



Keene Housing Kids COLLABORATIVE

Our mission is building the foundation for successful adulthood. We do this by giving kids free access to opportunities and experiences in the community that will help them gain confidence, have fun, learn, get ready for kindergarten, do well in elementary school, and exit high school with the tools that will help them become economically independent adults.

Please welcome the 2023 Keene Housing Kids Collaborative Board of Directors.



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Athena (10 years old) participates in Keene Parks & Recreation

"I am so thankful for the access to a safe, friendly and most importantly, reliable transportation service. Athena has grown socially from consistently attending programming at the Keene Rec Center thanks to KHKC providing transportation. Although at times it is challenging for her to engage with her peers, this opportunity has helped her grow so much."

Monya - Parent



Community Partner Spotlight:
Steve Demasco's Martial Arts of Keene

Last year, KHKC formed a new partnership with Steve Demasco's Martial Arts of Keene. Every lesson with SDSS Martial Arts builds self-confidence, self-discipline, self-control, honesty, patience and respect and empowers kids to be their best through high-energy fun and personalized instruction. Each child develops the confidence she or he will need to become successful in school and in life. Classes are tailored for 4-5 year old's, 5-7 year old's and 7-11 year old's as well as teenagers. Teen classes provide a high-energy and fun experience in the environment teens like best – learning with their peers. Teens want to be treated like adults. This program prepares them mentally and physically for the adult world while training them as martial artists with great respect and self-control.





The Kids Collaborative hosted two Holiday Bazaars in December that provided an opportunity for our kids to shop for gifts for their family members. Thanks to our generous community we received many donations of new and gently used items. The kids were able to shop for grandparents, moms and dads, guardians and siblings. With one event taking place at Southwestern Community Services in Swanzey and one at Keene Housing in Keene, our wonderful volunteers helped over 150 kids shop for and wrap over 500 gifts!

KHKC also received more than 200 cuddle toys from **Douglas Cuddle Toys** that were distributed to the children.

Brewbakers Cafe hosted a Giving Tree for families to receive gifts for their kids. More than 70 children had their wish list fulfilled. The **Keene Family YMCA** also hosted their annual Giving Tree for the community. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

New KHKC Opportunities

FREE RIDES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

For KHKC youth and their assigned adult rider, to and from youth activities provided through KHKC's community partners. Pick up & Drop Off (Keene and Swanzey locations)

MONDAY - FRIDAY 3PM - 8PM

FOR RESERVATIONS: 603.352.0109

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Thanks to a grant through the MRCC (**Monadnock Regional Council for Community Transportation**) the Kids Collaborative launched a pilot transportation program in October last year. The service is free to all KHKC families to transport them from home to our community partner locations where the child is registered to participate in a youth program. Along with the financial barrier to pay for program registration fees, transportation is also known to be a barrier for our families. The service is still a relatively new offering for our families and we hope it continues to grow with the ultimate goal of kids being able to participate since they know they have a ride!



KHKC is pleased to announce our partnership with Southwestern Community Services continues to grow. In 2020 a pilot program was launched to service two SCS properties (Keene Highlands and CitySide). In 2021 a third property (SCS Swanzey TownShip) was added. In October last year a fourth SCS property was added, Woodcrest Drive in Winchester. This brings the total children KHKC serves under the SCS umbrella to just over 100, from ages birth to 17 years old.

Ways to Support KHKC



TV Gameshows have been delighting audiences for generations, but few have ever had the chance to actually “buzz-in” with a chance to win thousands of dollars worth of cash and prizes – until now! Hosts Parker Springfield and Natalie Knowles create a “real survey-style” gameshow experience right down to the iconic “Face-Off” podium!

Friday, January 27 at 7pm at The Colonial Theater.

Get your tickets, register your team of (5) players and take the stage to experience the bells, whistles, lights, and sounds of a real “survey style” TV gameshow with a chance to win cash and prizes from local Monadnock Businesses. Thanks to the generosity of the Monadnock Broadcasting Group, a portion of ticket sales goes to the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative.

Feel free to dress your team in costumes, bring weird items with you, or practice testing your pop culture knowledge because full audience participation is part of the show!

Full details, team registration and ticket purchases at www.realgameshownight.com.

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Voting is going on now for the 2023 Best of Monadnock Poll. Readers are invited to fill out the ballot at www.shoppernews.com (click on either of the two icons) or at bestofmonadnock.com. There are over 190 categories in which to vote.

A minimum of 15 selections must be made per ballot. Everyone who votes online will be entered into a drawing for one of several local gift certificates. Any local business is eligible to win a "Best Of" award.

The poll is meant to give everyone a chance to



give a vote of thanks to some of the people and local establishments who bring outstanding service, quality, and value to the lives of people of the region. Voting runs through February 17th.

Please consider nominating Keene Housing Kids Collaborative for Reader's Choice: Community - Best Nonprofit. Click [here](#) to nominate us.



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