Pocono Mountains UNITED WAY

June 2026 Newsletter

GENERATION NEXT WRAPS UP ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR



In its 4th year, Pocono Mountains United Way's Generation Next program had its biggest and most impactful year yet.

The 2025-2026 school year saw new highs in every way for Generation Next. The program had 82 students participate, a huge increase from previous years, including 21 seniors who graduated in the spring. Students also had the ability to visit more colleges than ever before, totaling 9 visits throughout the year.

This year in particular, students learned valuable skills and qualities to help prepare them for success after high school. Some of these included mental health awareness, essay workshops, financial literacy, applying for financial aid for college, and implementing emotional intelligence and a growth mindset.

Another highlight, is that this year's graduating seniors was our first class of students to participate in Generation Next during all 4 years at Pocono Mountain West High School! Nineteen seniors plan to attend college/university, 1 will attend trade school, and 1 student will be entering the military. We are so proud of everything these students have accomplished!

Visit our website to view the 2025/2026 video, photos, and read comments from graduating seniors.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

VOLUNTEER PROJECT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

This month, more than 20 volunteers joined Pocono Mountains United Way's Development Team at Kalahari Resort to repackage thousands of toiletry items into care packages for those in need.

These volunteers assembled and delivered 3,000 care packages to organizations in the area including Pocono Mountain School District, Stroudsburg Area School District, Salvation Army,



Street2Feet, East Stroudsburg School District, and Pocono Area Transitional Housing.

"This project is a great example of what can be accomplished when businesses, nonprofits, and community members work together to address local needs," said Pocono Mountains United Way President & CEO Michael Tukeva.

A big thank you to our volunteers who took time out of their day for this great opportunity, and thank you to Kalahari for providing the items, a space to put them together, and lunch after a job well done!

Visit the WBRE/WYOU website to see our volunteers in action at **https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/kalahari-resorts-lends-hand-with-toiletry-care-packages/**

Upcoming Events

2026 DAY OF CARING

Save The Date!

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Agencies are hard at work planning and submitting their Day of Caring Projects.

Registration link for volunteers is coming soon!

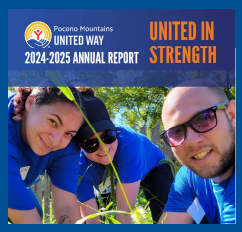


View Michael's Day of Caring Invitation Video

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