

# IN THE FAMILY

KenCrest Staff Newsletter

December/January 2021

## KenCrest Masters...WE DID IT!



On November 5th, we celebrated our 115 years as an organization with our annual fundraising event, KenCrest Masters! Held virtually, we supplied donors and supporters

with a series of videos that featured a behind-the-scenes look at our organization and its many programs, from medically fragile homes to our Early Learning Center locations, how we are adjusting to COVID-19 guidelines, and more. Thank you to staff and donors for your support. Together we raised \$161,623 to [explore possibilities](#), [mobilize resources](#), and [empower dreams!](#) Didn't watch the videos yet? Click to watch the [playlist here](#).

## Corporate Compliance Week

Each year, the first week of November kicks off Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week. Kim Quinn, Compliance Director, hosted a week-long series of activities, games, and trainings staff could participate in to learn about corporate compliance and win various prizes. Those who took part in the events were entered into a raffle. Congratulations to each of the winners: **Barbara Kochard, Stephanie Whalen, Mary Ann Littlefield, Betsy Braun, Sara Drury, Kathy Marston, Omar Bah, Amy McCain, Suzanne Malone, and Pat Savastio.**



## Marian's Blog



Read Marian Baldini's blog and feel immediately empowered [medium.com/marianbaldini](https://medium.com/marianbaldini). Discover her latest posts and all your favorites from 2019 (and soon 2020!) Be sure to show your support to Marian by subscribing, commenting, and liking.

Have a story? Send an email to [kencrest.communications@kencrest.org](mailto:kencrest.communications@kencrest.org)

## 30 Minutes 4 Me Thursdays



Dr. Autumn Dae Miller is hosting "30 Minutes 4 Me Thursdays" which are designed to inspire staff across KenCrest to use self-care strategies, mindfulness concepts, ways to enhance mental health and wellness, and more. Held each Thursday from 4:00-4:30 p.m., join through [GoToMeeting](#) using the code **440-558-853**.

## Carebridge



Our Employee Assistance Program with Carebridge releases articles that can assist with grief, depression, anxiety, stress, relationship struggles, addiction, and other concerns. Visit the Carebridge website at [myliferesource.com](https://myliferesource.com) using the password **3AC8A**.

## Aetna Get Active Program

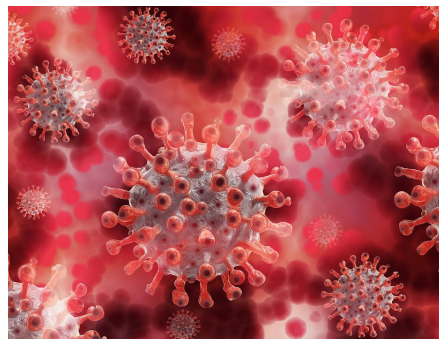


The Get Active program, powered by Virgin Pulse, uses online social tools to encourage healthy behaviors. They run team-based challenges that focus on fitness, mental wellness, and healthy nutritional

habits. The Mindfulness Challenge ends December 20th. To join, visit [join.virginpulse.com/aetnagetactive](http://join.virginpulse.com/aetnagetactive).

## Weekly Virtual Covid Town Hall Meetings

Join us from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday for a virtual town hall meeting via [GoToMeeting](#). Log in through your computer, phone (via the app), or tablet (via the app) to avoid a busy signal and see the presentation Marian is discussing. The call-in number is +1 (571) 317-3122. The access code is **260-835-109**. All town hall calls will be posted on the COVID-19 SharePoint and Employee page on KenCrest.org.



## Mission Pins



KenCrest Missions Pins are awarded to staff in recognition of [exploring possibilities](#), [mobilizing resources](#), and [empowering dreams](#). Encourage and acknowledge those around us who exemplify our mission and bring it to life! Each pin is a reflection of how KenCrest supports community development. Anyone can elect another to receive a Mission Pin for their contributions of initiative, ingenuity, creativity, support, generosity, etc. Contact Lauren Tilghman at [kencrest.communications@kencrest.org](mailto:kencrest.communications@kencrest.org) to submit your pin nomination stories and to receive your pin.



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## Employee Portal



The Employee Portal provides resources from various departments as well as agencywide information. Find Human Resources documents, up-to-date information related to COVID-19, Architecture Projects, Town Hall recordings, and more. Other updates are coming soon, so be sure to check the Employee Portal often.

## Upcoming Holidays & Events

December is Universal Human Rights Month, and AIDS Awareness Month.



**December 10th - Hanukkah**  
**December 25th - Christmas**  
**December 26th - Kwanzaa**

January is National Blood Donor Month, National Book Month, and National Braille Literacy Month.

**KenCrest wishes you a Happy New Year!**