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## Golf season is right around the corner!

KVCAP is hosting its Annual Mark K. Johnston Memorial Golf Tournament at Lakewood Golf Course in Madison on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

This event will **raise funds to provide transportation for seniors and people with cancer** who are not eligible for MaineCare assistance, so they can get to essential medical appointments. The demand for this service far exceeds the limited funding that we receive. **If we don't raise additional dollars, we will need to turn people away, which is heartbreaking!**

Just imagine your own mother needing daily rides for cancer treatments because they make her too sick to drive, and you live too far away to help. I am sure you would be relieved if KVCAP was able to provide this safe and reliable service so that she could focus on her health!

This event continues to be held in Mark's memory. He was our Chief Financial Officer for over 20 years and a staunch supporter of Community Action, helping people and changing lives. Mark passed away in 2018 and is greatly missed. We are honored to remember him in this way.

Due to continued COVID protocols, we will be hosting the event using the same measures we put in place last year. Tee times will be staggered and lunches will be provided in individual coolers. Players can eat on the course and keep the cooler as a gift.

Are you interested in supporting transportation for seniors and people with cancer? Become an event sponsor! Sponsorship levels range from \$200 to \$3,000, with varying options to promote your business among the dozens of people who participate in the tournament. For details, please contact Andrea Pasco at [andreap@kvcap.org](mailto:andreap@kvcap.org) or 859-1630.

Team registration is also underway. The cost is \$125 per person/\$500 per team, and includes green fees and electric carts, mulligans and strings, lunches and snacks, goodies bags, and the chance to win in several categories, including a \$25,000 hole-in-one cash prize on the third hole. You can register by contacting Andrea (contact information above) or online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/KVCAPgolf>.



Mark K. Johnston

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program



Maine has \$200 million in rent relief funds from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This program provides rental and utility relief payments to help eligible renters maintain housing stability.

Maine's ten Community Action Agencies review applications, check eligibility, and process payments for eligible expenses on behalf of households. KVCAP is processing all applications for renters in Kennebec and Somerset counties. Some program details have changed since the last round. To learn more about the changes, visit [Mainehousing.org](http://Mainehousing.org), call 859-1500, email [rentrelief@kvcap.org](mailto:rentrelief@kvcap.org).



## Additional COVID Assistance

KVCAP has resources to help people beyond the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. If you have been financially affected by the pandemic, we may be able to assist you with items such as food, car repairs, diapers, and other basic needs. Our team is also able to provide referrals for additional area resources. Reach out by calling 859-1500.

## Volunteer Opportunity



Do you have a reliable car, a desire to help others, and some free time? KVCAP is seeking new volunteer drivers to bring passengers to medical and social service appointments throughout Maine. Drivers feel great knowing they are providing an essential ride, and they receive a mileage reimbursement for their service. FMI, visit [kvcap.org](http://kvcap.org) or call Steve Soule at 859-1631.

## Struggling with heating or utility bills?



KVCAP's Home Energy Assistance Program, or HEAP, has appointments available for people interested in applying for this benefit. Applications will be taken through July 2021 for the 2020/21 season. Appointments are conducted by phone.

HEAP provides assistance to qualifying households in Somerset, Kennebec, Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties to offset the rising costs of home energy, whether you have wood, electric, gas, or oil heat. The benefit is paid directly to the client's fuel vendor of choice. The amount of assistance you may get from HEAP is based on your household size as well as income, energy costs, and other factors. FMI, call 859-1500 or visit [kvcap.org](http://kvcap.org).



## What is First4 Americorps?

KVCAP is proud to host the First4 AmeriCorps program which places AmeriCorps members into our child care and preschool programs throughout northern Kennebec and Somerset counties. Members receive training on techniques to help children regulate emotions and gain practical experience while serving in classrooms as part of a teaching team.

Individuals join First4 for a myriad of reasons: some become members to give back to their community; some volunteer as an alternate way to gain experience and training with young children; others serve with First4 to enrich their experience while working toward early childhood education degrees. KVCAP benefits from the much appreciated support of the members in classrooms while helping to train qualified early childhood educators.

One member, Sydney, serves in our Skowhegan Early Head Start program supporting children 6 weeks to age 3 as both an AmeriCorps member and as a practicum student while earning her degree at KVCC.

"Being an AmeriCorps Member has positively affected my life by transforming my purpose in the classroom. I am so grateful for the knowledge and skills I have developed through all the trainings, meetings, and overall experience that have not only taught but shaped me. I am gaining so much practical experience and knowledge through my AmeriCorps role that I can apply to my degree work, and doing my practicum at the same location just adds to the experience. Being well-trained is what will promote the highest rate of success for an educator to correctly model creativity and resilience. From combining both roles, I know I'm on the right path to success as a member of the early childhood community," said Sydney of her dual role as AmeriCorps member and practicum student.

KVCAP Child & Family Services offers child care and preschool options in a variety of locations. Call 859-1599 or visit [kvcap.org](http://kvcap.org) today!

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