



April 2024 Newsletter

PREP Coordinator Helping to Keep Renters in their Homes

In an effort to support local renters, PMUW began offering the Prepared Renters Education Program (PREP) in February.



PREP teaches essential skills for renting including budgeting, communicating with a landlord, understanding a lease, and understanding tenant rights in PA. By providing this training, program coordinator Heather Kebernik is doing her best to make sure that renters have all the information that they need to maintain their housing by becoming responsible renters.

"My goal is to motivate landlords to rent to people who may not appear to be the best rental candidates on paper and to show them that these individuals have taken the time to learn about what it means to be a good tenant," said Heather...

Read this full article to learn more about the PREP program and Heather's efforts to keep renters housed [on our website](#).

Thank You VITA Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential for the success of United Way and our community. As we continue to celebrate Volunteer Month, we are especially grateful to the 20 VITA volunteers who donated more than 898 hours providing free and trustworthy tax preparation assistance to local residents. These amazing volunteers completed 305 tax returns this year, providing \$261,062 in tax refunds! The hard work and dedication of these volunteers have helped us improve the quality of life in the Poconos!



2024 VITA Volunteers

Andrew K.
Catherine B.
Dolores R.
Ed D.
Elizabeth S.

Ernie C.
Jadon R.
Joan D.
John P.
John V.

Leah P.
Mitchel W.
Peggy M.
Rebecca S.
Rhys L.

Salvatore G.
Sharon M.
Stacy R.
Steven M.
William B.

Emerging Leaders Society

The Emerging Leaders Society is a dynamic group of young professionals dedicated to creating positive change in our community through volunteering, networking, and leadership development.

Are you ready to make a difference in your community?
Email [Alessandra](#) for more information.



ELS Recruitment Mixer
ShawneeCraft Brewing Company
Shawnee on Delaware
May 14, 2024 ~ 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for an exciting evening at ShawneeCraft Brewing Company for the Emerging Leaders Society Recruitment Mixer! [Click here for more information and to RSVP](#)

ELS Field Trip - Personal & Professional Development
Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat
May 23, 2024 ~ 10:00am-3:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

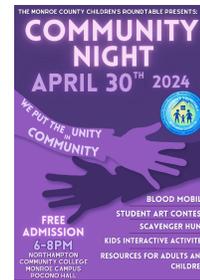
*Field trip open to ELS Members Only.
More details to come!*
Questions? [Email Alessandra](#)

Upcoming Programs & Events

Community Night

Northampton Community College - Monroe Campus
April 30, 2024 ~ 6:00-8:00pm

FREE Vision and Dental Screenings for children aged 6 months to 5 years old, right outside in the AmeriHealth Caritas mobile bus. These screenings are specifically for children who will attend school in Monroe County. Contact [Roxanne](#) to pre-register your child and don't forget to visit our booth!



A Million Steps to Mental Health Awareness Walk

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 9:30am

Donate! Walk! Share!

Proceeds benefit our Generation Next Program!
www.ThePMFoundation.org/walk

Generation Next Mentor Mixer Luncheon

Pocono Mountains United Way, Stroudsburg Office
May 14, 2024 ~ 11:30 AM- 1:00pm

Connect with others who share your passion and make a positive impact on students from underrepresented backgrounds. Explore the opportunity to become a mentor with Generation Next. Attending the event is commitment free (virtual opportunity available upon request). Join us and find out how you can make a meaningful difference! Note: This ongoing volunteer opportunity requires a background check. No commitment required to attend.
[Click here for more information and to RSVP](#)

Stroudsburg High School



Community Connections Variety Show

Stroudsburg High School, Stroudsburg
 May 17, 2024 ~ Doors Open 6:00pm
 \$5 per person at the door

Proceeds benefit Pocono Mountains United Way.
[Send an email to pre-order tickets.](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities



Shawnee Riverfest XIII

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available!
Proceeds benefit Pocono Mountains United Way!

Contact [Gil Coronado](#) for Shawnee Riverfest sponsorship opportunities:
 201-753-0093 ~ gcoronado.cila@gmail.com

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
- Child Welfare Services
- Family Violence
- Homelessness
- Mental Health Services
- Domestic Violence
- Child Support
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Abuse
- Child Care
- Early Childhood
- Public Assistance Programs
- Adult Day Care
- Senior Services
- Support Groups

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HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER
 PATHWAYS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

FREE Savings planning
 • Homebuyer's education
 • Mortgage counseling

FREE Credit analysis & improvement
 • Mortgage assistance
 • Title insurance

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 for individuals who work with HUD counselors and 30% less likely to experience foreclosure. Successful, sustainable homeownership begins with educated homeowners. 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 time trying to get your tenant to pay their rent?
- Do you need the help of a neutral third party in resolving the dispute?
- Are you interested in exploring whether a fee, relatively low, and without attorney cost, would work for you?

The mediator services of Pocono Mountains United Way can help. Call 570-261-8023 or email eviction@poconounitedway.org

What is Mediation?

Mediation is a confidential and cost-effective process that brings both sides together to resolve conflicts. The mediator does not "take a decision," but rather helps both sides come to an agreement.

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 Helping. Here. Now.

Monroe County and Pocono Mountains United Way are proud participants in the Eviction Mediation Program. For more information, contact us at 570-261-8023 or eviction@poconounitedway.org.

PoconoInfo Helpline
 570-517-3954 or [Email](mailto:info@poconounitedway.org)

Pathways to Homeownership
 570-517-3954 or [Email](mailto:homeinfo@poconounitedway.org)

Eviction Mediation Program
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