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As you know, many residents of the Mohawk Valley and greater Utica area struggle due to a lack of access to health, education, and financial stability -- the building blocks for a good quality of life. These needs have become even more significant over the past several years. The problems we face are very real, but so are the solutions. That's where we come in. Just as we are committed to being a trusted partner and specialist for our students, we can also be a part of the solution for our larger community.

Can you imagine being a part of something so big that it supports thousands of people right here in our community? United Way of the Mohawk Valley (United Way MV) has been doing just that since 1921 because of community members like YOU. As we cultivate a thriving and supportive workplace culture, we also have the opportunity to extend that support to our neighbors.

United Way MV addresses our community's most pressing needs, funding dozens of local programs. They bring resources, volunteers, experts, and service providers together to provide short-term relief and long-term success for hundreds of thousands of people in our region. United Way plans for our community's future, while staying nimble to act in times of crisis.

Your gift to United Way stays local, impacting more than 60 programs and initiatives to improve the health, education, and financial stability of individuals and families across our community. Every dollar you give is an investment in our friends, our neighbors, our fellow employees, and even ourselves. It is a tangible way to demonstrate our commitment to kindness, integrity, and valuing every individual in our community.

Over the past year, United Way's work has led to:

- Assisting more than 1,200 families in mitigating homelessness and housing insecurity by assisting with emergency shelter and transitional housing, finding permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.
- Providing a 211 hotline to connect people with resources for employment training, childcare and afterschool programs, financial coaching and legal services.
- Providing transportation services to low income individuals and families for a wide range of critical needs including healthcare, education and employment services.

It's simple: change like this does not happen alone. We believe the best ideas emerge when diverse minds come together, and by working as a team, we can create lasting change. You can help by joining our 2025 United Way campaign to improve the community in which we live and work.

Please look for more information regarding pledging to the United Way in the near future. Donations may be made through payroll deductions, debit or credit card, or by cash or check.

We are collaborators, working together and partnering with leaders in education, business, industry, government and the local community to promote inclusive educational and career opportunities and equitable access in order to prepare all of our learners for the dynamic world of today and tomorrow.

I am proud to work with so many people who care so deeply about our work and our community. Please join me, once again, in participating in our 2025 United Way campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patricia N. Kilburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia N. Kilburn, Ed.D.
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