



# KAIR

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



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We have many wonderful friends at KAIR and donations of time and money have been greatly appreciated. With gifts from you and others, KAIR was able to accomplish much care and comfort in the last year with \$465,000 in food and emergency assistance dedicated to Middle Keys residents. More than 12,000 pounds of food were distributed each month and every day thirty-five people came to KAIR for some sort of help and emergency aid. We were able to help people through some difficult times with food, rent, medical assistance, utilities, transportation and other basic necessities. Thank you for making that possible. This is the tangible "care" that we provide.

If the story ended there, this would still be a significant achievement, but there's more. The other part of the equation is the "comfort" KAIR pro-

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vides. This isn't as easily measurable. Ninety year old Jack waits for a KAIR volunteer each week to take him to the store, his doctors' appointments, and to make sure he's all right. Bill knows that when he got cancer, he could trust KAIR to get him get the medical help he needed. When Maria had a life threatening illness, she knew KAIR would help her get to Miami for medical care. Eighty year old Catherine says that just knowing KAIR is there helps her face some difficult days.

Since its beginning in 1999, there has been a connection between KAIR and the people it serves. Providing alternatives, ideas, and options; helping people make difficult decisions; treating people with dignity and concern; following up with people long after the immedi-

ate assistance is given; these are equally important. It is a horrible feeling to fall on hard times. It is embarrassing to ask for help and disheartening to know you aren't providing for your family the way you would like. The "connectedness" between KAIR and those it helps is what makes KAIR unique. Yes, we have our measurable goals and strive hard to be efficient and effective, but it is this concern, comfort, and connection that make KAIR special.

Once again, we are asking for your support to help KAIR continue its mission to provide "care and comfort" to those in our community who struggle. Every gift is significant and every gift is appreciated. Together we do make a difference, one person at a time.

Thank you for KAIRing.



### September is Hunger Action Month

On your next visit to the market won't you "Buy One, Give One" for KAIR? The food pantry is always in

need of:

peanut butter, jelly, black beans (canned or dried), rice, pasta, pasta sauce, shelf milk, tuna, canned meat, canned pasta meals (like Chef Boyardee), canned vegetables and fruits.

Items can be dropped at the KAIR office or brought to your church.

Thanks for sharing with your neighbors!

### KAIR Needs Early Birds to Help with Bakery Pick-ups at Publix!

If you can help with any of the 6:30 a.m. pick-ups or need more information, call Marj at the KAIR office.

### Feast of St. Francis at St. Columba Episcopal Church Celebrates Our Animal Friends!

Sunday, October 7th  
3 to 5

There will be a blessing of the animals at 3 p.m. (no pets bigger than an elephant!)

Following the blessing, a pet parade, crafts and games will benefit SHARK. A pet show will be held to benefit our furry friends that come to the KAIR Food Pantry for help.

St. Francis Medals for all pets plus cat and dog friendly goodie bags will be given to take home.

For more information, call St. Columba at: 305-743-6412.

They are located at 451 W. 52nd St. Marathon

