



# KAIR

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



**Fall 2014**

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## BACK TO SCHOOL!

KAIR recently completed its annual back to school project. Children from Pre-K to grade 12, known to us through the food pantry, received new backpacks, sneakers and the recommended school supplies. The look on a

child's face was priceless as they left the building eager to start the school year. Thank you to all who participated. More than 70 percent of our local children are low-income and receive free or reduced lunch at school. One hundred and twenty-five children were helped!

## THE CUPBOARD IS BARE (ALMOST)!

**Staples Needed:** pasta, sauce, vegetables, jelly, rice, soup, diapers, hygiene items, cleaning supplies (both full and partial)

**Clothes & Home Closet Needs:** men's clothes (especially T-shirts, shorts, jeans-all sizes), men and women's sneakers and sandals, dishtowels, towels, silverware, cups

## KAIR WAS THERE

Recently, I met a young man I'll call Anthony. He has lived in Marathon for fourteen years. During that time, he had not seen his mother who still lived in Guatemala. He was so happy when she came to visit but within two weeks, she got very ill and went to Fishermen's Hospital and then to a Miami hospital where she died.

He gathered his money to send her back to Guatemala which wasn't easy. The Marathon restaurant that he's worked at for years, closed for September and part of October due to low season and he had no wages for that time. In all the years he's lived here, he has never come to KAIR for help but apologetically came to ask for partial rent.

We are grateful to you that your donations were available to help him. We also had the opportunity to talk to him about his grief and loneliness. He said he was interested in church and we were able to connect him with the local Spanish ministry. He cried with gratitude and hope for the future. And that's why we do what we do.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The holiday baskets include a 12-14 lb. turkey with all the fixings, many fresh fruits and vegetables, and even a dessert! Last year these baskets were also delivered to the Heron House, Domes-



### THANKSGIVING BASKETS SHARING THE HOLIDAY WITH OTHERS

Please consider sponsoring a family this holiday—or, if that is not in your budget, please consider making a small donation to help make this holiday special for a local resident. If you have questions or concerns, please contact KAIR at 305-743-4582. KAIR is a 501(c)3 organization.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please find our check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. Please mail or deliver to  
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**Kaironline.net** for online payment.

**Thank you!**

tic Abuse Shelter, the Guidance Shelter, and the Guidance Clinic. Our goal this year is to provide 250 holiday dinners for folks just like you— people sitting down to a special meal with grateful hearts.

It costs \$25 to sponsor a family, but any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.