

Dear Retired Faculty and Staff,

The UVM United Way Campaign for 2023 is underway, and we have some important messages to share with you as we launch our fundraising campaign.

UVM retired faculty and staff have a long history of participation in the UVM United Way campaign. Last year our campaign raised over \$55,000 for direct services by United Way to our neighbors and friends in northwestern Vermont, including more than \$20,000 from your community of retired and emeritus colleagues!

United Way of Northwest Vermont transforms every \$1 raised into \$3 invested back into our communities through people power — volunteers, nonprofits, and businesses working together to address community-defined priorities and unmet needs.

Every day we are seeing the impacts in our community of the housing crisis, escalating mental health and substance misuse challenges, and public safety concerns. United Way is collaborating with local people, businesses, government, and nonprofits (including UVM) on local solutions to benefit our community today and strengthen it for tomorrow.

We all have times when we need help, and times when we can offer help. Our community has what it takes to support each other and get through even the most difficult of times. But we each must do our part.

Can we count on you to make a gift to the UVM United Way campaign? You may make a one-time or recurring donation using this special online form:

https://go.uvm.edu/retireeunitedwaygift

Or you can fill out the **paper pledge form** on the other side of this page and return it by U.S. Mail in the enclosed reply envelope.

Your gift to United Way strengthens resources in our community and ensures help is here when needed.

Please be in touch should you have any questions about the campaign. Our UVM United Way Campaign team is happy to help.

Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

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