

10
YEARS

Keene Housing

KIDS
COLLABORATIVE

2024 IMPACT REPORT



Building the foundation for successful adulthood

Message from our Board Chair & Executive Director

Stronger Together: Building Brighter Futures!

This year marks a significant milestone for Keene Housing Kids Collaborative (KHKC)—our 10th anniversary! For the past decade, we have worked to ensure that every child in our community has access to the opportunities and support they need to build a successful future. Through meaningful partnerships, we continue to drive lasting change and break the cycle of poverty, where 65% of children born into poverty remain there as adults.

KHKC collaborates with Keene Housing, Southwestern Community Services, Keene State College, the Keene School District, and more than 50 high-quality youth program providers to promote financial and social equity through a two-generation approach—one of the most effective strategies for helping families create pathways to a brighter future. By equipping both parents and children with the tools they need to thrive and removing the barriers in their way, we are strengthening the foundation for lifelong success.

Our collective impact model is unique to our region, and for that, we should all be proud. KHKC is a vital community resource built on the belief that all children deserve the opportunity to succeed. This principle guided the development of our 2024–2026 strategic plan, which was shaped by valuable input from our families, stakeholders, and community members.

As we celebrate 10 years of impact, we remain steadfast in our mission to ensure that every child in our community can access enriching opportunities that support not only housing stability but also their social, economic, and academic growth.

This year, we also marked an important leadership transition, bidding farewell to former board chair Danielle Ruffo, Eliza Murphy and Kim Schmidl-Gagne. We are deeply grateful for their dedicated service and excited to welcome new board members Cheryl Belair, Mick Blume, Patrick Dolenc, Jillian Exel and Amy Wright. Their expertise, alongside our dedicated board members, will continue to guide KHKC's impact for years to come.

As we look back on a decade of progress and forward to the future, we are immensely grateful for our community partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters. Your commitment enables KHKC to continue building the foundation for successful adulthood.

Thank you for believing in the potential of every child and for being part of this transformative work. Your support over the past 10 years has truly made a difference—and together, we will continue to build brighter futures.

In partnership,



Joanna Zambella
Board Chair



Sally Malay
Executive Director



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Celebrating 10 Years of Impact



Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative, I am filled with gratitude. A decade ago, the Keene Housing Board of Commissioners took a bold step in founding the Collaborative, believing in the power of innovation and the families we serve.

Our vision was clear: to provide children in Keene Housing-assisted households with access to enriching opportunities—education, sports, arts, and more—to help them reach the middle class and beyond. Guided by research-backed strategies like the Social Genome Model, we remain committed to breaking cycles of generational poverty.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we have opened doors for children through music lessons, sports, tutoring, and summer camps. Over the years, we have witnessed incredible growth, from kids discovering new passions to teens pursuing higher education and careers.

I am proud of all we've achieved together. As we look ahead, I'm excited for the future of the Collaborative and the lives we will continue to impact. With your support, we'll keep building brighter futures, one child at a time.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Meehan".

Josh Meehan, Founder, Keene Housing Kids Collaborative

"As a parent (Kids Collaborative) is vital to getting kids involved in the community and networking with other kids and adults for multiple reasons. Mostly because if kids are busy and have a positive task to look forward to, they are not causing or getting into trouble or open to getting caught up in drugs or alcohol, also it gives more kids positive role models and structure if they may not getting that at home and adults to confide and talk to if they need them. Lastly this program gives kids opportunities they may not have had without it and options for their future they may have never experienced. Scouts, MoCo and GKYBSA were great ways to build confidence and learn some skills; Jon may not have gone on to star in big theater productions or (be) an All Star baseball player but he had the confidence to strike out on his own and concur some huge changes and challenges and he knew he had a great support system back home to do so by the bonds he built in those programs."

Jen (Mom)



Jon participated in many activities through the Kids Collaborative from 2015 until he graduated from Keene High School in 2019. He enlisted with the United States Marine Corps (prior to graduating high school) as an Aviation Operations Specialist. Jon served for four years while working a second job and attending college.



Our 2024 Impact



101

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PROGRAM HOURS
PER YEAR PER CHILD
22% increase over 2023



1,438

NUMBER OF TOTAL ACTIVITIES
20% increase over 2023



329

NUMBER OF UNIQUE CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING
10% increase over 2023



1,685

NUMBER OF BOOKS DISTRIBUTED



664

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN
7% increase over 2022



2,420

NUMBER OF RIDES PROVIDED
8% increase over 2023



726

NUMBER OF UNIQUE CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING from 2015-2024



