

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 19-25

## Thanking All Volunteers this National Volunteer Week 2020

### United Way's 'I have the power' award recipients



United Way was unable to hold its traditional March Annual Meeting and Campaign Celebration due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, but still, we want to celebrate and recognize 16 amazing volunteers and organizations. We honor them here, and we have prepared a large gallery-type showing that will be on display when we do have our celebration. Our campaign theme this year was around the idea that everyone can be a superhero. Award recipients were put into five different

**Whatever It Takes Award** honors businesses and organizations that have significantly gone above and beyond in their support of United Way in the past year. This year, United Way honors:

- Angela Pinkham, Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc.
- Courtney Austin, Franklin Savings Bank
- Androscoggin Mill Employees
- LEAP

**The Up, Up, and Away Award** recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations that are newly supporting United Way and whose enthusiasm for the work United Way does is growing. United Way honors:

- Heather Piawlock, Franklin Community Health Network
- Home Auto Group
- Poland Spring
- Nate Lesperance, The Wood Mill of Maine

**I Have the Power Award** recognizes outstanding members of the community that have

helped United Way cultivate new audiences through their media coverage or outstanding outreach. This year, United Way honors:

- Sarah Hayes, Otis Federal Credit Union
- Trisha Mosher, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
- Dee Menear, Sun Media Group

**The Justice League Award** honors those who have significantly collaborated with United Way and whose partnership is key to United Way's success. This year United Way recognizes:

- Titcomb Mountain
- WMCA

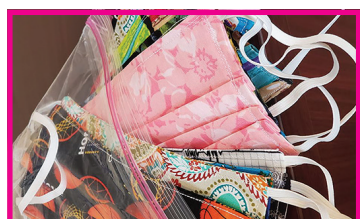
**The Shazam Award** credits those who are standout cheerleaders for United Way. Awardees include:

- Carmen Gauthier, Community Member, Starks
- Morgan Leso, RSU 9
- Karen Barrett, University of Maine Farmington

Each year United Way seeks nominations from the community to recognize an individual, organization, business, or couple that has gone above and beyond to positively impact Greater Franklin County through volunteer efforts. This is done in honor of Gary A. LaGrange and is called the Gary A. LaGrange Community Impact Award. This award is given annually to a business, organization, or individual who has gone above and beyond to impact Greater Franklin County through volunteerism. Seven nominations were carefully reviewed by the United Way Board and then scored. This year, United Way was pleased to honor Katie Hallman Brackett. As a public-school nurse Katie Hallman, works primarily with Pre-K and elementary-age children at Mallett School in Farmington. Katie is known for jumping to the aid of thousands of children over her career who have food insecurities, injuries, disabilities, and illness. Katie has offered countless education-based opportunities for families, such as training for proper usage of Epi-pens, seizure management, and other on-site supports for parents and grandparents. She has procured grant funding to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for children and staff experiencing life-threatening heart problems. Katie is also heavily involved in the Girl's State program, influencing the lives of an estimated forty to fifty local young women over the years.

**To be nominated for this award is a great honor and requires a significant focus on volunteerism and your community. United Way also recognizes those whose names were submitted for consideration and thanks them for all they do. Congratulations.**

- Shelly Gervais, owner of Shelly's Hometown Market in Wilton, ME
- Chris & Bri Bracy, owners of the new Downtown Press, Farmington Maine
- Franklin Savings Bank employee Kelsea Pinkham
- Bud and Sarah Martin of Martin Woods Farm
- Mary Ryan, ERD (Everyone's Resource Depot) and FOWL (Friends of Wilson Lake)
- Steve Muise, RSU9 and Franklin Fiddlers



**United Way serves as a hub for volunteerism and there are many ways to get involved.** Individuals looking for a way to give back to their community can visit [volunteer.uwvtva.org](http://volunteer.uwvtva.org) and see hundreds of active opportunities throughout Greater Franklin County. Any organizations who want to get their opportunities listed can call 778-5048 and talk with Nichole. This website also offers the opportunity to track your volunteer hours, so individuals can see firsthand the impact they are making on their community. For example, currently we have corps of volunteers making masks for those who need them during this pandemic. We can always use more, so if you are symptom-free and have the talent and the supplies, we'd love to have more dropped off in our bin at 218 Fairbanks Rd in Farmington. We never have them for long, as we get them right out to the people who need them.

#### Key United Way Volunteers – Our Board

Like all non-profit organizations, United Way could not function without its Board of Directors. The current board is extremely active in United Way business, activities, events, and promotion.

