



Franklin Volunteer Network

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*The **Franklin Volunteer Network (FVN)** is a collaborative of volunteer managers and community members who promote volunteer opportunities and support the volunteer sector through training and communication.*

The goal of the Network is to: 1.) promote volunteerism and volunteer opportunities, 2) serve as the catalyst for addressing challenges and opportunities in the volunteer sector, 3) promote collaboration, and 4) empower those who informally manage volunteers, or whose professional responsibilities include volunteer management.

United Way convenes the Network and has:

- Developed a one-stop volunteer center to connect community members with diverse and meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- Continued to celebrate volunteerism through an annual Volunteer Recognition Event.
- Provided training opportunities for volunteers and volunteer managers.
- Coordinated a peer-to-peer network of volunteers and managers that meets regularly.

In the 2014-15 campaign year at United Way of the Tri-Valley Area alone, 700 volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours. This is a \$328,791 investment of service.

(Based on \$20.10 per hour from the Independent Sector http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time)

Members include, but are not limited to: representatives from Mt. Blue Regional School District; SAPARS (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services); Safe Voices; Farmington Rotary; LEAP, Inc.; Community Concepts; SeniorsPlus; HealthReach RSVP; Franklin County Community Health Network; United Methodist Economic Ministry; University of Maine at Farmington; WMCA (Western Maine Community Action); United Way of the Tri-Valley Area; the Franklin County Animal Shelter, the American Red Cross, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice; AmeriCorps*VISTA; Literacy Volunteers; and community members.

[Meetings are open to all and are held quarterly.](#)



United Way of the Tri-Valley Area (UWTVA) is the fiscal agent and meeting convener. It is from these most amazing collaborative efforts that a long-lasting spirit of volunteerism is developed, and impact on the community is witnessed. These require support and commitment on many levels on any given day!

The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area strives to unite people and resources to improve lives and build a strong and healthy community; we do this by identifying local needs and addressing their root causes, raising funds to meet those needs, and collaborating on local initiatives that create a measurable difference in Greater Franklin County.