

January 2024 Newsletter

Bridging and Belonging: MLK Day of Service

Pocono Mountains United Way is inspired by Dr. King's vision of a compassionate and united community. We were committed to turning this day into a force for positive change through the MLK Day of Service: Unity Through Service. We encouraged others



to be active and engage in good and many of you did just that! We want to thank all of those who chose to get involved in service projects and other events around our community to promote Dr. King's dream of unity!

Continue to our website to read the <u>Bridging and Belonging: MLK Day of Service</u> OpEd by Alessandra Restrepo, PMUW Director of Development.

Rental Market Increasing Need for Eviction Mediation

The current rental market is out of reach for most families in need and there is little, if any, rental assistance available in Monroe County for many renters. Pocono Mountains United Way Eviction Mediation Manager Linda Paugh is doing her best to promote planning and proactive measures to prevent eviction.



"It's important that the first time a tenant is late with their rent they communicate with their landlord to keep them informed and let them know when they can pay the rent. If there is any problem with the landlord not responding, or unwilling to collaborate with the tenant, that is the time to reach out for mediation for a payment plan," said Paugh.

Those facing eviction should call for mediation the first time they are late with rent or when the landlord notifies the tenant of the non-renewal of the lease and they need time to move. Landlords or tenants can reach out to request mediation and then the mediator will call the other party to arrange discussions.

For more info on the mediation process, call 570-261-8023 or email Mediation@poconounitedway.org.



Round up at self-checkout to make a big change for those in need!

WHY ROUND UP?

Easy way to give back.
Support United Way's initiatives.
Make a difference in your community.

Round up all of January! Every cent counts!



Get Ready For Tax Season!

Your 2023 year-end tax summaries will be mailed and emailed (if applicable) by the end of the month. Help us help you – ensure we have your latest contact information by emailing pledges@poconounitedway.org.

Also, check out 2024 Free Tax Prep Services by United Way. Visit <u>unitedway.org/myfreetaxes</u> for more details.

Upcoming Programs & Events



EQUITY TRAINING TOPIC: Fundraising Effectiveness

January 29, 2024 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM \$25 per organization* (up to 5 staff and/or board members) Register Today!

During this 90-minute session, master trainer, Chad Barger will share practical tips and exercises you can use with your board of directors and staff to make them more effective and engaged fundraisers. Virtual offering available upon request, please contact Robyn for more details.

*This training was subsidized by Pocono Mountains United Way to minimize the fundraising gap and reduce barriers to participation.

Project Equity convenes and mobilizes resources for county-wide nonprofit capacity building through the lens of racial and social equity.

For more information email Robyn@PoconoUnitedWay.org



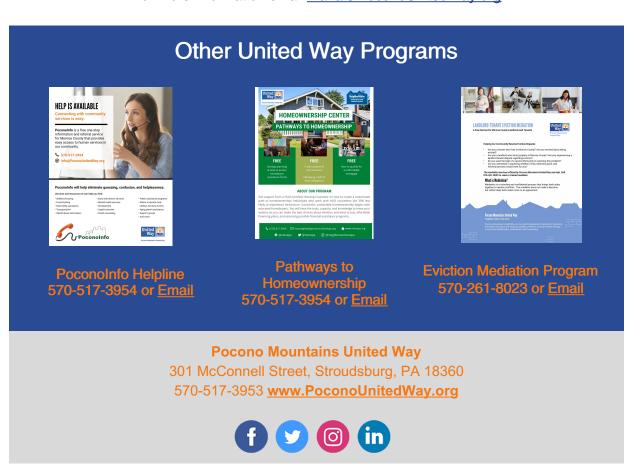
2024/2025 Resource Investment Volunteers Needed

Pocono Mountains United Way's 2024/2025 Resource Investment Process is underway, which means we are again looking for volunteers to review applications starting in February! Since our resource investment process is a community effort, we rely on volunteers like you to help us evaluate agency applications.

Who can participate? Anyone 18 years and over who lives, works, attends church, or attends school in Monroe County to evaluate funding applications from our community partners as a Finance Panelist or Program Panelist.

Visit our website for more information today. Panels begin meeting in February.

For more information email Maria@PoconoUnitedWay.org



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