



KAIR

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



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September is Hunger Awareness Month

KAIR helps Middle Keys families meet nutritional needs through several programs:

- A USDA approved food pantry where fresh foods and staples are distributed to people without bias and often with follow-up for better nutritional planning
- Independence Cay serves a daily meal to anyone who comes for service—many of these meals are prepared and served by area churches
- Bag lunches are given out daily at KAIR without question
- Food is distributed to other groups who serve families and individuals in our area (Grace Jones Daycare Center is one recipient)
- Food is delivered to people who don't have the transportation means to come to KAIR for food

One dollar buys 5 meals! Please help KAIR take a bite out of hunger!

Monroe County Statistics

- 12.8% of the Monroe County population is food insecure, with 9,360 people not knowing from where they will get their next meal.
- 63% of the food insecure population in Monroe County qualify based on income for SNAP (Foods Stamps) and other federal nutrition programs, while 37% do not and often must rely on emergency food assistance programs and need better wages and employment opportunities to help them meet their basic needs.
- \$3.59 is the average price per meal in Monroe County.
- The food budget shortfall in Monroe County per person per week is \$19.29, with a total shortfall of \$5,478,110 or 1,525,936 meals.
- 21.8% of children in Monroe County are food insecure, meaning, 2,430 children go to bed hungry.



KAIR Klothes Kloset

KAIR has a clothes closet where residents can find the clothing they need for daily life. Please donate clothing in good condition and appropriate for wear in our climate. Men's shorts (sizes 32 & 34) and sneakers are in big demand. Children's clothes are also needed. Thanks for KAIRing!

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We CAN Do It!

We are already planning for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and are asking the community to bring canned goods to church during the fall months to help with this program. We need cans of: cranberry sauce, corn, and gravy.



Back to School in Style!

Over 110 backpacks with school supplies and new sneakers were given to local school children to help them be successful this year in school. Thanks to all who gave to KidKAIR to make this a success!

William Wilkinson, secretary of the Marathon Shrine Club, presented KAIR a check for their KidKAIR Back to School program. Pres. Bill Schneider and the rest of the Shriners have shown their commitment to helping children in the community by sponsoring many local projects.



Did You Know?

Independence Cay residents grow many of the vegetables that are served in the daily meal for the homeless. They are working to restore the garden that was destroyed during a July rain storm. They take great pride in their contribution and recipients are grateful for fresh food.

Kudos Korner

Thanks, Key Colony!

Edmund Burke, better known as E.R., organized a fundraiser for KAIR at the Key Colony Beach golf course. Several hundred dollars and boxes of food were donated to KAIR.



Hurray for BPW!

The Business and Professional Women (BPW) of Marathon donated \$500 to KAIR and 250 cans of green beans for the Thanksgiving food baskets. Thank You!

