



KAIR

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

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We're approaching Halloween and there are haunted houses, ghosts, and goblins everywhere. It turns out we like being "scared" and it's all in good fun. We can jump in fright then dissolve in giggles because we know the scariness is not real and we know it is just for a moment.

There are many of our neighbors that face a different type of scariness. They are fearful of losing their homes or not finding work; fearful of not knowing where their next meal will come from; fearful of not being able to provide the basics for themselves and their families. This is not fun at all. These worries lay heavy on each day.

We hope that KAIR can lessen the scariness. It might help keep the lights on (and the dark away) or help with medicine so that folks feel physically stronger to take on the challenges. Food is always available and gives a feeling of comfort and security. Sometimes, KAIR just provides a place to share fears and worries and partners to make a plan that will lead to better days.

So many people who come to KAIR tell us how scared they were, that KAIR took some of the fear away. Programs such as the Thanksgiving Day Baskets are one way that KAIR brings light into the dark corners of people's lives. For one day, the lights are on, the family is together, the food is plentiful and warm, and people can enjoy the same delights that other American families enjoy. The ghosts and goblins are pretend and scary is just for fun.

As you enjoy this fanciful season of scary fun, we hope you will join KAIR and our caring community to emphasize the "care" in sCARE. **Happy Holidays!**

A few months ago, a very generous man from Marathon donated valuable fishing equipment for KAIR to sell and use the money to help local residents. He came to know about KAIR through our good friend Stan Haines of Collector's Corner. Stan has been involved in many wonderful events benefitting the community and he had an idea to turn this donation into a "happening"! Stan, along with co-chairs Charlotte Quinn and Frances Strauss have been planning up a storm!



On Saturday, December 3rd, the Town Square Mall will be the setting for the first annual Sea Market Flea Market. Vendors can purchase a space and bring their wares to sell. There will be hundreds of water related items as well as other items of interest. KAIR, of course, will have its own table and is looking for additional donations. To add to the fun, there will be food and music! Whether you are a buyer or a seller - come on down!

DATE: December 3rd, 8am-1pm
LOCATION: Town Square Mall (11400 Overseas Highway, Marathon)
COST: \$30 TO VENDORS
CONTACT: Charlotte Quinn 305-393-9501



The holiday season is right around the corner and

KAIR once again is asking the community to share their Thanksgiving with others. KAIR is partnering with Winn Dixie and local South Florida fresh food growers to provide Thanksgiving Day dinners to 250 families in our area. Bring something to the table by helping KAIR provide the following:

- Boxes of stuffing mix
- Turkey gravy (in jars or cans)
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Monetary donations to purchase turkeys and fresh food items (fruits & vegetables)

You can bring your donation to church or drop off at these locations: KAIR office, the Publix food barrel, or the Methodist Church.

Thank You!



Summer Appeal Update

Thank you to all who have responded so generously to our request for help. We had reached a point where we were at risk of turning people away. Your donations have helped us keep our doors open and able to help those in need. Thank you again!

Thank you, Bluegreen!

Many thanks to Bluegreen, The Hammocks at Marathon, for holding a fundraiser for KAIR. Patricia Appel, office manager, presented \$262 to KAIR on behalf of Carlos DeJesus, General Manager, and the rest of the employees. The resort, located just down the road on Overseas Highway, holds many fundraisers that benefit local organizations. Thank you for being such a good neighbor!



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