



# KAIR

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

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"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..." I recently had the opportunity to talk with a Keys surgeon who went to Haiti to help in the aftermath of the earthquake. He was profoundly moved by what he saw and his interactions with the people there. I expressed admiration and inspiration for him using his skills this way and suggested that he represented the rest of us that did not have these skills. He humbly stated that what he could do was useful right now but so many other skills were going to be needed as the country heals and repairs itself. In a different arena, scores of celebrities recently came together to host an entertaining, glitzy show to dramatize the plight of Haiti and to raise money and awareness. Host George Clooney was asked about his involvement. He stated that many of those dancing and singing in the show would have gladly gone to Haiti and picked up a shovel but that this was the way they could best contribute.

I thought about these two men and how, in their own way, they each made a significant difference in the lives of the Haitian people. There are so many other examples out there. The Miami symphony held a concert to help rebuild a music

school. The Food for the Poor organization provided water purification systems. Educators were setting up makeshift schools and spiritual leaders were providing comfort wherever they could. Then there were the millions of people that each donated ten dollars by a simple text! This outpouring of support brought a huge swell of hope that Haiti could not only survive but could flourish in the future. Each of these examples provided a light, a brightly shining light.

So, the bottom line is that when you sell Lions Club Christmas trees in the Kmart parking lot in order to provide eye exams and eyeglasses for the poor; when you organize a bake sale for the children's field trip; when you provide a few hours respite to a hospice patient and their family; when you Buy One, Get One and put the extra in the Zonta food barrel at Publix; even when you park cars at the Seafood festival which benefits the college scholarship fund; you are not rebuilding a ravaged country. What you are doing is building a community that is a special place to live. Through your own "light," you are making a difference. So, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."



### Sombrero Beach Run March 6th!

We're counting down to the finish! Jane Packard and her committee have put together a great

weekend of fun and entertainment. This year there will be a 15K Challenge - runners will run both the 5K and 10K. If you would like to run or walk for KAIR or perhaps be a sponsor, you need to act now! Go to [www.sombrero beachrun.com](http://www.sombrero beachrun.com) to get all the information you need to participate. It's not too late to walk or run and groups are still welcome to register. For more information, call Jane at 305-289-9868.

### JUST TODAY...

- Kair was there
- ♦ To help a young working mother get her GED by paying for the test fee
  - ♦ To relocate a man back to his family in northern Florida
  - ♦ To provide medicine after a young mother was released from the hospital
  - ♦ To help an older gentleman apply for jobs online and to establish an email account
  - ♦ To obtain a birth certificate from another state in order to help a man get his driver's license
  - ♦ To assist a local fisherman to get his teeth fixed at the dental clinic
  - ♦ To keep the water on in a home with three children
  - ♦ To deliver groceries to an elderly, disabled woman



### Out and About the Island

KAIR has a busy month in March. We hope to see you at the following events!

- ♦ Saturday, March 6th - Annual Sombrero Beach Run to benefit KAIR
- ♦ Saturday, March 6th - Gospel Explosion at Community Park
- ♦ Saturday and Sunday, March 13th & 14th - Seafood Festival at Community Park
- ♦ Sunday, March 14th - At 8:30 a.m. at Martin Luther Chapel, Marj Roberts will be one of the speakers at the service
- ♦ Sunday, March 21st - Taste of the Islands at Key Colony Beach



### Gospel Explosion! Community Park Saturday, March 6th 12 noon to 7 pm

This musical event for the whole family is sponsored by several local churches. Seating is open lawn, so bring a chair or blanket. Admission is free and there will be special activities for children. Food will be plentiful - Centennial Bank will be at the grill and Peter and Marie will be bringing their fabulous fresh fruits and vegetables. James Duffy is the featured performer as well as other local musical groups. KAIR and the Salvation Army will be the recipients of donations from the event.