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## Annual Parent & Volunteer Honors Banquet resumes for first year since COVID!



**Pictured above:** Board Chair Anita Brown introduces board members and welcomes guests.

**Right—Top:** Special Guest Speaker **Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson** delivers a dynamic speech and interactive presentation to parents, staff, board members and special volunteers.

**Right—Bottom:** Certificates of Appreciation were presented to FiveCAP's seven (7) Head Start Centers for their hard work and commitment to the success of the FiveCAP Head Start program, children and families. *Left to right: Heidi Mendham (HACDC); Drina Rutledge (RFW); Renee Krueger (SNFHSC); Bernadine Niemiiec-Rosales (LAFHSC); Ray Haner (MCDC); Lisa Servello (NMDCD); and Melissa Fuentes (FCDC).*

After a long hiatus due to the COVID pandemic and resuming to normalcy, the 43rd annual **Parent & Volunteer Honors Banquet** was held on Friday, June 2nd at the Holiday Inn Express, Graystone Event Center in Ludington. Parents from the agency's seven Head Start centers and Early Head Start program were invited to celebrate their dedication to their children's education and development.

In appreciation for a their commitment, guests were treated to a wonderful dinner, followed by a Special Guest Speaker, acknowledgements and awards.

Delivering a dynamic presentation was Special Guest Speaker Dr Kimberly P. Johnson, a Harvard Professor, co-creator of 2 Stage Musicals and the author of 22 children's books and motivational materials, and the recipient of numerous community awards. Dr. Johnson is an Ambassador for The King Center in Atlanta and a program collaborator for Dr. Bernice A. King, the last living daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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



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**Pictured left (left to right):** FiveCAP Executive/Head Start Director Mary L. Trucks with FiveCAP Board member Nikki Koons, and Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson (Special Guest Speaker).

**Pictured below (left to right):** FiveCAP Board members Corey Van Fleet, Romayne Hollis-Raines, and Clyde Welford.



**Pictured left:** Community Support Staff with special volunteers recognized for their support. *Left to right: Justice Chimel, Billie Jo Chimel (Community Support Worker); Fred Silvis (Mason Co. Volunteer); Angela Anderson (Community Support Services Director); and Marlene Gregersen (Lake Co. Volunteer).*

**Below: Fountain Child Development Center** ready for dinner and fun!



**Pictured left:** Joan Meeusen, Assistant/Director of Education & Training, acknowledges teaching staff for their follow through and hard work in attaining education credentials required by the federal Head Start program and State Licensing. *FiveCAP provides CDA credentialing, ongoing training and professional development support.*





*Imagination Library was founded by Dolly Parton...to inspire children to dream big and open their imagination. This program allows children to enjoy the experience of being read to without the barrier of cost.*

*Through this program, enrolled children receive a free book each month from birth until they are age 5.*

*FiveCAP is the local affiliate for enrolling children in Mason, Manistee and Lake counties.*

**Great Lakes Energy People Fund donates \$4,000 for IMAGINATION LIBRARY!**



FiveCAP, Inc. is the recipient of a \$2,000 grant for Mason County and a \$2,000 grant for Lake County from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

The People Fund is supported by Great Lakes Energy members by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities that benefit people in communities served by the cooperative.

**Manistee County Community Foundation donates \$7,500 for IMAGINATION LIBRARY!**



With thanks to United Way of Manistee County, a \$7,500 grant was awarded for Imagination Library in Manistee County. Awarded from the Manistee County Community Foundation - Geoffrey Roland Paine Family Charitable Fund, the Manistee County Community Foundation - Spirit of Giving Fund, the Manistee County Community Foundation - Women's Empowerment Giving Circle Fund and the Manistee County Community Foundation - Manistee Rotary Education Fund.

**Huntington Bank**

**grants \$3,000 to FiveCAP for Utility Assistance**

Thanks to Huntington Bank, \$3,000 will be available for utility payment assistance to assist low-income households in Manistee and Newaygo counties. Funds will be used in emergency situations to struggling households in jeopardy of losing their heat in the cold winter months when other funding is not available.

**Now Enrolling!**



**GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START**

**FREE** Reliable Preschool:

- Comprehensive Child Development & School Readiness Program for 3 to 5 year olds (age 3 by September 1, 2023)
- Dental, Hearing & Vision Screenings
- Free Breakfast & Lunch
- Free Transportation
- Well Equipped & Inviting Classrooms
- Disability Services
- Technology

Head Start centers in Mason, Manistee, Lake, and Newaygo counties.

Visit our website for Center locations at [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org). For more information or to enroll your child, contact your local Center, FiveCAP County Office or call the FiveCAP Main Office at (231) 757-3785. **FREE!! Must be income eligible.**

**GOLF FOR WARMTH & IMAGINATION LIBRARY**  
**Friday, August 11, 2023**  
**Manistee National Golf & Resort**

**4-Person Scramble with Live Auction to follow (community welcome)!**

**CALL (231) 757-3785 TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## Mark Your Calendar

Our offices are open, but appointments encouraged. Guests required to wear face mask. Secure drop boxes are provided for documents at all FiveCAP locations.

### JULY

July 4 *Independence Day Holiday—Offices and Centers closed*  
July 11 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am—cancelled  
July 27 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

### AUGUST

August 8 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
August 9 [CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors](#)  
August 11 **Golf for Warmth & Imagination Library—Manistee National Golf & Resort. See brochure or call (231) 757-3785.**  
August 31 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 *Labor Day Holiday—Offices and Centers closed*  
Sept. 5 First day of school for Head Start children—may vary (call your local Head Start Center)  
Sept. 7 [TEFAP Quarterly Food Distribution—Families](#)  
Sept. 12 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
Sept. 28 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

### OCTOBER

October 10 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am  
October 11 [CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors](#)  
October 26 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

## FiveCAP Programs & Services

- Head Start**
- Early Head Start**
- Imagination Library**
- Weatherization**
- Home Ownership Counseling**
- Foreclosure Prevention**
- Single Family Housing**
- Multi Family Housing**
- TEFAP / CSFP Food Distributions**
- 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.....**