 2023, which generated \$184,266 in refunds! U.S. Senator Bob Casey also visited our site to learn about the program and speak to our VITA volunteers.
- ❑ On **Giving Tuesday**, we raised \$29,000, including a special \$1,000 for most funds raised through the AllOne Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our community and our friends Sonia's Sweet Inspirations LLC, Mountain View Vineyard, Winery, Brewery & Distillery, Spread Eagle Realty, and the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau.
- ❑ **Equity Officer**, Robyn Weaver, presented at the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania's annual conference, offering practical methods to infuse racial equity and social justice into organizational practices and community impact.
- ❑ **Eviction Mediation Manager** Linda Paugh spoke at the 19th Annual Homes Within Reach Conference in Hershey. Linda and her co-panelist provided incredible insights on eviction mediation and how communities must work together to make housing accessible and stable for everyone.

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View our [Annual Report to the Community recap](#) online to discover more highlights from the year. While you're there, don't forget to download our 2022/2023 Annual Report to view our list of sponsors, volunteers, and community supporters who have

helped us make an impact in Monroe County!



Embracing the Spirit of Giving: A Call to Support Local Human Services this Holiday Season

Our President/ CEO, Michael Tukeva shares a heartfelt op-ed on the power of community support. Read Michael's inspiring words and consider supporting local human services this holiday season! [Click here to read more!](#)

Looking Ahead

PMUW featured program:
**projectEQUITY + Bradbury Sullivan
LGBTQ+ Center** presents:

EQUITY TRAINING TOPIC: LGBTQ+

Friday, January 19, 2024

This free training is open to all non-profit staff, volunteers, and board members of Monroe and Pike counties. It is designed to help you understand LGBTQ+ terminology, concepts, and effective engagement strategies while acquiring practices to create inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ clients and team members.

Register at <https://fs10.formsite.com/FK5lxR/x311r2gr64/index>

Question? Contact Robyn at Robyn@PoconoUnitedWay.org or call 570-517-3956



Ready to Support Your Community in 2024?

Consider volunteering for PMUW or one of the other worthwhile non-profits in Monroe County who are helping individuals and families in our community thrive! Visit www.VolunteerMonroe.org to view upcoming volunteer opportunities throughout the county. **Get involved and make a difference!**

Monroe County, PA



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Pathways to Homeownership
570-517-3954 or [Email](#)



Eviction Mediation Program
570-261-8023 or [Email](#)

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