Thanks to the United Way Community Baby Shower, 102 new and expecting mothers from low-income households received baskets filled with baby necessities like diapers, wipes, blankets and books. In addition, moms attending the shower received bundles of donated baby clothes and were connected to local family support agencies.

Big thanks to the volunteers from the members of Women United who planned the Baby Shower, corporate partners that sponsored and ran drives to collect baby items, and you for supporting change that lasts in your community.
READY TO READ!

The annual K-Ready Kids backpack and literacy drive is so much more than a fun day of volunteering—it is a regional movement to boost a love of learning.

As children leave preschool and enter kindergarten, United Way wants to kickstart a passion for reading to carry them through their school journey. K-Ready Kids provides 1,500 children from Rockingham and Strafford Counties and Kittery and Eliot, Maine with free backpacks filled with books, literacy supplies and parent resources. Thank to volunteers, companies and donors like you the next generation is hitting the ground running.

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It’s pretty awesome seeing your movie premiere on over 15 meters worth of silver screen. That’s what the aspiring young filmmakers and change-makers who participate in the Granite Youth Film Festival get to experience each year.

Groups of youth prep their visions for short films tackling issues of substance and alcohol abuse and pitch them to a panel of volunteers. Once they get feedback (and funding) it’s on to the Film Festival in June, where their creations will be splashed on the big screen at O’neil Cinemas in Epping (and later shared through schools and social media). Now that’s blockbuster change that lasts!