

Dee Menear
Campaign “I Have the Power” Award Recipient
Farmington Sun Journal

“This is really weird for me,” Dee tells me as I’m setting up my camera to do an interview. “I’m usually the one on the other side of the camera!” United Way of the Tri-Valley Area has decided to recognize Dee Menear with the *I Have the Power* award. This award recognizes outstanding members of the community that have helped United Way cultivate new audiences through their media coverage or outstanding outreach.

A lover of all things outdoors and a journalist for seven years, Dee has been covering the news in Greater Franklin County with the Sun Media group. She has been an active supporter of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area, by covering our events, and publishing our stories in the Franklin Journal.

I asked Dee why she supports United Way; she tells me that she recognizes the impact stories have on our community and on the people they are about, and states that the stories that come from United Way are often the ones to produce that positive influence. “I do have to say,” Dee says, “that as an office, this isn’t just something that I do. This entire office supports the United Way and what they do for this community.”

Lastly, I asked Dee how she would encourage others to become involved with United Way and to help this community. “I think people could get involved by taking part in some of the events and programs United Way offers. Everything is posted directly onto their website and Facebook page, as well as our newspaper! The annual COLOR ME UNITED 5K they do is always a lot of fun, and the dodgeball tournament as well,” Dee says. “They are also transparent about where funds come from with those events and where they are allocated to.” The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area gives thanks to Dee Menear for her dedication and care to this community through her newspaper articles and participation at our events. Dee is a positive influence here in Franklin County, and we are so grateful to have her!