



# CAPtions



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## Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens keeps on giving!

Christmas Holiday Season is a time for caring and giving. The 48th Annual Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens program for Mason and Manistee County area children is coordinated by FiveCAP, Inc. and Synergy Media, Inc. (WKLA-FM "Hits 96" and WKZC-FM 94.9 "The Big Dog").

Watch for barrels placed throughout Mason and Manistee counties at various businesses and organizations to help make Christmas a little merrier for hundreds of local families that are struggling to make ends meet. Or call to drop toys/gifts (new unwrapped only, ages 0-18) off directly to the Scottville or Manistee FiveCAP office.

Cash donations are accepted and used to purchase toys and gifts closer to the distribution dates, allowing us to ensure there are plenty of items for each age group. Charitable contribution forms are available on our website [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org).

Parents can apply starting November 2nd by calling their Mason or Manistee County FiveCAP office. Parents will receive a time slot for selecting gifts for their child(ren), a family game and stocking stuffers.

Distributions will be held December 16 & 17 in Ludington and Manistee. Masks required and protocols followed.

With the closing of the Optimist Club in Scottville, this year's Mason County distribution site is changed to the Holiday Inn Express-Graystone Event Center who have so generously donated space to make this distribution possible.

The Manistee County distribution will be held in Manistee at the VFW Hall, a longtime supporter and distribution site host.

**Volunteers are needed for distribution set up starting December 14th and distribution days.** If you would like to volunteer, request a barrel, or make a donation, contact the FiveCAP office in Scottville at (231) 757-3785 or Manistee (231) 723-8327.

## Head Start Centers open with in-person and remote learning

With Head Start staff working diligently over the summer, children were welcomed back on September 14th with 10 children and 2 adults per classroom, in compliance with State Child Care Licensing rules to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The remainder of the enrolled children are temporarily assigned to remote preschool education services until allowed otherwise.

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### FiveCAP, Inc. County Office Locations

Mason County (Main Office), *Scottville*—(231) 757-3785    Lake County, *Baldwin*—(231) 745-4617  
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org)**

*Visit the Idlewild Historic & Cultural Center website: [www.historicidlewild.org](http://www.historicidlewild.org)*

# 20,800 masks distributed by FiveCAP for “Mask Up, Michigan”

Early August, an announcement was received that Governor Whitmer continued her order on mandating face masks indoors and in crowded spaces outside where social distancing is not possible. “Wearing a mask is the right thing to do to protect our families, our businesses, and our economy,” Governor said in a statement. “If everyone in Michigan masks up, we can save thousands of lives and put ourselves in a better position to send our kids back to school in the fall. For the safety of our loved ones and our dedicated first responders on the front lines: mask up, Michigan.”

Masks were donated to the State of Michigan to get into the hands of people in our communities via Community Action Agencies.

In turn, FiveCAP received 10,000 masks that were immediately distributed at CSFP and TEFAP food distributions, to area senior centers and County Council’s on Aging, area residents, and staff, as well as other local agencies and organizations. Another 10,800 masks were received on September 1st and likewise distributed throughout Mason, Manistee, Lake and Newaygo counties.

The Mason County Fairgrounds picked up 3,000 masks to distribute and put in children’s backpacks they would be giving out.

The Manistee Friendship Society picked up 6,720 masks from FiveCAP which they re-packaged to give out to Feeding America participants at their September distribution, serving 322 households, 581 individuals, 231 seniors and 154 children.

Packages of masks were also handed out to Golf for Warmth participants (see page 4) at the annual golf outing.



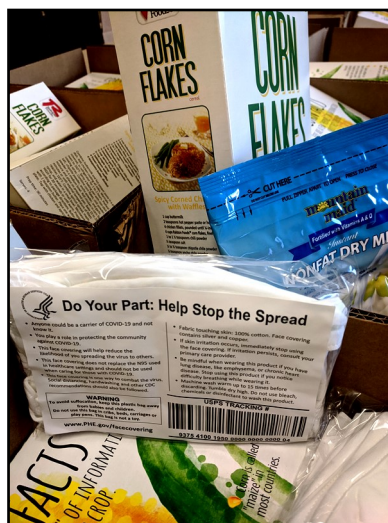
*Above (left to right): Yvonne Dicus (FiveCAP Exec. Secretary), Angel Austin (Mason County Fairgrounds), Robin Laskowski (FiveCAP Fiscal Clerk), with Ashley Jabrocki (Mason County Fairgrounds).*

