



# Keene Housing Kids COLLABORATIVE

## *Building the Foundation for Successful Adulthood*



The Keene Housing Kids Collaborative held an annual board retreat earlier this month, to review and set strategic priorities for the upcoming year.

The retreat provided board members with the opportunity to reflect on the organization's progress, evaluate current initiatives, and identify new goals that will enhance the support and resources offered to the children and families we serve.

The discussion centered around improving educational outcomes, expanding access to enrichment activities, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Kids Collaborative that empowers children to achieve academic and personal success.

Thanks to your generous contributions during NH Gives, we were able to send **120 kids to summer camp for a total of 278 weeks!** Your support has given these children the opportunity to experience the joy, learning, and friendships that come with a summer full of unforgettable memories.

We deeply appreciate your kindness and commitment to making a difference in these kids' lives.



### From Our Parents

#### **More than just summer camp...**

"My daughter (7) had a blast at summer camp thanks to you guys. And had a memorable experience she's proud of herself for where she stuck up for herself ... by going to her teachers and using her own words. So really, it was a summer of value and I wanted to share that with you ... so you know that it was more than just summer camp over here! You guys gave her a shot to be a brave little one to stick up for herself and her friends."

- KHKC Parent

## TSR Driver Training School:

*Empowering the next generation of safe drivers.*



essential driving skills that go beyond just getting a license. For kids in low-income households, learning to drive is especially important—it opens up opportunities for jobs, education, and greater independence. Access to reliable transportation can be life-changing, allowing them to participate in activities, access resources, and support their families.

By learning to drive, these young people gain not only mobility but also confidence and freedom.

The Kids Collaborative and TSR Driving School have partnered together to help our kids build a safer, more empowered future.

We are excited to welcome Camp Squanto as a new community partner, offering a fantastic residential summer camp experience on beautiful Swanzey Lake.

Camp Squanto provides a wide range of outdoor activities, including swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, and team-building games, all within a supportive and nurturing environment. By participating in this camp, kids have the opportunity to develop independence, build friendships, and gain valuable life skills.

This partnership ensures that children from our community can experience the joys of summer camp, fostering their personal growth and creating lasting memories.

## New Community Partner Spotlight: Camp Squanto



## FREE RIDES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Did you know?

The Keene Housing Kids Collaborative offers a crucial youth transportation service for children from low-income households, ensuring they have access to activities that promote learning, personal growth, and social engagement. This service provides transportation to and from youth programs, such as sports, arts, and educational activities, for those who otherwise lack reliable transportation.

By removing this barrier, the Kids Collaborative ensures that all children, regardless of their family's financial situation, can participate in enriching experiences that support their development and help build a foundation for future success.

**Join us!**



*You're Invited!*  
9th ANNUAL

FRI  
OCT 11  
7-8:30AM

# BENEFIT BREAKFAST

## HEALTHY OUTCOMES FROM POSITIVE EXPERIENCES

Join us for a complimentary, delicious breakfast and hear from **Keynote Speaker, Dr. Robert Sege**, Pediatrician and director of the Center for Community-Engaged Medicine at Tufts Medical Center, and a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine.



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## Support Our Kids!

### Help Us Gear Up Our Kids!



The Kids Collaborative Sports Bank is in urgent need of gently used or new sports gear! We're seeing a high demand for soccer cleats in all sizes, especially for middle and high school kids.

If you've recently replaced your child's gear, consider donating to a wonderful cause! Your contribution will help local kids stay active and engaged in the sports they love.

Drop off your donations and help make a difference today!

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# Kids Collaborative HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The holidays are often a difficult time for families with limited resources. **Keene Housing Kids Collaborative** is hosting four holiday bazaars this December to support the 665 kids that live in low-income households that we serve.

The bazaars give kids a chance to "shop" holiday gifts for their parents/guardians and siblings at no cost, which is then gift wrapped by volunteers.

We greatly appreciate our community's support in helping to make the holiday season a little less stressful for our families and at the same time, help our kids experience the gift of giving.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? DONATE! We are only accepting NEW items. No clothing please.**

Here are some thought starters:

- **Gifts for Kids:** stuffed toys, games, books, toys, paint by numbers, coloring books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, jump rope, frisbee, bath toys, toy musical instruments.
- **Gifts for teenagers:** digital photo frames, makeup, nail polish, water bottles/tumblers, cozy blankets, journal, led lights, popsockets, jewelry, phone case, slides, art & craft kits, sports accessories, beanies, baseball/trucker caps.
- **Gifts for moms/grandmas:** books, gardening gloves/tools/pots, slippers, comfy loungewear, keychain, bird feeder, jewelry, doodle book.
- **Gifts for dads/grandads:** slippers, multi-tool sets, travel/coffee mugs, socks, grilling tools, fishing gear, golfing gear, camping gear, car wash gear, deck of cards, sports memorabilia.
- **Holiday wrapping materials:** paper, gift boxes/bags, scotch tape, ribbon/gift bows.

## NO USED ITEMS PLEASE

Items accepted from November 1st through November 30.  
Monday - Friday 11am - 1pm  
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