







# **Annual Report to the Community**

2017

Kennebec Valley Community Action Program Building stronger communities since 1965

# Building Stronger Individuals, Families, and Communities

#### **KVCAP Board of Directors**

KVCAP is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of volunteers from our service area. KVCAP bylaws ensure that the Board represents the communities we serve and brings together caring, dedicated community members from diverse professions, income levels, and backgrounds to support KVCAP's mission. Board members serve on various subcommittees and volunteer hundreds of hours to KVCAP. Together their efforts benefit more than 20,000 people in Kennebec, Somerset, Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties.

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### KVCAP's Mission

We strengthen individuals, families and communities by providing direct services and by partnering with others to create sustainable solutions to poverty in an ever-changing environment.

Dear Friends,

At the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program, we believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to realize their potential. Now more than ever it is critical that we recognize those possibilities and provide support to individuals and to families in order for them to achieve success. This is at the heart of what we do.

2017 has been a year of visioning and planning for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in our neighborhoods and our communities. The KVCAP Board of Directors and leadership staff engaged in an intensive strategic planning process that will guide us in the years to come.

Our mission - to strengthen individuals, families and communities by providing direct services and by partnering with others to create sustainable solutions to poverty in an ever changing environment - sets the stage for the important work that lies ahead.

The work that we are undertaking will transform our service delivery model, as we embark on enhanced integration of two-generational (and multi-generational) services and systems.

While this has been an integral part of the work that KVCAP has been doing for over 52 years, we believe that this new model will help to ensure that our services are comprehensive, seamless, and focus on the family as a whole – regardless of their initial point of contact. This "no wrong door" approach will be a driving force for KVCAP over the next few years.

For some programs, it will simply mean offering services to both a parent and his/her child. In a program like Head Start, Two-Gen can mean providing employment support for the parents, while their children receive early care and education programming. For other programs, it will require more creative outreach to families and a shift in our culture from how we have traditionally provided services.

We could not accomplish all that we do without our many community partners, local officials, funders, donors and volunteers that have been with us every step of the way. This report highlights the many services that we provide along with amazing outcomes and results.

With gratitude,

Joathon Menal

Heather Merrow KVCAP Board President



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#### The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

# **Mission Moments**



# 3rd Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction

Lakewood Golf Course June 29, 2017



\$18,000 raised to support the Kennebec/Somerset Explorer public transit system !















#### **2017** Community Champion Award Winners

#### Jan Clarkin—Children's Advocacy Award

The Children's Advocacy Award is given to an individual who tirelessly advocates for the betterment of children in their communities. Jan has been at the helm of the Maine Children's Trust for 18 years and has been a staunch advocate for children and families. Maine children are healthier, safer, and more nurtured in their homes and in the community, due in large part to her effort and dedication.

#### Scotty's Pizza & Variety—Community Spirit Award

The Community Spirit Award is given to a group or individual who embodies the spirit of his/her community and makes it a better place for all. This small family-owned business is in the heart of Waterville's South End neighborhood and continues to shows its generosity to the community and beyond. Scotty's is not just a business, it is an extended family firmly embedded in the fabric of the South End Community!

#### Absalom "Smitty" Dow—Community Partner Award

The Community Partner Award is given to a group or individual who has worked with KVCAP for the betterment of his or her community. Smitty was instrumental in launching the first KVCAP Golf Tournament in 2015. This event continues to provide vital funding for programs that impact the most vulnerable citizens in Kennebec and Somerset County, thanks to his vision and effort to start this tradition. Smitty truly embodies what it means to be a community partner.

#### Parent Ambassadors—Community Teamwork Award

The Community Teamwork Award is given to a group who has worked together for the betterment of its community. The Parent Ambassadors have successfully developed and implemented a meaningful social network and community for parents in which they can learn together, support each other and become empowered as parents, leaders and advocates. Their commitment to KVCAP and Educare, and to their peers and their families, is outstanding.



#### 10,092 people were warmer because of our Fuel Assistance Program.





Health & safety risks were repaired in 59 homes.

**369 people** had their **furnace serviced**.

86 homes were weatherized.

# We helped **88** people **purchase a home**.

And **54** homeowners **avoid foreclosure**.





Health Navigators helped 223 uninsured people secure health insurance through the ACA marketplace.

Employment Services helped 60 people build workforce skills 45% obtained jobs.

KVCAP and local partners organized **21 job fairs and workshops,** reaching nearly **1,000 people**.



# The South End Teen Center had 77 members.

100% completed the school year and all 6 seniors graduated.

7 held part-time **jobs**.

**35 volunteered** in the community.

**4 members** got their **license** through our Driver's Education Scholarship.

Kennebec/Somerset Explorer public bus gave 103,313 rides breaking the 100,000 mark for the first time!

**New routes** were added in Jackman and Bingham, to and from Skowhegan; and in the Vassalboro/China area.

# **KV Van and volunteer drivers** gave **339,302 rides** bringing people to

medical and social service appointments.



They drove 5.8 million miles which equals 233 trips around the world!

**Social Services** 

Maine Families Home Visiting partners with expecting or new parents of babies & toddlers to ensure safe home environments and promote healthy growth & development.



**293 families** connected with a home visitor.

2,759 home visits completed.

