KVCAp Board of Directors

KVCAp is governed by a tripartite 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 and Community Members,

We are honored to present the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program’s 2019 Annual Report. Since 1965, KVCAP has evolved to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. We cannot 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.

A few highlights (with many more highlighted throughout this report) include:

- Over 10,000 fuel assistance ( HEAP) applications were taken through Energy and Housing Services and over 80 homes were weatherized or repaired.
- 2,646 home visits were provided through our Maine Families program.
- The South End Teen Center saw an average of 22 teens per day – a record high!
- Over 600 infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families received comprehensive early care and education services through our Child and Family Services department as well as partnerships with childcare centers, childcare homes and public schools.
- The KV Van program, by means of agency staff/vehicles and volunteer drivers, provided 176,618 trips bringing people to health-related appointments.

As we head into our 55th year, we will continue to pursue our mission and honor the Promise of Community Action. We want everyone who lives in Maine to be financially stable, to be healthy, and to thrive. Assisting people living in poverty to overcome obstacles and accomplish their goals is at the heart of all community action organizations and is the driving force behind our dedicated staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Heather Merrow
KVCAP Board President

Suzanne Walsh
KVCAP CEO

KVCAP’s Vision

Our Vision for the Kennebec Valley Region is thriving communities made up of individuals and families who are healthy, financially secure, and able to reach their fullest potential.
2019 Community Champion Awards

**Waterville Habitat for Humanity ReStore—Community Teamwork Award**
The ReStore collaborates with KVCAp to implement the Building Foundations program, which provides a one-time voucher to low-income families in need. These $200 vouchers can be used to purchase furniture, appliances, building supplies, and other household items. The ReStore secures the program funds and works with KVCAp to administer the application process.

**Maine Housing, Executive Director Dan Brennan—Community Partner Award**
Maine Housing has partnered with Maine Community Action Agencies (CAAs) for decades by providing funds and technical assistance for weatherization, home repair, affordable housing, and energy assistance. Under Dan Brennan’s leadership, Maine Housing recently analyzed their current practices in the Home Energy Assistance Program and invested in new software to improve the application experience. KVCAp and other CAA’s were invited to participate in the process, resulting in better access to services. Maine Housing is also committed to assist with the development of affordable housing in rural communities. They value and recognize that by working together we can enhance the lives of low-income people throughout Maine.

**Michele Gonya—Children’s Advocacy Award**
Michele Gonya, a Parent Ambassador and the current Head Start Policy Council Chairperson, demonstrates initiative, dedication, and leadership in her role as a parent, as an advocate, and as a volunteer. She was also selected as the Maine parent representative to the New England Head Start Association’s Board of Directors. Michele effectively communicates the impact of policies on families in need and offers a realistic voice to the barriers of moving out of poverty. Her early childhood and family advocacy efforts, passion, and leadership at the local, state, and national levels are deserving of recognition and are making a positive difference.

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**5th Annual Tee off for Transportation Mark K. Johnston Memorial Golf Tournament**

June 28, 2019
Lakewood Golf Course

$20,000 raised—matched with federal dollars these funds infused $40,000 into the Kennebec & Somerset Explorer bus system.

First Place Gross—Skowhegan Savings
Community Events

5th Annual Community Celebration
June 8, 2019
Over 700 people attended!

Diaper Drive
Collected 30,000+ diapers for families in need

Fall Family Fun Festivals
Cayford Orchard
Kent’s Hill Orchard
October 5, 2019
For the Home

- 99 people purchased a home
- 6 families avoided foreclosure
- 90 homes were weatherized and safety risks were repaired
- 14,741 people were warmer through our fuel assistance program
- 308 people had their furnace cleaned or replaced

Transportation

- The Explorer public buses provided 76,933 rides
- 176,618 rides were provided bringing people to health appointments, driving an average of 10,000 miles EVERY day

Community

- More than 65 clients became employed
- 74 Community Investors contributed $20K to help 194 people access basic needs
- We partnered with 546 businesses, schools, municipalities, and other entities
- We employed 300 people and secured 1,503 volunteers

KVC Comm Imp 20
626 children received early childhood education and increased their readiness for school success.

62% of parents of enrolled children were working or attending school.

1,200 free meals and snacks were served DAILY.

539 children had vision and hearing screenings.

231 children received on-site dental exams.

40 teens volunteered 146 hours in the community.

All 82 South End Teen Center members advanced a grade or graduated.

55 free community events were offered.

80 parenting classes reached 488 parents and caregivers.

289 families with young children received home visits that support healthy growth & development.

More than 1,000 families were referred to additional services to improve their financial stability.

80% of seniors enrolled in college.

Parents & Families

Parents & Families

Teen Center

Children

Parents & Families
Federal Funding

Community Action Network’s Core Funding: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Community Action Agencies nationwide receive federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. This allows agencies to implement services and strategies that address issues of poverty at the local level, with the goal to increase family stability and financial security of the people we serve. To guide the allocation of CSBG dollars, agencies are required to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment every three years. Ours can be found on the KVCAP website. CSBG funded programs and activities for 2019 included:

- Agency capacity activities—staff training, strategic planning, community assessments, etc.
- Child abuse and neglect prevention
- Child care supports
- Community Investors initiative
- Connecting people to resources
- Employment support services
- Parent education and supports
- Poverty Action Coalition—raising awareness of poverty issues
- Partnership building to expand community resources
- South End Teen Center

Government Funding Sources

Maine Department of Economic & Community Development
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Maine Department of Health & Human Services
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 Health & Human Services – Administration of Children & Families
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of Treasury
Financial Information

Revenue & Expenses (Based on audited Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements)

Revenue Breakdown by Funding Source
Total Revenue = $29,315,637

Expense Breakdown by Service Area
Total Expenses = $28,743,962

Private Funding Sources

Alfond Youth Center/Boys & Girls Club
Bill & Joan Alfond Foundation
Buffett Early Childhood Fund – Educare Learning Network
Educate Maine
Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative – Redington Fairview General Hospital
Inland Hospital
John T. Gorman Foundation
Kellogg Foundation
Kennebec Savings Bank
Lennox Foundation
Maine Cancer Foundation
Maine Children’s Trust

Maine Early Learning Investment Group
MaineGeneral Health
NeighborWorks America
Oak Grove Foundation
Penquis Community Action Program
People’s United Community Foundation
Red Nose Day Fund
Quimby Family Foundation
Southwest Human Development
Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation
The Cabin Foundation
United Way of Kennebec Valley
United Way of Mid-Maine
Thank you for your generous support!

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or visit www.kvcap.org

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Childcare - Early Head Start - Head Start - Family Child Care
Home Visiting 859-1621
Family Child Care (Home Start) 491-3976
Educare Central Maine 680-7200
Skowhegan Early Head Start 858-1450
RSU #54 Preschool (Canaan, Norridgewock, Skowhegan) 314-8774
RSU #49 Preschool (Fairfield, Clinton & Albion) 509-5019
RSU #74 Preschool (Anson, Solon) 314-0780
RSU #19 Somerset Preschool (Hartland) 938-7770

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

Energy & Housing Services
Energy & Fuel Assistance 1-800-542-8227
Home Repair 859-1544
Homebuyer Education 859-1637
Financial Counseling/Education 859-1604
Real Estate Development/Cony Village 859-1554

Social Services
Family Enrichment Council (Kennebec County) 859-1514, 859-1580, or 859-1588
Family Enrichment Council (Somerset County) 859-2520 or 859-2521
Maine Families 859-2537 or 859-8503

Transportation Services
All locations 1-800-542-8227 or 859-1500