

New nonprofit serves the region

Have you heard the name Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) and wondered what it's all about?

KNP is a new nonprofit serving the region. They are dedicated to building a community where neighbors help each other flourish.

KNP cooperates with other local organizations including the New London Hospital, the VNA and COA, food pantries and KREM, churches and schools, as well as the Community Action Program (CAP) to help weave a caring network of local support.

KNP volunteers walk beside neighbors while they move toward more stable footing in life. Often that means helping folks identify and navigate local support services, work on food security or find safe, affordable housing.

Volunteers are available to do regular phone check-ins with people who live alone or to complete light yard work or small outdoor

home repairs for those in need. They have just stacked a winter supply of emergency firewood for heating. A meal can be supplied or volunteers can help with a small local move for someone with limited means.

If you know of someone in need, they can visit www.knppnh.org and click on "Neighbor Needing Help" or call KNP at 317-5900, ext. 1, or email info@knppnh.org.

Would you like to help with two of KNP's current efforts? The New London Hospital needs volunteers to sew cotton face masks and surgical caps. Free printable patterns can be found on the Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners website, www.knppnh.org.

Finished items may be dropped off in the yellow bin immediately inside Door No. 10 at the hospital (the former Clough Center entrance.)

KNP is also working with CAP to collect school supplies for fam-

ilies in need, such as: one-subject notebooks and loose-leaf lined paper, glue sticks and folders, colored markers and colored pencils, blue and black pens, pencil pouches and pencil sharpeners, reusable water bottles and reusable lunch bags.

KNP has provided two convenient drop-off boxes until Aug. 29 at Colonial Pharmacy in New London and at the Irving Gas Station in Andover across from Proctor Academy. Look for the Community Action Program logo on the box. KNP thanks the local merchants for hosting collection sites.

If you would like to help Kearsarge neighbors flourish, go to www.knppnh.org and click on "Neighbors Ready to Help" to join this active team of local volunteers.

KNP volunteer efforts respect COVID-19 precautions. Opportunities to help may eventually expand as neighbors can safely meet in-person.