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Kennebec Valley Community Action Program

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For seventh grader Michael Lugo, paying it forward is a way of life. Each year Michael holds a garage sale and donates half of his profits to a local charity. This year he selected KVCAP as the recipient of his gift. It was a pleasure getting to know him.

Michael admits he is fortunate. "I have really nice name-brand clothes and shoes, and as I grow out of them, I like to make sure other kids can wear them. I sell all the clothing items for \$2.00 or under so that people who have less can afford to buy them."

Michael also sells snacks and beverages at the sale to increase his earnings. Honestly, we're not sure where he finds the time! As a music lover, he sings and plays several instruments, dances, and acts in local theater. He also runs track and plays soccer. Michael loves school and finds joy in learning. His favorite subjects are music, social studies, and language arts.

"My mother has always taught me that it is important to care about places that help people. KVCAP does great work in our community. I really didn't know much about the organization at first, but I did some research with my mom and we learned that KVCAP does a lot of different things that help people have better lives," said Michael.

TinaMarie, Michael's mom, is well aware of the challenges lower-income people face. As the daughter of a single parent and a first generation college graduate, Tina felt that it was vital to instill a sense of gratitude and "giving back" in her children. She succeeded by modeling that behavior in her own life.

Michael Lugo is a fine example and a good reminder of the energy, passion, and goodwill that our youth bring to the world every day. He genuinely believes that his generation can be a force of great change in our society, both today and in the future.

We wholeheartedly agree!

Thank you, Michael, for caring so deeply about others. You are an inspiration to us all.



TinaMarie Lugo and Michael Lugo



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Community Celebration brings families together!

On June 9th, KVCAP held its 4th annual Community Celebration at Educare Central Maine in Waterville. With nearly 700 people attending, it was our biggest turnout to date!

As the Community Action Agency serving Central Maine, KVCAP is proud to host this free community event for all to enjoy. We hope you join us next year!



Tee off for Transportation a success

With your help, we did it! Thanks to our sponsors, golfers, and community supporters, our annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction raised \$18,000. These private dollars, matched with federal funding, will provide \$36,000 to support the Kennebec & Somerset Explorer public bus system.

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