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Kennebec Valley Community Action Program

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700 attend 5th Annual Community Celebration in Waterville

KVCAP hosted its 5th Annual Community Celebration on Saturday, June 8, at Educare Central Maine in Waterville. Nearly 700 people attended. This free family-friendly event is KVCAP's way of celebrating our community and sharing information about available services and programs.

Our mission is to help people build financial and social stability, and this event is designed with that in mind. We also understand that many families cannot afford expensive summer trips. This free event is our way of showing everyone in the community that they are valued and cared about.

Other activities included art projects, face painting, a petting zoo, a climbing wall, and a bounce house. A local Native American drumming group gave an interactive performance where children and adults were encouraged to join in making music. There were emergency vehicles for children to explore, and the Children's Museum brought some of their mobile exhibits. There was cookie decorating and fresh popcorn, and a barbecue luncheon was served at noon.

The highlight of the day were the special guests! Princesses, superheroes, and other characters mingled throughout the crowd, entertaining children and parents alike. Watching the children's eyes light up as they interacted with their favorite characters was a truly magical experience.

"My son looks forward to this event every year," said Zack Dixon, father of 5-year-old James. "His favorite parts are the petting zoo, the bounce house, and getting his face painted. The best part for me is that he can do all the activities he wants. Living on a tight budget makes it really hard to take him to fancy parks, but here he really enjoys himself and has a lot of fun."

KVCAP will continue to host this event annually in June. We hope you join us next year!



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South End Festival



On Tuesday, August 6, the South End Neighborhood Assoc. will be hosting the 16th Annual South End Neighborhood Festival - National Night Out event at Green Street Park. Join us from 5-7pm for a free barbecue, children's activities, and live music. National Night Out is an event that occurs across the country to promote police-community partnerships.

Summer Blast Trips

Because of the support of our donors, the South End Teen Center has a number of enriching and fun trips planned for this summer, visiting places all across our great state.



Most of our members do not have other opportunities to get out and explore all that Maine has to offer. Thank you for helping to make these trips a reality!

Early Childhood Programs



KVCAP is currently accepting applications for early childhood education for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old. Full-day childcare, part-day preschool, and home visiting options are available. For more

information, call 207-859-1599 or visit us at www.kvcap.org. An application can also be completed and submitted online.

KVCAP Building Project

Plans are underway to renovate the front entrance at our 101 Water Street location in Waterville. During this time, we will be rerouting visitors to a new, temporary side entrance. Construction is scheduled to begin in late July and should be completed by early October. Stay tuned!

Tournament a success: \$22K raised for the Explorer Public Bus System!

KVCAP's 5th Annual Tee-off for Transportation, held in memory of Mark K. Johnston, raised over \$22,000. And because these were private donations, they will be matched dollar for dollar with federal funding, infusing more than \$44,000 into KVCAP's Explorer public bus system!

The Explorer is a lifeline for hundreds of people who live in the greater Waterville, Augusta, and Skowhegan areas. People ride the bus to get to work, school, medical appointments, to shop locally, and so much more. Last year the system provided nearly 91,000 rides!

Maintaining sufficient funding for public transit is a constant challenge in our rural communities. While KVCAP receives both federal and state grants, we are required to secure private match dollars in order to secure a significant portion of these funds. Private sources include funding from local municipalities, businesses, and foundation grants. The income generated from this annual tournament is an essential component to sustaining current operations. We are grateful for all of our event sponsors, supporters, and golfers who help ensure that the Explorer system can continue to serve our neighbors in need of public transportation.

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