



KAIR

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



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Indy Cay Corner

We have just completed the three month mark for managing Independence Cay. Indy Cay provides transitional housing for the homeless. It also provides a soup kitchen seven days a week and a place to get a shower, wash clothes, etc. for all those who find themselves homeless in the Middle Keys. We had thought about the coming together of Independence Cay and KAIR for years and now it is finally happening. During that time of pondering, we thought about the services we should provide, programs, and educational opportunities but never considered something that has ended up being of huge importance, i.e. just how much we are enjoying this.

The folks we serve at Indy Cay have been respectful, eager to help where they can, and grateful for small kindnesses. Together, we've been able to tackle some pretty tough challenges but keep our sense of humor at what silly things life can throw our way sometimes. Many groups have become involved in providing food and we are very appreciative of that. Currently, St. Columba, United Community Methodists, Kirk of the Keys, Martin Luther Chapel, Church of God, and Krogen Kruisers have all been cooking for the soup kitchen.

Other services now provided are an active community garden, a weekly women's health group, a stop smoking program, counseling, and AA groups five times a week. In order to grow meaningful services, we continue to need volunteers. If you have an interest in seeing what Indy Cay is all about, please call the KAIR office to get more information.

SombreroBeachRun.com

This annual event donates all proceeds to support the work of KAIR in our community. We are so grateful to Jane Packard and her committee, all our sponsors, volunteers, and participants. Go to the run website for all the exciting events! It guarantees a weekend of fun for everyone!



Food Needed at the Pantry

peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, black beans, rice, cereal, tuna fish, canned pasta, canned fruit and soup.

Items needed at Independence Cay

Towels, dish towels, twin sheets, tools, drapes, curtain rods, window shades and a chair in good condition.

Volunteers that enjoy "handyman" duties that would work side by side with a couple of the residents.



Bringing Holiday Happiness to Our KAIR Community!

Countless volunteers work tirelessly to provide services to our community all year long, but especially at the holidays. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, holiday food baskets

were provided to 250 families. Volunteers kept our food pantry running since hunger doesn't take a vacation and we were able to provide toys and clothing to children who didn't qualify for other toy programs. Our residents at Indy Cay stepped in to help our regular volunteers and it was heart-warming to see the joy on faces as people worked side by side to make the holiday special for someone else.

Thank you to all who donated their time and money to make all this possible. Join with us in the coming months to keep this KAIRing spirit going all year round!



Find us on Facebook!

A working clothes washer and detergent for our visitors to wash the many, many loads at Indy Cay!

New Wheels for KAIR!

For many years, we have hoped to add a refrigerated vehicle to KAIR's services. We knew that we would be able to expand the amount of fresh food available to local residents if we could transport this food safely from a local vendor or event back to the food pantry.

We are happy to announce that this dream has come true! Through a generous donation from local resident John Smale who passed in 2011 and the help of Jack Niles of Niles Sales and Service in Key West, KAIR now has a new refrigerated Chevy cargo van. If you have food to donate to the KAIR food pantry or to the Independence Cay soup kitchen from your business or event, please give us a call.

Jack Niles and Andy Bryant with Marj Roberts, KAIR Director

