



# KAIR

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

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## Packed for Success

### Backpacks for Kids a Great Success!

125 Children! YES— 125!

That's the number of Middle Keys children that received new backpacks, school supplies, and sneakers from KAIR this August and exactly doubled the number of children

helped last year. These children ranged from Pre-K through high school and were children of families that have recently been helped by KAIR. Without this help, families would have struggled to provide their children with what they needed to successfully start the school year. Shown here is Office Depot manager Tonya Hundley with Regional Manager Bill Haag who provided 75 of the new backpacks as well as space to collect supplies. Many others also contributed to the success of this year's program, including Debbie Odom, Sarah Cizmas, and Molly Mindo.



Pictured here—Sarah Cizmas

## Annual Summer Appeal

This logo for KAIR includes a loaf of bread, considered the substance of life.



There is a reason that KAIR's logo includes bread and wheat. Bread is not fancy but can sustain life. As the main food pantry between Key West and Tavernier, KAIR provides twelve thousand pounds of basic food staples every month to Middle Keys residents. It also provides basic emergency assistance in the form of rent, utilities, medication, and transportation to those families who are experiencing hardship due to illness, job loss or family separation. In addition to food, more than \$125,000 in emergency assistance was provided to Middle Keys families in 2010.

Summer and early Fall in the Keys can be extremely difficult for those who work in tourist or service based jobs. The requests for help often exceeds our resources. In the past, the community has generously responded to our appeal for help and we are again reaching out to you. If you would like more information or can offer your help, please contact us.

## Save the Dates!



### National Day of Service—September 11th

Americans are encouraged to provide service to others to honor those who perished on 9/11. KAIR will be hosting cooking demonstrations and herb planting at the pantry and will do volunteer service to a local

widow to spruce up her home and yard.



### Sea Market Flea Market—December 3rd

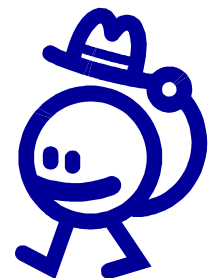
The Town Square Mall will be the site of the first annual Sea Market Flea Market to benefit KAIR. If you would like to participate and sell your wares or volunteer, please contact the KAIR office.

**Baubles, Bangles & Beads Auction—December**—looking for unique holiday gifts? Join us for a fun time at our jewelry exchange. If you would like to donate jewelry or volunteer, come on down! Stay tuned for more information.



## Hats Off to Jane!

Every March for the past five years, KAIR has hosted the Annual Sombrero Beach Run. Although the big event takes place on one day in March, the planning takes place all year. Through the efforts of Jane Packard, race chairperson, the Sombrero Beach Run recently received a significant grant from the Tourist Development Council. Because the grant will pay for advertising and promotional items, all of the proceeds from the race will be dedicated to the food and emergency assistance programs at KAIR. This grant also provides the boost to help the race continue to grow and attract national attention and participation. Put March 3rd, 2012 on your calendar. It's going to be the best yet!



## More Hats off this month!

To Community United Methodist Church for allowing KAIR additional space to expand its clothing and household goods closet. All of the items donated to KAIR are redistributed at no cost to those who need them.