

# KNP Konnections



## From Our Editor, Nancy Allenby

As we move into a season of thanks and giving, we're especially grateful for the volunteers who help our Neighbors, for the organizations that partner with us in our many efforts, and for those who donate much-needed financial support. You make it all possible! THANKS for GIVING -- your time, your skills and your funds. We quite literally couldn't do it without you!



## Food, Heat and Isolation Forums

**SEVERAL AREA ORGANIZATIONS**, including KNP, met on September 29 for the first *Kearsarge Food Partner Summit*. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss collaboration to improve food security in the Kearsarge region, and to detail the various ways everyone's individual efforts dovetail into an overall support system.

Even families with a stable paycheck may have trouble keeping up with this winter's high costs of heating fuel and fire wood. **HEAT**

*Kearsarge* continues to meet with KNP, CAP, Warner Connects, Loaves and Fishes, and KREM, creating parameters and a plan to help support families facing upcoming heat challenges.

Winter can also increase isolation for many of our Neighbors who already struggle with lack of outside contact or support. Fortunately, KNP has begun to work together with several area partners in an effort called *Connecting Kearsarge* to address the alleviation of loneliness in our community.



## New KNP Advocate Committee Chairperson

**WELCOME VOLUNTEER TOM ROUSSEAU**, the new chair of the KNP Advocate program! Heartfelt thanks go to Cindy Benson and Cindy Johnson who did a fantastic job getting the Advocates up and running when KNP first formed. "The Cindy's" have provided steadfast leadership for our team over the past 2.5 years.

Tom brings a background in tutoring and counseling, crisis intervention, problem resolution, and critical thinking-- all useful skills for our seventeen Advocates as they walk beside Neighbors needing longer-term guidance to stabilize their lives. The first orders of business: an informative new *KNP*

*Advocate Services* brochure, and connecting with the schools and our own KNP community partnership liaisons to identify existing needs within our community.

## Exciting Updates ...

**HOUSE KEARSARGE:** The team continues to move forward, addressing workforce housing, accessory dwelling units and home sharing opportunities to alleviate the shortage of housing in our region. Twin Pines Housing has posted a [summary and FAQ's](#) for the proposed Longmeadow Commons in New London.

**GLEAN KEARSARGE:** Our team of KNP volunteers and Colby-Sawyer students harvested 400 pounds of potatoes, which the Kearsarge Food Hub distributed to area food pantries. Be sure to watch the [Yankee Chronicle episode](#) about Glean Kearsarge if you haven't seen it, [Contact us](#) if you hear of a local gleaning opportunity.



## Kars for Kearsarge

### KARS IS A JOINT EFFORT OF KNP & KREM

In the past ten months, five generous community members gifted used cars to Neighbors living without affordable, dependable transportation. Kars for Kearsarge funded repairs to make each of those cars safe and road worthy.

Earlier this year, a KNP volunteer sold their car and donated the proceeds to Kars for Kearsarge. On October 18, we used some of those funds to help a family buy a used car, getting them back on the road to independence. We were even able to include a nice car seat for their child. [Click here](#) to donate to this much-needed program so that we can continue to help our Neighbors!

## Gifts with an Impact

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE AROUND THE CORNER!** KNP hats, window clings and car magnets make great stocking stuffers or holiday extras you can tuck in a card. Very nice garment-washed cotton hats (one-size with a leather adjuster in the back) are embroidered with the KNP logo for only \$15. Clear Vinyl Car Window Clings: \$2. Car Magnets: \$3. Cash or check accepted. Please [call Kit Ross](#) at 603-526-6511, or [email us](#) to stock up and spread the KNP message!

## Check-In's Are Very Important

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU check in** each time you interact with a neighbor or community partner. Thank you for lining up a substitute if you are unable to fulfill a recurring commitment with one of our partners.

**Friends of KNP** can stay in the loop by subscribing to this KNP Konnections Monthly Newsletter [here](#).