*Below: Manistee Friendship Society volunteers packaging masks for Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry participants.*



*Below: FiveCAP food distribution boxed up and ready with packages of masks in each food box.*

**#MASKUPMICHIGAN**  
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 Michigan Department of Health & Human Services



# Golf for Warmth raises funds to help FiveCAP heat homes

It was a perfect summer day for fourteen teams supporting FiveCAP's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Golf for Warmth at Manistee National Golf & Resort on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The 18-hole scramble was followed by a live auction and raffle event, requiring masks and tables spaced for social distancing.

Funds raised for the FiveCAP Walk (Golf) for Warmth program provide the agency the ability to help low-income people in Mason, Manistee, Lake and Newaygo counties in emergency situations when they fall through the cracks of qualifying for state or federal programs or when funding is exhausted.

**Watson Country** was the Hole-in-One prize sponsor. A new Jeep Compass was waiting on Hole #9 but there were no takers. However, Mike Dieghenoff got a Hole-in-One on Hole #4, winning a 5-day cruise! "We were so excited that for the first time in the 16 years we have held this event, someone won a Hole-in-One prize! It was a great moment.", stated Mary L. Trucks, Executive Director.

**Little River Casino Resort** sponsored the prize of an overnight stay package for each member of the winning team. First-place honors went to the team of Jim Ogilvie, Jim Kaminski, Tom Kaminski, and Zack Bialik with a score of 57. Second place with a score of 60 went to the team of Chuck Brooks, Andre Harton, Wes Bierlein, and Joe Balulis who each won a 18-hole round of golf at Manistee National Golf & Resort.

Ben Radlowski on the Straight Fence Team won the closest to the pin prize on Hole #9.

Highlights of the raffle/auction event were major donations by **DTE Energy** with a stainless steel grill as the grand raffle prize and **Decoy Charters** with a half day fishing charter trip which was auctioned off.

A variety of items donated by area businesses helped raise funds for this great cause. Every penny will be used towards heating the homes of families and seniors that are struggling.

FiveCAP accepts donations to the Walk/Golf for Warmth fund year-round. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact the agency at (231) 757-3785 or visit our website at [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org).



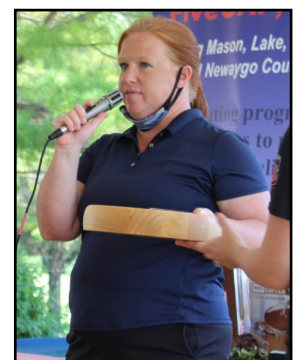
**Winning Team (left to right):** Jim Kaminski, Tom Kaminski, Zack Bialik, and Jim Ogilvie. ready to receive their prize.



**Pictured left: Hole-in-One Winner!!:** Mike Dieghenoff won a 5-Day Adventure Cruise, shown with Mary L. Trucks, FiveCAP Executive Director.

**Below:** Little River Casino Resort Team takes to the course. Teams masked up and ready to do some bidding at the auction.

**Bottom:** Auction displays and Auctioneer Rochelle Arnold Sam.



# Thank you to our Supporters!

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 Joan Meeusen  
**Auctioneer:** Rochelle Arnold Sam  
**Host:** Manistee National Golf & Resort

## AND THE PLAYERS!



## GOLF FOR WARMTH



**Above (left to right):**  
 Austin Garcia  
 (Edward Jones), Rob  
 Henry (Shelby State  
 Bank and FiveCAP  
 Board Treasurer), and  
 Chris Tresniak  
 (Magee Insurance)  
 team up.

**Below:** Custom Sheet  
 Metal and Wesco  
 teams unite to Golf for  
 Warmth.



**Bottom:** Joining together for a moment, wearing masks  
 donated by the State of Michigan "Mask Up Michigan"  
 Campaign.

