



KAIR

Keys Area Interdenominational Resources
Food Pantry and Social Services for those in Need in the Middle Keys

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KAIR on Kall!

Have you thought about volunteering for KAIR but don't have time to commit on a regular basis?

No problem! KAIR needs a list of people who would be willing to come when called. To date, KAIR needs people who can:

- pick up food from food barrels when they are full
- link two computers in office
- deliver the newsletters to the churches
- help clean and organize the storage building
- pick up Greyhound bus tickets
- pick up donated items and deliver to the storage building (truck & muscle needed!)
- help organize dishes, pans and flatware donated by Hawk's Cay in September.
- pick up bus tokens at the Cutler Ridge Mall metro office when on the mainland

These are just some of the tasks that are needed. KAIR has one full time staff member and sometimes there aren't enough hours in the day to do it all! If you would like to be part of "KAIR on Kall" please email or call Marj Roberts at KAIR.

"Backpacks for Kids" Program



Children are excited when the school year begins, but for families who are struggling to make ends meet the new school year brings an added burden. Through generous donations, many children served by KAIR received a new backpack filled with the supplies necessary for school success. Enough money was left for a new pair of shoes! Imagine the delight of each child and the relief for these families. School success will give these children the necessary tools for future life success. Many thanks to Marathon Lumber, The Marathon Weekly, and Fishermen's Hospital.

The Rafter's Rang with Joyful Voices!

On Sunday, July 26th, Kirk of the Keys Church was full of the joyful sounds of community members joined together for a good old fashioned hymn sing. An ice cream social followed and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Many thanks go to those who made it a special day. These fabulous people include:



- Pastor Peggy Benson for her direction of the entire program
- Mark Davis for his piano arrangements
- Bonnie Cucci for playing the organ and organizing an ecumenical choir
- John Rudolph and the San Pablo choir
- The Island Harmony Singers
- Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church for hosting
- Rexann Cole and Herb and Yea Bennett for helping in the kitchen

Grant Awarded to Fund Sombrero Beach Run!

The Tourist Development Council's (TDC) District Advisory Committee III (DAC III) recently recommended that KAIR receive a \$10,000 grant towards promoting the 2010 Sombrero Beach Run held in March. This grant will cover most of the expenses of promoting the race allowing the raised proceeds to be used for KAIR services and programs. TDC grants are



awarded to events that encourage visitors and tourists to travel to the beautiful Florida Keys. We are grateful for their support. Many thanks to Jane Packard, Chair of the Race Committee, for countless hours spent on this grant application. Countdown to the race has begun!

Renee Shain is KAIR's 2009 Volunteer of the Year!

Renee lives in Marathon with her husband, Larry, and puts in many hours at the KAIR office keeping the finances straight. She is an extraordinary volunteer; she also is the volunteer Event Director of the Pigeon Key Art Festival held every February. With working, caring for her family and all her volunteer positions, she's a very busy lady! Thanks, Renee!



Renee, at left, is shown with Marj Roberts, Director of KAIR

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Celebrating 10 Years of KAIRing! My, how we've grown! This fall KAIR will celebrate its 10th Anniversary! Join with us in thanks for a caring community.

You are KAIR!

