

November 2025 Newsletter







SMILES and Community Grow on the Farm

When families come together, communities grow stronger! Pocono Mountains United Way organized and hosted a SMILE community event at Klingels Farm in October that brought SMILE families together to play, explore, and connect.

One of the SMILE program's main components is to teach families that everyday outings can be great learning opportunities. During the SMILE day at the farm, families had the chance to participate in a Selfie Scavenger Hunt to find different items around the farm to help engage them in learning while having fun.

<u>View the SMILE flyer</u> to learn more about how the SMILE In-Home Mentoring Program helps strengthen Monroe County families.

GIVE LOCAL. CHANGE LIVES.

By Michael Tukeva, President/CEO

As the holiday season fills our homes with light and laughter, it is also a time to remember what makes the Poconos such a special place. It is our neighbors who care for one another.



Right now, many local families are facing tough times. Rising costs for food, housing, and childcare make it hard for some to make ends meet. At Pocono Mountains United Way, we work every day to make sure no one in our community is left behind. With your help, we can make the holidays

brighter and bring hope into the new year.

When you give to United Way, your dollars stay right here in our community. They help local children get ready for school, support families who are looking for safe housing, and connect people to mental health resources and programs that promote financial stability.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps a neighbor in need. Visit our <u>website</u> to donate today or donate on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd, through the AllOne Charities site to help support Pocono Mountains United Way's programs and keep our community **UNITED IN STRENGTH**.



Scan the QR code above on December 2, 2025 to donate or visit http://PoconoUnitedway.org/GivingTuesday

Upcoming Community Events

FREE THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEALS



Thanksgiving represents a time of togetherness and being thankful, and we are so grateful to the organizations and volunteers supporting our neighbors with free community meals throughout the county! Attached is a list of Thanksgiving meals available to anyone in need of camaraderie and a good meal in Monroe County. This list can be found on our website or in the attached flyer.







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