



Keene Housing Kids COLLABORATIVE

Building the Foundation for Successful Adulthood

We do this by giving families that face financial (amongst other) barriers **FREE** (and equitable) access for their kids to learning opportunities and experiences in after-school programs and during the summer. This helps kids 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.

Growth & Impact

The Kids Collaborative has increased the number of eligible children served by **26% (425 to 625 kids** from birth to 17 years of age) since 2015. From January to April of this year, we have **309 unique children** participating in learning opportunities and experiences. This exceeds the highest annual number of unduplicated participating kids since our foundation in 2015. Our kids have participated in **4,372 combined youth activities for a total of 117,730 activity hours** since 2015.

Five year old attends Keene State College Child Development Center

"I had heard others speak highly about the CDC but I could not afford to send my daughter there. The Kids Collaborative (staff) and the CDC directors helped greatly in making the enrollment process uncomplicated and smooth! My daughter loves going and this past year has been fantastic. She has grown so much through this program and is always happy to go. I appreciate this opportunity and am very grateful to the Kids Collaborative for helping to provide my daughter with a wonderful place to learn, grow, create friendships and thrive! I whole heartedly support this program and believe in its ability to help children and families thrive."

- Kids Collaborative parent



A young child tends to the vegetable garden at the KSC Child Development Center.

Community Partner Spotlight: American School of Gymnastics

Through our partnership with the American School of Gymnastics our kids participate in educational gymnastics through a variety of classes. Their mission is to encourage happy, confident students for a lifetime of fitness, fun and safety. Their programs are intended to give children an outlet for vigorous



exercise, a chance to challenge their courage and sharpen their coordination all while developing social emotional skills that they can apply at school and through adulthood.

Greater Monadnock Collaborative: Business Spotlight

Our Executive Director, Sally Malay recently chatted with Greater Collaborative's President & CEO, Luca Paris about the impact the Kids Collaborative is having on our community and plans for the future.

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Support Our Kids

NH Gives a Great Success!



We can't thank our incredible donors enough for your unwavering support and generosity towards the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative through NH Gives! With your help, we successfully raised funds to provide essential learning opportunities and experiences for our kids. Your contributions have made a significant impact on their lives, giving them a chance to thrive and succeed. Thanks to you, they now have the tools and support they need to break barriers and unlock their full potential. So once again, a heartfelt thank you to all our donors who made NH Gives a resounding success! Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Visit Wonder Casino

July 31 - August 3

Play your favorite games like Lucky O'Reilly, Drop & Lock, Blackjack, Roulette, and Poker at Wonder Casino in Keene and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Kids Collaborative.



Community Dessert Program: Granita Enoteca

The Kids Collaborative received \$10 for every specialty cheesecake sold by Granita Enoteca in the month of June. Granita Chefs created this unique Peanut Butter and Jelly Cheesecake topped with strawberry jam and whipped cream inspired by the childhood favorite sandwich - the PB&J. Thank you to Granita Enoteca and the diners that enjoyed this yummy dessert.



What's new?



Expansion of SCS Partnership

In addition to the four SCS properties (Keene Highlands, CitySide, Swanzey Township, and Woodcrest), the Kids Collaborative recently added a group of families under our umbrella who are part of SCS's Housing Stabilization program. We are grateful for our partnership with SCS our ability to continue to widen our service group.

FREE RIDES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

For KHKC youth and their assigned adult rider, to and from youth activities provided through KHKC's community partners. Pick up & Drop Off (Keene and Swanzey locations)

MONDAY - FRIDAY 3PM - 8PM

FOR RESERVATIONS: 603.352.0109

EMAIL INFO@KHKC.ORG

Youth Transportation pilot program to continue

The Kids Collaborative launched a pilot youth transportation service in October of last year providing rides to after school programs. Children that had not been participating in youth programs due to lack of transportation were able to register and attend. Thanks to funding received from Cheshire County in collaboration with the Monadnock Region Coordinating Council for Community Transportation through a contract with the NH Department of Health and Human Services, our pilot program will continue for another year.

KIDS COLLABORATIVE BENEFIT BREAKFAST



Save the date!



ANNUAL BENEFIT BREAKFAST

KEENE STATE COLLEGE

MABEL BROWN ROOM

Join us for a delicious early morning breakfast to
hear about the impact that the
Keene Housing Kids Collaborative has on the
youth in our community.

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