



# KAIR

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



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## Not Goodbye, but 'Til We Meet Again!

Many of our volunteers will be leaving us to head back to their home state soon. We will miss them and hope to see them back in the fall. If you are a full-time Marathon resident and have a few extra hours to spare we could use your help through the summer months. For those who are leaving, we could use your food, cleaning supplies and paper products that you will be leaving behind.

**WOW!** We can't say enough good things about our race committee!

Jane Packard, Chair, Sarah Cizmas, Terry Lynn Kelly, Becky Godchaux, Lynn Voit, Phyllis Michaelis, Kim Caton, Susan Carrigan, Penny Ludwin, Sande Neiditz, Leigh Furda, Ardie Banks

## Indy Cay Corner

Good news! The men who are living in transitional housing are working in paid employment. This is an important part of moving to independence. If you know of available work, please contact KAIR with the information.



Shown here are Robin Lynne with ADK, Bill Ahtes, and Publix Store Manager, Steve Levine.— Community partners with KAIR!



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## Kudos Korner

The Annual Sombrero Beach Run was a tremendous success! Jane Packard and her committee worked tirelessly all year to make this event the best ever. The funds raised are the major portion of our budget and enable us to serve the families of Marathon. We cannot thank you all enough!



Thank you to **Martha Meroni, RN, Senior Registered Nurse for Monroe County Public Health**, who came to Independence Cay in March to administer free flu and tetanus shots as well as do a blood pressure clinic. The homeless are particularly susceptible to injury or illness due to being outside in sometimes harsh conditions. Martha also toured KAIR and will coordinate additional services for both KAIR and Independence Cay. This service provided by the county was much appreciated.

**Publix** is now a KAIR food partner and our new refrigerated van visits 5 times a week to receive fresh foods and baked goods from their shelves. This enables us to provide families with the healthy choices for a balanced diet.

**Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK)** is a sorority of teachers that sponsors projects that directly impact their community. They raise money and collect food for KAIR because they see the impact that hunger has on a student's school performance. Publix allowed them to set up outside their store to collect donations. Thanks to Publix and ADK!

**Outdoor Resorts** in Layton asked KAIR director, Marj Roberts, to come speak with them about our organization. After hearing about the people we serve, they collected 54 pairs of new shoes! Thanks!

**Marathon Community United Methodist Church** recently had a gospel sing at the church. An offering was taken for KAIR and \$384 collected! These funds will be

put to good use for local families.

One of KAIR's stalwart volunteers, Bill Ahtes, approached **Walgreens** about donating items from their store that could be put to good use by KAIR. Thanks to Bill and Walgreens for seeing a need in the community and rising to the occasion!

Thanks to **Susie Curry, owner of Stout's Restaurant**, for spending the day at Independence Cay to train staff and residents on proper kitchen sanitation and food prep.

Kudos to **Fred and Carie Dabney** for the donation of a brand new upright freezer for KAIR. With the increase of fresh food donations, this couldn't have come at a better time!

Applause for **Winn Dixie** that donates fresh food twice a week and recently gave a grant through the Winn Dixie Foundation. This \$10,000 grant is very appreciated!