



KAIR

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



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Ready Set, School!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Back-to-School Program. Over 90 area children received backpacks full of school supplies for the coming year and a pair of new sneakers so they could participate in all school activities. Many parents find themselves unable to provide these basics and every child deserves a good start. Thank you for being a community that KAIRs.

The Shriners donated \$500 to the Back-to-School program. Here is Bob Wilkinson and Dale Baker, President



Community United Methodist Church collected thirty five pairs of new shoes for our local students!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Kirk of the Keys Presbyterian Church again hosted the annual Community Sing to celebrate a community that cares about its neighbors. It was an afternoon of wonderful music



including local professional musicians such as John Bartus and Glen Faust, Island Harmony Singers, Misery Loves Company, and local church bands and choirs. More than 200 people attended throughout the afternoon and ice cream sundaes were enjoyed after the event.



Herb Bennett of Kirk of the Keys Church presents a check for \$1,361 which was collected for KAIR.

Soup's On!

The "Be the Change" program involves local school youths that seek to work toward solving problems in their community. Recently they created ceramic bowls that were sold



to raise money for the food program at KAIR and pots of soup were then prepared and served to all the participants. Shown here is the program director, Michele Sutter and our board president, Debra Macaughy, who is pastor of St. Columba where the event was held. Thanks to all who KAIR!

KAIR Was There...

- ♦ A man with cancer on his face received treatment to remove the tumor and provide follow-up care
- ♦ A man with legal immigration status needed help with documentation to keep his job as a plumber's helper
- ♦ A man broke his hip in an accident and needs follow-up care in Key West
- ♦ An elderly couple need monthly prescription assistance for their heart and blood pressure medicines
- ♦ A grandmother who is guardian for her grandchild needed help with rent until she was back to work
- ♦ Three children with dental problems are getting treatment
- ♦ 12,000 pounds of food are distributed DAILY

These are just a few of the 35 people that KAIR serves EVERY DAY; some have multi-faceted problems that require on-going services with multiple agencies.

How Do People Get to KAIR?

Referrals come from local schools, the Sheriff's Department, Chamber of Commerce, medical providers, hospitals and clinics, the Abuse Shelter, government agencies, the Probation Department and many more. Our community embraces KAIR as a place that treats every individual where they are at and with respect.