



KAIR

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



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On Your Mark, Get Set....

The 8th Annual Sombrero Beach Run /Walk is gearing up for the big March 1st race. Jane Packard and her committee do an unbelievable job and every year the race is bigger and better than the year before. Hundreds of runners and walkers have signed up for the event and there will be food, beverage, music, a silent auction and

other activities for those who just want to come and cheer and support KAIR. This event is a HUGE part of the KAIR budget and without this support we couldn't accomplish many of the things that are important to our community. Go to their Face Book page (Sombrero Beach Run) or their website (sombrorebeachrun.com) for more detailed information.

Calling All Crafters!

Did you see the adorable hand crafted wallets being sold at the Celtic Festival? They were such a hit that our crafty volunteers are busy stitching up more to sell at the Sombrero Beach Run and the Seafood Festival. If you are handy with a sewing machine and would like to join these creative volunteers, please call Marj at KAIR to receive the pattern. Join in the fun!

Holiday Happenings



Holiday Dinners

With help from the community, KAIR distributed 300 dinners to people in the area who need a hand to feed their families. These dinners included a ham, potatoes, vegetables, fresh fruits and des-

sert. So many volunteers contributed whether it was through monetary assistance or working that day to insure smooth distribution. All would agree that this inspired them to appreciate this wonderful area we live in and the people that make it special. THANK YOU!

Festival of the Trees

Christmas elves Sandy Neiditz and Lynn Voit manned the KAIR table at Zonta's Festival of the Trees. KAIR collected toys for families with children that come to the food pantry and collected donations for the Christmas dinners. Thank you to Zonta for inviting us to share their event.



INDY CAY CORNER

Sometimes the faces of the homeless surprise us. Daniel was in his 60's and had a stroke and a heart attack and was retired on Social Security. His monthly retirement was low enough he didn't see how he could pay for housing. He was so hopeless that he started drinking heavily on the street and was in danger of dying. Other homeless men and women came to us and asked us to help him. We sought him out and took him to the hospital where he got treatment and then brought him back to Independence Cay. He could barely talk he was so exhausted and worn out. After several weeks of TLC by both staff and other homeless clients, Daniel regained some of his strength and we found him a suitable roommate that could share housing. He is not drinking and is so grateful to have a place of his own to lay his head every night. We keep a close eye on him even though he no longer lives at Indy Cay. Things are not always what they seem to be.

Celtic Festival

Volunteer Rachel Cizmas is shown at the Celtic Festival where Kair sold handmade wallets as a fundraiser. Thanks to Kirk Maconaughey of The Yardman for donating the booth space and to all our crafty volunteers that have been making these adorable wallets. Our stitchers are busy making more for the Sombrero Beach Run and the Seafood Festival. They're a hot item—don't miss out!



ADK Sorority Holds Food Drive for KAIR

750 pounds of food and almost \$400 was collected by ADK Sorority. Thank you!



Jeannette West, Mary Sibley, Sandi Bisceglia, Tami Wile, Arlene Keeney, Marcie Ehng, Reit Steinmetz, Beth Pinkus, Rosa Rios and Kathy Sympson helped