



# KAIR

Since 1998

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

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## School Daze....

It can be difficult for parents to stretch their paycheck to get kids ready for school. No one wants a child to feel hurt or left out because they do not have what they need to start school. Our goal is for every kid to be excited about school and

ready to learn. KAIR does its part to help out and every year provides new sneakers, backpacks and school supplies to local children known to us through the food pantry. This year was a particularly hard year for parents and KAIR helped 180 children from Pre-K through 12th grade get these supplies. The delighted look on kids' faces was worth all the hard work. Shown here is Mabel ready to take on the world!



**Thank you** to Allen-Beyer Funeral Home of Key Largo for generously offering their services to a young mother during a very difficult time.



**Hats Off!** To the United Way for all their financial aid to help people after the hurricane. Their support enabled KAIR to assist our neighbors with their

United Way of the Florida Keys  
immediate needs.

**Kudos!!** Food, drinks, a silent auction and music by In Pursuit and Blues Fuse all added up to a wonderful afternoon and evening and raised \$7,000! WOW! We will put that money to good use helping our neighbors get through some tough times. Shown here are Phyllis Michaelis, Marj Roberts, Jared Frank and Debra Maconaughey. Thanks to all who came!



## Feeding the Middle Keys...



September was national Hunger Action Month. This past year, 46 million Americans turned to the

Feeding America network to help supplement their family's food needs. KAIR is proud to be a part of that network and utilizes the Feeding South Florida food bank to maximize every donated food dollar. Each month, KAIR provides more than 20,000 pounds of food to local residents and our partner Publix also plays a significant role in helping to feed our neighbors by donating food several days a week.

**? Here is a riddle** for you. Where would you find the following people? A maintenance man, the garbage man, an electrician, a plumber, a remodeler, a painter, a cook, a trap yard worker, a long distance mover, a security guard, a concrete restorer, and a construction worker. Give up?

It's the men who are currently living at Independence Cay transitional housing. All of the 14 men have a history of being homeless but with help and support and their commitment to live a sober lifestyle, they are all working full-time and making great progress toward moving to independent housing. We are proud of all that they are accomplishing and becoming.



## Remembering Herb and Yea

The KAIR family lost two very special people this past year when faithful volunteers Herb Bernett and wife Yea passed away. They were part of KAIR's mission from the very beginning in 1998 and I remember well Herb teaching me which foods went on which shelf. He was very particular! There were scary moments too when Herb led the way driving our minivans through Miami traffic to the food bank warehouse. I couldn't keep up with him! Every chance they got, they advocated for feeding the hungry and keeping the food pantry stocked. They will always be remembered and missed.





KAIR recently held the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Sombrero Beach Run which has been KAIR's largest fundraiser each year. The fact that the run even happened this year is a testament to how hard the city of Marathon worked to put things back together again after Hurricane Irma swept through.

After Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, the beach damage looked insurmountable and we wondered if it ever could be the beautiful place that it once had been. Our race committee hesitated to plan on the Run/Walk since we had no idea what the beach would look like on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are happy to report that the beach, although not completed, is beautiful and we had a very suc-

cessful day. Over 400 runners and walkers came out to support KAIR, listen to music (courtesy of DJs Tito and EJ, eat some food, get some prizes, and of course, get some exercise!

The City of Marathon Parks and Recreation also partnered with KAIR for a Sunday event that included a cook out, music, beach games and prizes.

Thanks to Jimmy Schmitt, Ali Adams, and Hammer for their help.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## THANK YOU SPONSORS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOMBRERO BEACH RUN!

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The Art Studio  
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**ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!**

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