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We have just finished celebrating ringing in the New Year. I have been getting "Happy New Year" wishes wherever I go. In the midst of some very serious issues that we face as a country, why are we still so joyous about starting 2012?

I think the new year brings a unique opportunity. We look back at 2011 and review and reflect. What went right, what could have been better, what regrets we have are all a part of winding up the ending year. That's not a bad thing. If we don't recognize what things we've done right or what mistakes we may have made, we don't have a clue as to how to do better.

Then we get a chance to look forward. What do we really want for ourselves and our families and how can we get there? Sometimes we have a yearning in our hearts and just know that we want to be kinder or a better parent or more successful and set a path to get there. Sometimes, we seek advice from others knowing that a fresh view often helps.

It is no different for the folks we serve at KAIR. They also reflect on their situation and have aspirations to do better. They come to KAIR for things very tangible such as food or help with rent but often also come seeking advice or at least a fresh perspective. There is a Latin phrase "dum spiro, spero" - "While I breathe, I hope". At KAIR, we must fiercely fight to protect our optimism and hope for the future and remember that we should not let a single opportunity go by to make a difference. So, take a deep breath, step into 2012 with an open mind and heart, and hope. Happy New Year!

6th Annual Sombrero Beach Run!

Saturday, March 3, 2012

15K Challenge, 10K Run
and 5K Run/Walk



You can run or walk individually or in a group. Join with your friends and neighbors and be part of the excitement!

All proceeds go to benefit the programs at KAIR. For the past five years this event has been a great contributor to KAIR's budget.

Everything you need to know is on the website for the race. Go to www.sombrero beachrun.com. You can register to walk or run and sign up to volunteer.

Let's all join together to help

RUN HUNGER OUT OF TOWN!

December was a Busy Month at KAIR!



December's Sea Market Flea Market Raised Funds for KAIR

A local businessman donated a huge amount of fish-

ing related items to KAIR so that they could be sold to benefit our programs. Other vendors rented space to sell their wares and add to the fun. There was music by Ryan the DJ, food and bargains galore! Thank you to Stan Haines and Charlotte Quinn who coordinated the event.

Christmas Baskets Help Local Families

The local community joined together to help make Christmas Day special for local families who are having difficulty providing for their everyday needs. Over 250 "baskets" were distributed and included a ham, fruits and



vegetables, roles and dessert. Food was also distributed to the Domestic Abuse Shelter, Peacock House, and Independence Cay. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to make it all happen. Thank you to all who made this a special day!

250 "baskets" awaiting distribu-



Volunteers make it happen!



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