**90%** of parents **read, told stories, or sang songs** with their children daily.

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Family Enrichment Council works to prevent child abuse in Kennebec & Somerset counties.



**3,223**elementary school students took part in **Personal Body Safety** classes.

The **Poverty Action Coalition** is a group of local individuals and organizations that work to address the **barriers to prosperity** in greater Waterville.

The PAC's **200 Community Investors** contributed over **\$15K** helping **47** families become financially stable when there were NO other resources.



### **Resource Navigators**

connected **199 people** to a variety of services , helping them improve their financial stability.



#### Head Start - Early Head Start - Educare Central Maine - Child Care



**625 children** (birth – 5 years) increased their readiness for school success.

**568,858 hours** of quality early care and education services were provided.

95,311 healthy meals and snacks were served.

**545 parents** improved their **parenting skills**.

**Community child care providers** received more than **4,000 hours** of training and technical support from KVCAP.

# **Community Services Block Grant**

#### **Community Action Network's Core Funding - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)**

Community Action agencies nationwide receive CSBG funding. This allows local agencies to implement services and strategies that address issues of poverty in their community, with a goal to increase the family stability and financial security of the people we serve. Agencies are required to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment every three years to guide the allocation of CSBG dollars.



CSBG funded programs and activities for 2017 included:

- Employment support services
- Child abuse and neglect prevention and parent education/supports
- Connecting people to resources
- South End Teen Center
- Child care supports
- Poverty Action Coalition-raising awareness of poverty issues
- Community Investors initiative
- Partnership building to expand community resources
- Agency capacity activities

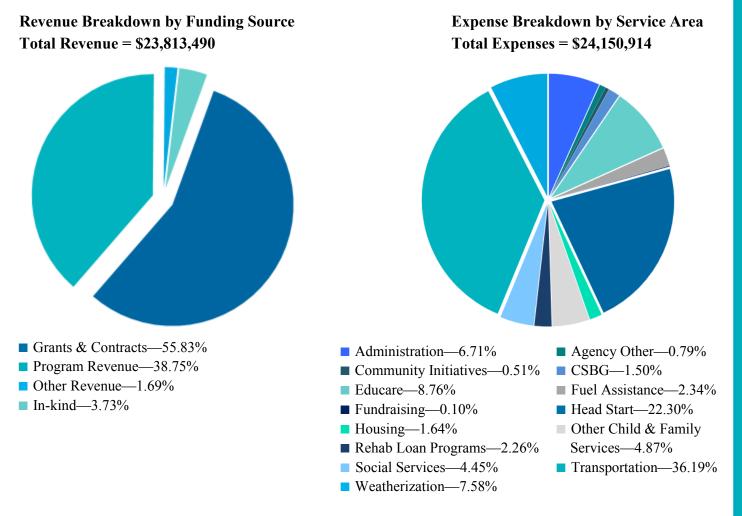
#### **Private Funding Sources**

Alfond Youth Center Buffett Early Childhood Fund Consumers for Affordable Health Care Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative Healthy Northern Kennebec Inland Hospital John T. Gorman Foundation Kennebec Savings Bank Maine Children's Trust Maine Community Foundation MaineGeneral Health Maine Early Learning Investment Group NeighborWorks America Oak Grove Foundation Penquis Community Action Program People's United Community Foundation Southwest Human Development Summit Natural Gas United Way of Greater Portland United Way of Kennebec Valley United Way of Mid-Maine Unity Foundation—Waterville JMG Western Maine Community Action



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#### Revenue & Expenses (Based on Audited Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Statements)



#### **Government Funding Sources**

Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection Maine Department of Economic & Community Development Maine Department of Environmental Protection Maine Department of Health & Human Services Maine Department of Education Maine Department of Labor Maine Department of Transportation Maine Judicial Branch Maine State Housing Authority U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Department of Energy U.S. Department of Health & Human Services U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development U.S. Department of Transportation

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Waterville 859-1500 • Skowhegan 474-8487 • Augusta: 622-4761 • Wiscasset 859-1500

#### Childcare - Early Head Start - Head Start - Family Child Care

Home Visiting or Family Child Care (HomeStart) 859-1621 Educare Central Maine 680-7211 Fairfield & Clinton 314-8949 Anson, Solon 649-2347 St. Albans 938-4581 MSAD# 54 Infant & Toddlers (Skowhegan) 858-1450 MSAD# 54 Preschool (Canaan, Norridgewock, Skowhegan) 314-0780

#### **Community Initiatives**

Health/Resource Navigator (Kennebec County) 859-1567 or 859-1547 Resource Navigator/KENSOM Coordinator (Somerset County) 859-2545 South End Teen Center 873-5621 Youth Outreach 616-1007

#### **Energy & Housing Services**

Energy & Fuel Assistance 1-800-542-8227 Home Repair 859-1684 or 859-1544 Homeownership 859-1622 Financial Counseling/Education 859-1622 Real Estate Development/Cony Village 859-1554

#### **Social Services**

Family Enrichment Council - Kennebec County 859-1514 or 859-1580 Family Enrichment Council - Somerset County 859-2520 Maine Families 859-2537 or 859-8508

Transportation Services - All locations 1-800-542-8227



