“It just feels like I’m having fun for a great cause,” says Angela Pinkham, a twenty-five-year member of Main-Land Development Consultants and part owner of Randy Keach Auto with her husband Glenn. You may have seen Angela at our Annual COLOR ME UNITED 5K, Trail of Terror evenT, our Great Charity Auction, helping with the Mother’s Day Roses event, or various Annual Meetings!

Angela is a champion in the workplace, by involving her coworkers in events and partaking in donations to United Way. She and her husband are part of our Corporate Champion Circle at the silver level through Randy Keach Auto, and she plays a big part on our Special Events Committee by helping to organize the events that United Way hosts. “It’s a joint effort—to come together and make these events happen for our community” she says. Because of her consistent efforts to give back to the Greater Franklin County Area, United Way of the Tri-Valley Area is honoring Angela with the Whatever it Takes Award, which honors individuals, businesses, and organizations that have significantly gone above and beyond in their support of United Way in the past year.

When she’s not working, Angela is spending time with her family or engaging in some pretty rigorous outdoor excursions with her husband and three boys. “We do family fun runs, muddy obstacle courses, hunting, fishing, rafting…” she says, “If I had to pick a favorite place… I think it would either be the ocean or spending time at our camp on Moosehead Lake!” From the photos Angela had sent me of her adventures, she definitely made it seem like being covered in mud or navigating through rapids was the most fun someone could possibly have!

I asked Angela what it’s been like being recognized for all her hard work. “Volunteering has really become a passion of mine” says Angela, “so to be honored with this award really speaks to how I do ‘whatever it takes’ to help this community, which I think everyone should be a part of!” Angela has shown us here at United Way, that just a little bit of care and a little bit of time out of our days can make a huge difference in the lives of others.

Even though Angela has a pretty busy life, between a husband, three children, two jobs, and making time for personal endeavors, she is heavily involved with the planning of events as well as attending them; so I asked her what her advice would be to those who are looking to be more involved even if life often finds itself in the way. “Even if you can’t help as much as you’d like, making others who have more time aware by spreading the word of what United Way paves the way for others to have the opportunity to join and be a part of the change” she says, “it just gives you such a wonderful feeling to see someone light up from receiving something you put effort into giving.”

Angela knows that if everyone does a little, then a few people don’t have to do a lot. This is why we at United Way of Tri-Valley Area honor and support those like Angela who clear time from their busy schedule to volunteer in the name of compassion and hope for a happier and healthier community. Thank you Angela, for your service to the Greater Franklin County Area and for the joy you help us bring to individuals and families for a better tomorrow.