33,240

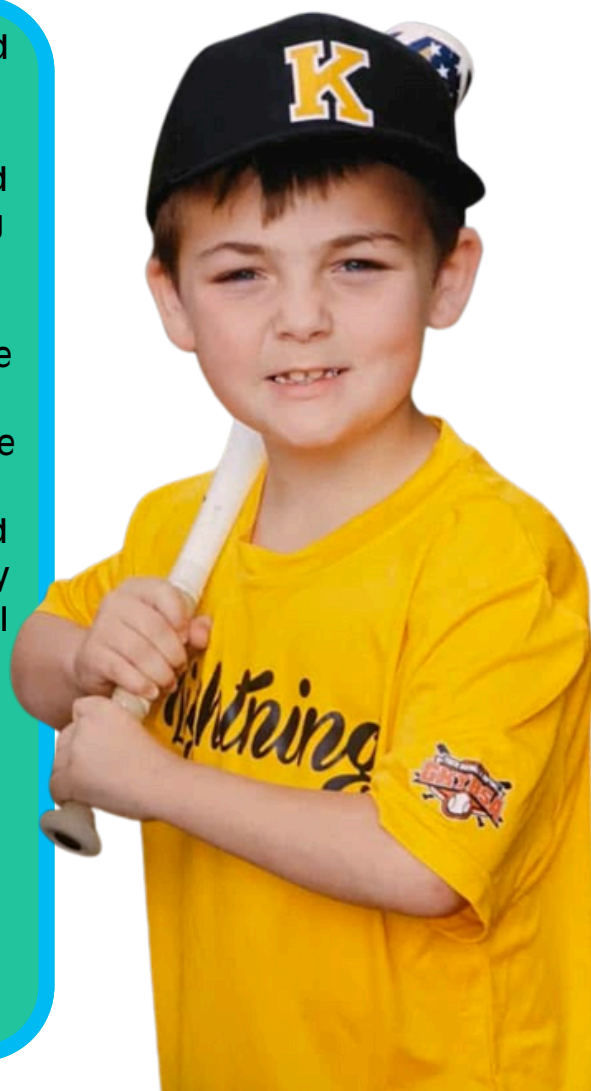
NUMBER OF TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES
34% increase over 2023



"Watching Tanner excel and thrive as an athlete, team mate and little human brings tears of pure joy and pride to my eyes. Watching him put the work in at Jiu Jitsu and bringing that on the football field, being able to utilize the skills he has been learning on and off the field is one of the most rewarding things you could watch as a parent especially with a child with congenital heart disease.

Because of the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative I can continue to provide these opportunities to my children in hopes of giving them a better future."

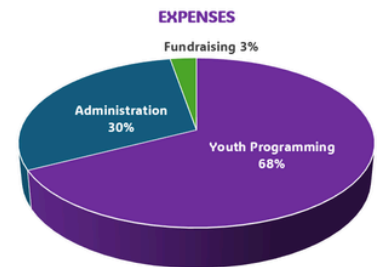
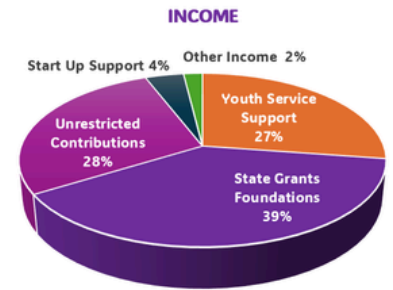
Jenna (Mom)



2024 Financial Statement

Keene Housing Kids Collaborative Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Youth Service Support	\$152,418	Youth Programming	\$335,853
State Grants, Foundations	\$216,822	Administration	\$148,002
Unrestricted Contributions	\$155,606	Fundraising	\$13,690
Start up Support	\$22,000		
Other	\$10,841		
Total	\$557,687	Total	\$497,545



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Financial Disclosure: The purpose of this Annual Report is threefold: 1) to inform the public about Keene Housing Kids Collaborative's accomplishments during the previous year; 2) to acknowledge the generous support of volunteers and donors; and 3) to publicly disclose our financial position as of December 31, 2024. Our complete 2024 financial statements will be audited. Annual audits are conducted according to generally accepted auditing standards.

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Acoustic Strings
American School of Gymnastics
Beyond the Bell - MRSD afterschool program
Boys Scouts of America
Brantwood Camp
Camp Squanto
Camp Spofford
Camp Starfish
Camp Takodah
Cheshire Children's Museum
Cheshire County 4-H
Cheshire County Youth Soccer Club
Child Development Center at Keene State College
Civil Air Patrol
City of Keene Parks and Recreation
Copper Cannon Summer Camp
Dusty Dog Horse Farm
Elements MMA
Fazio's Basketball Skills Camp
Fleur de Lis
Freedom Reins Therapeutic Riding Center
Gathering Waters Charter School

Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains
Girls on the Run New Hampshire
Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs
Granite Gorge Mountain Park
Granite Gorge Mountain Bike Camp
Greater Keene Youth Baseball Softball
Imagination Library
JoAnne Mead Vocal Instructor
Keene Family YMCA
Keene Figure Skating Club
Keene Gladiators Youth Wrestling
Keene ICE
Keene Knights Youth Football & Spirit
Keene Montessori
Keene Owls Basketball Camp
Keene Owls Soccer Camp
Keene Youth Hockey Club
Kroka Expeditions
Marlborough School afterschool program
MoCo Arts
Monadnock Brazilian JiuJitsu
Monadnock Violin Studio

New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI)
New England Jayhawks Basketball
Northern Lights Athletics
Project KEEP - Keene School
District afterschool program
SCS Head Start
Sophia's Hearth – Joyful
Beginnings Playgroup
Stanley Athletics
Stonewall Farm
Steve DeMasco's Shaolin Studios
SwampBats Summer Camp
Swanzy Recreation Department
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The Music Kit
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"When Zeke first joined our program two years ago through the Kids Collaborative, he was quiet, shy, and took time to build friendships, often preferring to play on his own. At times, he would mimic his peers' choices, sometimes straying from counselor directions, as he navigated social connections.

Since then, we've had the privilege of watching Zeke build confidence and grow into a fantastic role model for his fellow campers. He follows directions attentively, actively participates in discussions, and has gained the confidence to share his thoughts and knowledge. His growth has been truly inspiring, and his kindness, curiosity, and positivity make him an absolute joy to have in our program!"

Sam Bator, Stonewall Farm



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