



KAIR

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

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POSTAL WORKERS DELIVER!



Pictured at the Post Office (above) are carriers: Ronda Threlkeld, Trevor Wofsey, Paige Wofsey, John Schaefer, and Phil Jones. Not pictured Cathy Smith, Chanel Cowart, Mary Belden, Judy Gardiner, and Angela Goheen.

Saturday, May 14th was a big day for the KAIR food pantry. The National Association of Letter Carriers held their annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive and Marathon carriers collected thousands of pounds of food that will go to local residents. The food was delivered to KAIR and will be sorted and redistributed to local residents and other non-profit agencies such as the Domestic Abuse Shelters, Independence Cay, the daycare centers, Heron House.. This food drive is a wonderful gift that the letter carriers give to the community.

Pictured at the Methodist Church (right) are the KAIR volunteers responsible for transporting and sorting the food.



Help Wanted!

Last month we sent out the call for volunteers that will help pick up food from Winn-Dixie for the food pantry. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Winn-Dixie sets aside fresh food for KAIR but it needs to be picked up. A wonderful volunteer stepped up for Monday's pick-up, but we still need people for Wednesday and Friday. We are asking for a commitment of one day a week or you can volunteer to be a substitute. If you are interested in helping, please call the KAIR office.

KAIR Approved for CFC

We are so happy to announce that our application to be included in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has been approved. Through efforts of Margie Smith, President of United Way of Monroe County, a federation of non-profit charitable organizations was formed and each submitted an application to the Atlantic Coast CFC. This application was rigorous and included in depth financial reporting. Ms. Smith's advocacy for Monroe County agencies resulted in our now being included in the only authorized solicitation of federal employees on behalf of charitable organizations. In short, this means that during their Fall campaign, it will be easy for KAIR to be found on the list of approved organizations that employees can designate for their donation.

Kudos!

So many people to thank and not enough room to thank all, but special thanks in May to Barbara Cowan for catching up our data entry, to a local contractor for building a ramp for a young disabled woman, Adam Hepburn of Independence Cay for his help with transporting food and furniture, and to Board Member Frances Strauss and Leadership Monroe, Class XIX for their countywide food drive. Again thanks to Winn-Dixie for the wonderful fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy and meats they are donating to KAIR three times a week.



Hurricane Hymnfest & Prayers for Peaceful Waters

Sunday, June 12th 3 p.m.
Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church

Join with us for an afternoon of praise music and an old fashioned ice cream social. This is the fourth year we have joined together in harmony and fellowship. All are welcome to this free event. Special musical groups will perform and an all community ecumenical choir will perform. A collection will be taken to benefit the services of KAIR. For more information call the KAIR office.



KAIR volunteers also take time out to have some fun!

They recently joined together to enjoy lunch and each other's company. Pictured are Dick Cunningham, Cindy Fox, Bill Ahtes, Phyllis Michaelis, Penny Ludwin.



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Keeping Us Afloat!



Commodore Joe Schmidt of the Key Colony Beach Fishing and Boating Club presents \$500 to KAIR. This social club is a group of Key Colony Beach residents who enjoy the water, fishing, boating and each other's company. They have donated many times to KAIR through the years. Thank you for thinking of us and keeping our food pantry stocked!