

## ***Corporate Champion Circle Member: Western Mountain Financial Services***

*United Way of the Tri-Valley Area launched its Corporate Champion Circle in the summer of 2018. Circle members partner with United Way for one year, support their community, and receive unique marketing benefits. Corporate Champion Circle members contribute at one of three giving levels - Platinum (\$5,000), Gold (\$3,000), and Silver (\$1,500). To recognize Corporate Champion Circle members, and to get to know those who are passionate about United Way, we have started a series that profiles these dedicated businesses. Please welcome Western Mountain Financial Services located in Farmington, Maine.*

Aaron Knapp and Jared Ranger own Western Mountain Financial Services (WMFS) in Farmington and recently joined the United Way's Corporate Champion Circle. Aaron and Jared grew up in Franklin County, coming from families with multiple generations native to the area, they are fortunate to be able to live and work where their family is. Both Aaron and Jared graduated with degrees in business/finance and economics. Between the two investment advisors, they bring a combined experience of 45 years.

Western Mountain Financial Services serves clients locally and in many states across the country. In addition to Jared and Aaron, Lisa Thompson, Amy Bond, and Melissa Spencer complete the team at WMFS. WMFS offers investments, wealth management, and retirement planning services. WMFS takes pride in putting their clients' interests first to help them achieve their goals and dreams.

When asked about becoming a CCC member, both replied, "we are pleased to partner with United Way of the Tri-Valley Area as an opportunity to give back to our community that we live and work in and support the people we care for."

Aaron lives with his wife Tracy, a schoolteacher, son John, and dog Yoda. In his spare time, Aaron likes traveling, boating, genealogy, and spending time with family.

Jared lives with his wife Jaime, a photographer, and three sons, Chase, Cameron, and Colby. In his spare time Jared enjoys traveling, attending his son's sporting events and spending time with family.