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Kennebec Valley Community Action Program

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Families enjoy KVCAP's 2nd Annual Community Celebration!

On a warm Saturday afternoon in September, KVCAP hosted its 2nd Annual Community Celebration at Educare Central Maine in Waterville. It was wildly successful with over 350 people in attendance. The Celebration offered many fun and enriching activities for children and families. There was live music by Matt Loosigian, an award-winning children's singer and songwriter. At lunch time the barbecue featured hotdogs, hamburgers, fresh fruit, and cookies.

Throughout the day children enjoyed the bounce house, a climbing wall, a balloon twister, a variety of games, face painting and temporary tattoos, a story walk, fresh popcorn, a photo booth, and emergency vehicle tours with police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics. Children even had the opportunity to visit with some of their favorite superheroes, princesses, and storybook characters!

In addition to the festivities, this event also informed the adults about the variety of services KVCAP offers. Each department staffed a table with program information along with a child-friendly activity so that staff could talk with parents as the children played.

And thanks to our generous business sponsors, all activities were free, including the barbecue! KVCAP is grateful for their financial support, allowing everyone to fully participate in this enjoyable, entertaining, and family-focused experience. We hope you join us in 2017!



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What's Happening?

Do you like to drive? KVCAP's Volunteer Driver program is always looking for new people to join the fun! Our volunteers use their own vehicles to bring people to medical appointments and receive a generous reimbursement for their mileage.

Our volunteers also feel great because they know they are making a difference!



Last fiscal year, our volunteers drove nearly 333,000 miles, helping to build a healthier community. Do you want to learn more? Call Sandy at 859-1631.

We are scheduling appointments for heating assistance! The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serves Somerset, Kennebec,

Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties. It provides financial support for income eligible households to offset the cost of home energy, whether you have

wood, electric, gas, or oil heat. Call 1-800-542-8227 to make an appointment for the 2016-2017 heating season.

Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace began on 11/1/2016 and continues until 1/31/2017. For people who would like their insurance to continue or begin on January 1, you must enroll by December 15.

KVCAP has two certified Navigators who are able to answer questions and assist with enrollment.

Please call Danielle at 859-1547 or Cheryl at 859-1567 to schedule an appointment.



Volunteer Driver Saves the Day!

Brent Shaw, one of our devoted volunteer drivers, began his day like every other – bringing people to and from medical appointments. But this day proved to be a little different!

After dropping a woman off at her house, he noticed a wallet in his car. He opened it to identify the owner and was amazed to see that there was a lot of cash in it! Knowing the woman was probably worried, he turned around and hustled right back. He knocked on her door and as she opened it, she saw her wallet in his hand. The woman hadn't even realized that she had lost it yet! She was so happy she was in tears and gave him a big hug, hardly believing that someone would return so much money. Her lost wallet could have been a disaster. Without that cash she would not have been able to pay her bills!

We know for sure we had one satisfied customer that week. And what a great reminder to us all. Despite the sad stories we hear everyday, there are so many decent, honest, and caring people in this world. Thank you for your fantastic customer service Brent!



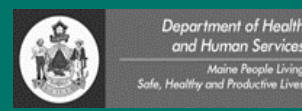
\$20K Grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine Supports Head Start Children

More than 350 Head Start children have begun receiving preventive dental care thanks to a \$20,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities. The grant was one of three recently given by RMHC of Maine to organizations seeking to improve children's oral health. These funds will purchase the equipment and supplies needed to provide on-site dental care to children age 1-5 who attend KVCAP Head Start programs.

Waterville Community Dental Center has partnered with KVCAP for more than a decade to bring dental services and oral health education to children in Head Start programs who otherwise would not receive dental care. Teams comprised of a dentist, a hygienist and support staff began visiting Head Start sites in September, and visits will continue through early December before restarting in the spring.

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