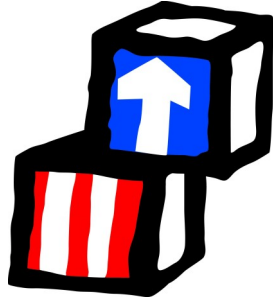


*Head Start.....Continued from Page 1*

Centers have undergone and continue to undergo extra cleaning and sanitization, and are set up to minimize close contact between children. Health questions and temperature checks are taken prior to entering Center or riding bus. Masks are required by both staff and children. And parents are not allowed in Centers. All precautions are being taken for the health and safety of children, families, and staff, while providing the best normal learning environment possible.

Remote teaching is provided Monday through Thursday by committed Head Start teachers. Parents call in daily for attendance. Teachers make daily contact with parents to review lessons that outline activities and experiences to work on with their child, and to provide additional ideas and supports for their child, as well as community resources. Each child is provided with a Hatch Ignite Mobile Tablet containing fun age-appropriate, intentional learning activities.

For more information on FiveCAP Head Start, contact the FiveCAP Head Start Center in your area or call (231) 757-3785. Application and enrollment information also available on our website [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org).



## CARES Act and Coronavirus Relief Fund programs to help area residents

FiveCAP, Inc. has received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This is Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding dedicated to pandemic relief.

These funds will support a variety of services to low-income households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

The following assistance is **available through December 30, 2020**:

- Q-Kits (food and personal) for those quarantined
- Emergency funds for utility and rent/mortgage assistance
- Water and plumbing repair/replacement assistance for wells/septics
- Migrant/farm worker assistance (\$1,000 per worker if quarantined)
- Mask distribution
- Technology

The following assistance is **available through September 30, 2022**:

- Housing Services: Rent/Mortgage Payment; Property Tax; Temporary Shelter; Homeowner Insurance
- Transportation: Auto Repair; Gas Cards; Auto Insurance Premiums
- Appliance Repair/Replacement: Washer, Dryer, Stove, Refrigerator, Freezer
- Senior & Shut-Ins: Personal Alert Devices; Phone Minutes Card
- Quarantine CARES Kits: Household Cleaning Supplies; Personal Hygiene; Feminine Hygiene
- Emergency Food Boxes
- Emergency Generator Loan Program
- Internet and Utility Connection Assistance
- Enhanced Food Pantry

*For more information or to apply for assistance, call your County FiveCAP Office. Applications may be done over the phone with documents provided. Office lobbies require an appointment.*



**Remote Learning:**  
*Lucas working at home on letter recognition and coloring skills.*



*Ms. Emily working with children on a color sorting and math activity at the Northern Manistee Child Development Center.*



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## Mark Your Calendar

**Note: Due to COVID-19:**

- **Open by appointment only. Lobbies closed. Call for an appointment.**
- Board of Directors and Policy Council Meetings will be held via tele/video conference until further notice.

### NOVEMBER

Nov 10 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
 Nov 11 *Veteran's Day Holiday—Offices and Centers Closed*  
 TBD FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm  
 Nov 26-27 *Thanksgiving Holiday—Offices and Centers Closed*

### DECEMBER

Dec 3 TEFAP Quarterly Food Distribution  
 Dec 8 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
 Dec 9 CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution  
 Dec 16 & 17 Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens—Distribution  
 Dec 21 Head Start children start holiday break  
 Dec 24 *Christmas Eve—Offices Close at 12:00pm*  
 Dec 25 & 28 *Christmas Holiday—Offices Closed*  
 TBD FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm  
 Dec 31 *New Years Eve—Offices Close at 12:00pm*

### JANUARY

Jan 1 *New Years Day Holiday—Offices Closed*  
 Jan 4 Head Start children return from holiday break  
 Jan 12 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
 Jan 18 *Martin Luther King Day Holiday—Offices and Centers Closed*  
 Jan 28 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

## FiveCAP Programs & Services

**Head Start**  
**Early Head Start**  
**Weatherization**  
**Home Ownership Counseling**  
**Foreclosure Prevention**  
**Single Family Housing**  
**Multi Family Housing**  
**TEFAP**  
**CSFP**  
**Garden/Food Preservation**  
**Educational Workshops**  
**Food Pantry**  
**Tax Preparation Assistance**  
**Energy/Utility Assistance**  
**Walk for Warmth**  
**Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens**  
**Information & Referral**  
**And more.....**