



Central Maine Community Partnership Changes Lives

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Holly Caron got through a tough time in her life thanks to the generosity of many people, some sitting in this room.

“When my daughter was 21 years old, she was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and through that process, she did pass away after two and a half years. I didn’t know how to grieve the loss of my daughter. It was an unfamiliar territory,” said Holly Caron.

She shared her story at a kick-off fundraiser for United Way of Mid-Maine held at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield. “I would not have known how to proceed in that journey had I not had the help I had,” said Holly Caron.

Community partners gather to celebrate that help, she and countless others got from Hospice Volunteers of Waterville and other supporting groups. They said it has a bit of a ripple effect that’s not so much about raising money, but about lifting people. “There are the families of the people whose lives were impacted and the neighborhoods and the communities of all of those people are receiving the benefit,” said United Way of Mid-Maine President/CPO, Elizabeth Barron.

Helping other bereaved families is how Holly now spends her spare time as the network hopes to reach a goal of 30,000 lives touched. “She’s been a Hope’s Place volunteer for as long as I’ve been here. She joined the board shortly afterward.”

A message and evolving mission of leading by example. “Our colleagues or people in our community our neighborhood are all having their own baggage and journeys and different things going on in their lives, and it’s good just to reach out and help the people around you,” said Holly Caron.