- Shaun Riggs (The Dugout Bar and Grill), President
- Peter Smith (Peter Smith Consulting)
- Phil Hilton (University of Maine)
- Becky Davis-Allen (Bangor Savings Bank), Vice President
- Dyan Macomber (Bangor Savings Bank)
- Brenda Clark (Pixelle)
- Chris Hollingsworth (Spruce Mountain School District), Treasurer
- Ashley Montgomery (University of Maine at Farmington)
- Trampas Hutches (Franklin Community Health Network)
- Mathew Fournier (RSU9), Secretary
- Amber Stone (Twice Sold Tales, Dailybulldog)
- Susan Terhune (State Farm Agency)
- RaeAnn Pike (Franklin Savings Bank)
- Terri Winslow (Eagle Elevator)
- Jamie Marcus (Scott Healey and Associates)


## DURING VOLUNTEER WEEK

*We'd like to express our appreciation and thanks*

Our volunteers contributed thousands of hours of service this year. Thank you! You brighten our lives.

The staff of Franklin Memorial Hospital, Franklin Health, and Healthy Community Coalition, as well as our entire community, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do!

**To learn more call our Volunteer Office at 779-2635**

  
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#### HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Trisha Mosher, stands with Greg Patterson, Manager of the Farmington Walmart. The Chamber distributes holiday food baskets each December, providing everything needed for a warm holiday meal. The chamber's holiday food basket committee, work with the Wiles family, collecting food and donations for this annual drive named after Gerry Wiles who was always looking for ways to help the community.



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## Thank You Volunteers!

The Franklin Volunteer Network (FVN) wishes to thank all community volunteers for their dedication and hours of service. FVN is a collaborative of volunteers, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and businesses who promote educate and support volunteers and volunteer managers in Greater Franklin County. FVN is convened by United Way of the Tri-Valley Area. THANK YOU from all of us for dedicating so much of your time and talent to our community making it strong and healthy. In 2019, volunteer hours in our community totaled over 68,000 for an impact value of over \$1.5 million in local volunteer services. Many of our local non-profits rely on volunteers to do all the good work that they do.

Join the Franklin Volunteer Network at their quarterly meetings. Email [volunteer@uwvtva.org](mailto:volunteer@uwvtva.org) to be added to the mailing list. The meeting schedule will be determined once social distancing is lifted. Zoom meetings may be scheduled, so don't wait to get on the mailing list to keep updated on what we're doing!

#### Franklin Volunteer Network member organizations include:

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| A4TD  | Healthy Community Coalition    | RSU9                                  |
| Adaptive Outdoor Education Center           | High Peaks Alliance            | Rural Community Action Ministry       |
| Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity at UMF) | LEAP                           | Safe Voices                           |
| Ambleside Living History                    | Literacy Volunteers            | SAPARS                                |
| American Cancer Society                     | Maine CDC                      | SeniorsPlus                           |
| American Lung Association                   | Maine Huts & Trails            | Titcomb Mountain                      |
| Catholic Charities                          | Maine Long-Term Care Ombudsman | Town of Jay                           |
| Clearwater Food Pantry                      | Program                        | UMF Partnership for Civic Advancement |
| Cooperative Extension                       | Mt Blue TV                     | United Methodist Economic Ministry    |
| Edgewood Manor                              | New Beginnings                 | United Way of the Tri-Valley Area     |
| Envision Prosperity                         | New Ventures Maine             | Upward Bound                          |
| FedCap                                      | Norlands                       | Western Maine Community Action        |
| Franklin County Animal Shelter              | Orchard Park                   | Western Maine Homeless Outreach       |
| Franklin County Chamber of Commerce         | Phillips Library               | Wilton Library                        |
| Franklin County Children's Task Force       | Pierce House                   | Work First                            |
| Franklin Memorial Hospital                  | Red Cross                      |                                       |

**Call Nichole Ernest at United Way at 778-5048 or email [volunteer@uwvtva.org](mailto:volunteer@uwvtva.org) to learn more about volunteering in Greater Franklin County.**

**Want to find out about more volunteer opportunities? Check out on-line listings for Greater Franklin County at [volunteer.uwvtva.org](http://volunteer.uwvtva.org)**



**Courtney Austin of Franklin Savings Bank, volunteers at last year's COLOR ME UNITED 5k.**

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Administrator Darlene Moar, the trustees, residents, and employees, would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who so faithfully share with us their time and talents.



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