



# Keene Housing Kids COLLABORATIVE

Our mission is building the foundation for successful adulthood. We do this by giving kids free access to opportunities and experiences in the community that will help them gain confidence, have fun, learn, get ready for kindergarten, do well in elementary school, and exit high school with the tools that will help them become economically independent adults.

## Makayla (15 years old) participates in MoCo Arts

"I am so glad that my kids were able to be a part of the Kids Collaborative for many, many years. They were able to participate in theatre, sports, dance and many other activities. I can't thank you enough! Makayla's love of the theatre and MoCo was made possible by the generous funds that were made available by the Kids Collaborative.

I hope that many kids will take the many opportunities that will be made available to them. This program truly opens up many avenues for some who would otherwise not be able to learn a sport, play an instrument, be in a play, dance or sing. The most important thing is the self esteem of a child and bringing out the many talents that may be hidden deep within.

Please continue to do the remarkable work for all the families who need your assistance. It has made a huge difference to me and my family.

Nothing in the world compares to seeing the joy and happiness on my child's face."

*Makayla's Mom*



## Community Partner Spotlight: Northern Lights Athletics

"Partnering with KHKC has been something that we are "CHEERING" about here at Northern Lights. We think that the world *NEEDS MORE CHEERLEADERS* and providing families with a safe place for kids of all ages to tumble, dance, move, climb, learn and grow has been a wonderful experience to be a part of!

The staff at Northern Lights works hard to help children



BELIEVE in themselves, to reach for the STARS and to DREAM big and we are so honored to get to share that opportunity with our community.

Cheerleading promotes leadership, fitness, teamwork, self-confidence and a chance to make new friends and find your voice. We are so grateful for our relationship with the wonderful people at KHKC and look forward to continuing to provide new ways for kids to shine their LIGHT!"

*Megan Gomarlo, Owner*



## END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

KHKC held three outreach events for KHKC families to celebrate the end of summer and provide information on the upcoming fall activity opportunities.

We are grateful for the support of our community partners: MoCo Arts, Cheshire Children's Museum, Freedom Reins Therapeutic Riding Center, Stonewall Farm, Keene Parks & Recreation, The Fieldhouse, Monadnock Youth Coalition, Wakadoodles and the Boy Scouts who came out to share information about their programs with our families.



## New KHKC Program Opportunities



KHKC is now offering **Driver's Education** through **TSR Driving School**, participation for **Keene Middle School 8th graders in the 2023 Washington DC field trip** and **Teen Memberships at the Keene Family YMCA** to KHKC kids through December 2023 thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)'s NH Empower Youth Program to provide programming for at-risk middle and high school students.

# Ways to Support KHKC



KHKC recently launched the Kids Collaborative Sports Bank. Designed to further help KHKC families eliminate financial barriers to having kids participate in youth sports programs, we are looking for donations of gently used or new sports gear to stock our bank. Eliminating registration fees was a start, but we want to ensure all kids are geared up and able to play.

As we head back to school and “back to sports”, families are gearing up for Fall sports. As you go through your closets to see what you need this season, you might have gently used gear that no longer fits, or is no longer needed. We are looking for:

- Soccer (Cleats, Shin Guards, Socks)
- Basketball (Sneakers)
- Baseball/Softball (Gloves, Pants/Belt, Cleats)
- Gymnastics & Cheer (Leotards)
- Bike Riding / Ice Skating (Helmets)
- Wrestling (Head Gear, Shoes)
- Football (Cleats)
- Martial Arts (Gi)

Please remember the gear we are looking for is for youth (17 and under) and if you would not put your kids in it because it is more than gently used, we probably can't use it.

Please have all gear bagged in clear plastic bags and dropped off to Keene Housing Kids Collaborative, 5 Harmony Lane, Keene, NH, Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4pm. Or give us a call at 603.352.0109 or email [info@khkc.org](mailto:info@khkc.org) to make arrangements.

Let's work together to get our kids back to sports!

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You're Invited!



7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# BENEFIT BREAKFAST

KEENE STATE COLLEGE - MABEL BROWN ROOM

Join us for a delicious early morning breakfast, hear from **Keynote speaker, Keene State College President, Dr. Melinda Treadwell**, and learn about the impact that the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative has on the youth in our community.

RSVP TO [SMALAY@KHKC.ORG](mailto:SMALAY@KHKC.ORG)



Mascoma Bank



C&S Wholesale Grocers



Our 7th annual **Benefit Breakfast** is a complimentary event for KHKC supporters. This event is one of our two main fundraisers for the year. If you would like to place an ad in the program booklet or RSVP to attend the event, please email [smalay@khkc.org](mailto:smalay@khkc.org).

**Help support us with Target Circle.**  
Vote by September 30.



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KHKC has been chosen to participate in a special charitable giving campaign, sponsored and funded by Target. And you have the chance to help direct a portion of Target's donation to us!

Now **through September 30th**, vote for us through the Target Circle program to help determine how Target's donation will be divvied up.

Find out more about Target Circle here: [target.com/circle](http://target.com/circle).

We're asking our supporters to help us make the most of this incredible opportunity. Every vote counts to help us receive a portion of the available Target funds as we continue our mission.

Don't forget, as you earn more votes, you can keep voting multiple times during the campaign!

We need your help! The holidays are often a difficult time for families with limited resources. KHKC is hosting 3 holiday bazaars this December for kids living in low-income households.



*Kids Collaborative*  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

The bazaars give kids a chance to select holiday gifts for their parents and siblings at no cost. Each child can select one present for each family member, which is gift wrapped by volunteers.

What you can do:

**Volunteer!** We need adult volunteers to help kids pick out gifts and wrap gifts.

Tues., December 6 in Keene, 4-6PM

Thurs., December 8 in Swanzey, 4-6PM

Tues., December 13 in Keene, 4-6PM

**Donate!** Kids Collaborative Holiday Bazaar needs gently used gift items:

- Tchotchkes
- Bric-a-brac
- Knickknacks, etc.
- Kids toys/games
- Things for moms
- Jewelry
- Things for dads (we are always short on these!)
- Gift boxes and bags

New items needed:

- Holiday wrapping paper
- Scotch tape
- Gift boxes and bags
- Ribbon/gift bows

NO CLOTHING OR ELECTRONICS PLEASE

Items accepted until Monday, November 28. We will pick up your donated items. Please call 603.352.0109 or email [info@khkc.org](mailto:info@khkc.org) to schedule pickup or drop off.



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