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FiveCAP Executive Director attends 2023 Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama

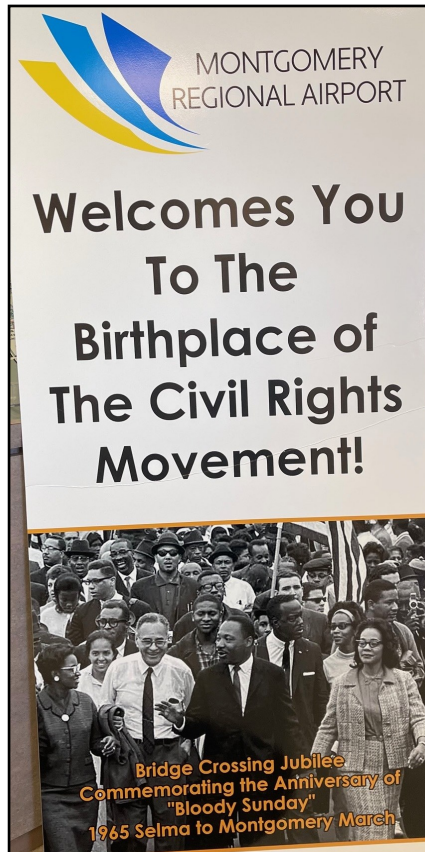


Photo courtesy of The Faith & Politics Institute

Mary L. Trucks (FiveCAP Executive Director) and Deborah Smith-Olson (Lake Osceola State Bank-Chair) were special constituent guests of Congressman John Moolenaar to participate in The Faith & Politics Institute, Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama on March 3-5, 2023. The itinerary included a gathering for the Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee and commemoration of the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

“It confirmed my personal memories of experiences growing up in segregated Mississippi. I found it to be educational by placing events into historical context.”, stated Mary L. Trucks. “The trip was a great networking opportunity. I was able to meet and engage with members of Congress, corporate sponsors, and academics. We had discussions about Community Action and how the Civil Rights Movement gave rise to the national anti-poverty initiatives that continue today.”

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Left (left to right): Deborah Smith-Olson, Congressman John Moolenaar, and Mary L. Trucks ready to board the flight from Washington D.C. to Alabama.



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Above left (left to right): Robert Isom (CEO, American Airlines) with wife Amy Isom, Congressman John Moolenaar, Deborah Smith-Olson, and Mary L. Trucks on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Photo Left: Pilgrimage group at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1963, the church was bombed by Ku Klux Klan members. The bombing killed four young girls in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement.

30th Annual Walk for Warmth raises \$8,000

FiveCAP gathered on Saturday, February 18th to raise awareness and funds for Walk for Warmth!

These funds allow FiveCAP to help low-income families and senior residents in Mason, Lake, Manistee and Newaygo counties in emergency situations...in fear of their utilities being shut-off in the dead of winter.

Thanks to donations from area businesses and individuals, for thirty (30) years, FiveCAP has maintained this last resort funding to help those in crisis when other funding is not available.

People who are experiencing hardship, loss of employment or underemployment, or are on a fixed income and legitimately unable to meet the necessary payment of their utility bills, may receive assistance with Walk for Warmth funds.

Funds are allocated to help people in the county they are raised.



Fundraising for this program continues throughout the year with random donations and an annual golf charity fundraiser event.

SAVE THE DATE!
Golf for Warmth & Imagination Library
Friday, August 11, 2023
Manistee National Golf & Resort



Head Start & Early Head Start GRANT PLANNING



On March 17th, Head Start and Early Head Start staff and management, Board, Policy Council, and community partners gathered together for an intensive review of FiveCAP Head Start/Early Head Start Service Plans.



Participants broke into groups for an in-depth review of the Head Start Performance Standards with discussion of FiveCAP program goals, strengths and weaknesses in each of the following topic areas: Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA); Education; Family & Community Engagement; Facilities; Early Head Start; Transition Services; Disabilities; and Health Program Services.

The outcome of this annual Grant Planning event, provides a summary of strengths and weaknesses, and recommendations used to develop next year's program goals and objectives to be included in our continuation grant application for FY 2023/2024 which will be due in August 2023.



Mason Co. Emergency Home Repair assistance for wells/septics and roofs

The Mason County Emergency Repair Program is a deferred (forgivable) payment loan to eligible homeowners for home repairs.

Eligible repairs include furnace, well/septic, plumbing, drain system hook-up, handicap ramps, electrical, or roof repair/replacement. All other items will be considered. Contractors must be licensed and insured.

Deferred loans will only have to be repaid if the homeowner refinances or sells the home, or upon transfer or ownership conveyance (voluntary or involuntary). The possibility of loan deferral continuation may be allowed if heirs are income eligible and reside in property as a principal residence.

Approval of services is based on CDBG program eligibility criteria (80% of Area Median Income), health and safety, and cost effectiveness of service. All awards must be approved by the Mason County Review Board.

To apply, contact FiveCAP, Inc., 302 N. Main Street in Scottville, (231) 757-3785.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, and disability.

Support Dolly Parton Imagination Library!

FiveCAP is the local Affiliate for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in Mason, Lake, and Manistee counties.

Every \$25 provides a book each month for a year to an enrolled child until they turn age 5. Funding is needed for the sustainability of this program.

For more information or Charitable Contribution Form, visit <https://www.fivecap.org/dolly-parton-imagination-library.html>



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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.

APRIL

April 3-7 Head Start Centers—Spring Break (Newaygo County)
April 11 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
April 12 [CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors](#)
April 21 Health Serv. Advisory Committee Meeting (call for info)
April 27 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

MAY

May 9 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
May 25 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm
May 25 Head Start—tentative last day for summer break (NMCDC, FCDC, LAFHSC, RFW)
May 29 *Memorial Day Holiday—Offices and Centers closed*

JUNE

June 1 [TEFAP Quarterly Food Distribution—Families](#)
June 2 Parent & Volunteer Honors Banquet
June 13 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
June 14 [CSFP Bi-Monthly Food Distribution—Seniors](#)
June 19 *Juneteenth Holiday—Offices and Centers closed*
June 29 FiveCAP Board of Directors Meeting, 4pm

JULY

July 4 *Independence Day Holiday—Offices and Centers closed*
July 11 HS/EHS Policy Council Meeting, 10am
July 27 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.....**