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Dear Friends,

Monadnock United Way (MUW) recently announced that due to the continued decline in revenue from their annual fund drive, a number of human service programs throughout our region will no longer receive funding from MUW after April 30, 2020. Sadly, four MFS programs are included in this funding cut – **Emergency Services, Substance Abuse Services, the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center, and the new Neighbor To Neighbor** program we started last month with our colleagues at the Keene Senior Center and the Monadnock Collaborative.

For decades, MFS has enjoyed partnering with MUW in a myriad of ways and have received financial support from them for many of our programs, allowing us to consistently provide mental health services to children, teens, families, adults, older adults and seniors, making this news especially difficult to digest.

In response to the MUW Impact model of funding, our children's team joined together with three other area agencies who also work with children and families and formed the **Monadnock Parent Education Collective** which will continue to receive MUW funding.

Because we operate on a very tight annual budget, any reduction in funding has an impact on the day-to-day operation of our agency. We are still considering what options we have to replace these important dollars and what changes we'll have to make as a consequence. Please watch for more communication in the future.

Just as we have always been grateful for the many years of support from the United Way, we are grateful for your support and will work to create a plan that will ensure MFS remains a strong community partner. Our team of dedicated staff will continue to deliver critical mental health care throughout our region.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 603-357-4400.

Sincerely,

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