



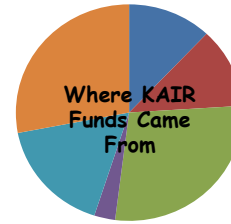
KAIR

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

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2010 was a challenging year. The loss of jobs continues to be a big part of our lives. We have been looking for "recovery" but recent gains on Wall Street haven't trickled down to Main Street. Yet, at KAIR, we made it. In 2010 we provided \$118,000 in emergency services including housing, medical, kidkair, and transportation; \$195,000 in food; and \$49,000 in furniture/appliances/clothing. Through the help of the community, we never ran out of food and we continued to help with everything from children's eyeglasses to dentures for the elderly; from bus tickets back to family to bike repairs to get to work; from brown bag lunches for the homeless to groceries for large families; from a short-term room for rent to assistance with a long-time mortgage. We did this because this is a community that cares. Although we have successfully reached out beyond the Keys to seek additional financial resources through grants, the main reason we have been able to sustain help for our neighbors is because of you being a good neighbor. Sometimes help comes in the form of a short burst but we also need to look long-term for help that will be a catalyst for more permanent change in people's lives. For that reason, take a moment to read about some of the new things we are excited about in 2011.



- Individuals 12%
- Churches 12%
- Fundraisers 28%
- Organizations 3%
- Government 17%
- Foundations 28%

KAIR Expands Its Services in 2011!

KAIR Joins with Keys Agencies to Expand Food Services

These challenging times require creativity and some new ideas when providing for residents in need. Recently, KAIR with other food providers from Key Largo to Key West have come together to form the Monroe County Food Council. This council is developing ways to cooperatively bring low-cost nutritious food into the Keys. Currently, food pantries are dependent on local donations and the offerings of the Feeding South Florida Food Bank located in Miami. What might be too difficult if tried alone can be accomplished when working together. Representatives from County government, The United Way, and Dept. of Children and Families are also contributing members of this group.



KAIR is Partnering with South Florida Workforce to create classes and workshops that will help local residents be job ready and find work. South Florida Workforce is the State of Florida labor agency whose goal is to help Floridians get back to work. Many people come to KAIR who are out of work and KAIR has found

itself in the unique position of not only giving immediate help but also matching job seekers with employers to work towards a long term solution. Offering workshops will expand on this by focusing on interviewing skills, writing a resume, work ethic requirements and more. The closest South Florida Workforce office is in Key West so offering these workshops locally will be a big help. Information will be tailored to our local situation and individual help will be given to each person that attends. KAIR will help with the follow-up as well.

Winn Dixie Partners with KAIR!

Our main concern at the food pantry is how to continue to meet the need for food but do it in a way that is efficient, low-cost and nutritious. Through the help from our regional food bank Feeding South Florida and the Winn-Dixie Corporation, a big accomplishment has just been made. KAIR has taken the necessary certification steps to "recover" fresh food from our local Winn-Dixie. This included training and online coursework. The food recovered will include produce, meats, salads, etc. that are still nutritious and high quality but being removed from the shelves to make way for fresher food. KAIR will transport according to certification requirements and provide all necessary recording documentation to Winn-Dixie and the food bank for proper credit. THANK YOU WINN DIXIE!

The Annual Sombrero Beach Run is now in its 5th year and Chairperson Jane Packard and her committee are working every minute to ensure it will be the best ever! KAIR benefits from all the funds raised and this is a huge part of our budget. Without this fund raiser our programs would be greatly diminished. Follow the race on their website www.sombrero beachrun.com and on Facebook. Teams are now forming to run or walk—don't miss out on this exciting day!



The Race Committee is sponsoring a car wash **Sunday, January 30th, 10 am to 3 pm** Iberia Bank (next to McDonalds)

Funds raised will fund the race allowing all race proceeds to benefit KAIR!