



**Kids In Distress Auxiliary** September 2021

# The Kids Advocate

*News and information for our members and supporters.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Thursday, September 23rd

*General Meeting*

*7:00pm*

*Zoom*

### Thursday, October 21st

*Auxiliary Board Meeting*

*7:00pm*

*Zoom*

### Saturday, October 23rd

*KID Agency Event*

*ELEVATE*

*6:00pm to 10:00pm*

*Jet Runway Cafe*

### Saturday & Sunday,

**November 6th & 7th**

*KHK Thanksgiving Drive*

*St. Paul's Weston*



## President's Message

*"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."*

*~ Ben Carson*

Welcome to the Kids In Distress Auxiliary 2021-2022 season of raising awareness, volunteer/service opportunities and fundraising to support Kids in Distress (KID).

I am excited to serve as the President of the KID Auxiliary for a second year. Last year was like no other for the Auxiliary, but we rose to the challenge and successfully pivoted to provide more service and support to KID. The love and dedication our members have for KID, makes me so grateful to be part of this family.

While we are still in a time uncertainty due to COVID-19, the commitment of our members and Kids Helping Kid (KHK) teens continues to shine bright as we support the needs of Kids in Distress. We hit the ground running this summer with our Back to School drive. We were able to collect and distribute 165 backpacks, complete with school supplies and an outfit for the first day of school for the children of KID. We have additional collections throughout the year - Halloween costumes, KHK sponsored Food Drive for Thanksgiving, Adopt A Family and Easter Baskets in the Spring.

Our Signature Event - the KID HERO 5K - raised over \$130,000 in 2021 is scheduled for January 29th, 2022 at Vista View Park in Davie. Bingo has been postponed until the Spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Children's Services such as the Respite Program, Kinship and Special Activities for the KID Preschool are a few opportunities to be "hands on" with the families of KID. We look forward to returning in person to these programs when it is safe to do so.

We will have four General meetings and six Board meetings scheduled throughout the year. All members are welcome to attend both. A representative for the Agency will be present to give updates. We will continue hosting our meetings via ZOOM.

I look forward to working with our phenomenal board this year and getting to know more of our current members and meeting new members during the year.

Together, we will make what seems impossible, *KIDpossible*.

Sincerely,

Sandy Nori

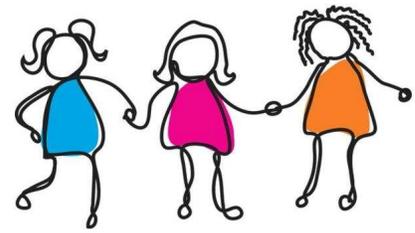
President

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# Membership



Welcome Back!

Here we are ready to start another fantastic year together in the **Kids In Distress Auxiliary**. At this time, as we continue to navigate through the pandemic, let's stick together, focus on our mission and continue the excellent work of supporting KID. Our ingenuity and flexibility last year resulted in real success. Let's do it, again!

Our President, Sandy Nori, will continue as our leader for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. She is surrounded by a team of amazing women ready to meet this year's challenges. Her experience and love for KID is infectious. Please get involved in the many fundraising and volunteer opportunities.



**THANK YOU to all that have renewed their  
KID Auxiliary Membership for 2021-22.**

If it's still on your TO DO list...this is the link to renew & make payment online: [www.kidaux.org](http://www.kidaux.org) .

The printable Membership Form is on the next page if you would rather renew by mail.



This Newsletter comes your way by the Auxiliary email BLAST. Stay tuned... the email BLAST will keep you up-to date about our latest volunteer and service opportunities. Have fun and get involved:

- ❖ Respite Foster Homes – Provide Dinner during COVID restrictions
- ❖ KHK Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ❖ Halloween Costume Drive
- ❖ Adopt-A Family Holiday Gift Collection
- ❖ KID Hero 5K

Our website will also have additional information on events, meetings and opportunities for involvement. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to another productive, loving and fun-filled year with you all.

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Membership Chairs



# Kids in Distress Auxiliary

## 2021-2022 Annual Membership Form

JOIN and PAY ONLINE AT [www.kidaux.org](http://www.kidaux.org)

or

Mail this FORM and CHECK payable to:  
KID Auxiliary, Inc., 304 Indian Trace, #515, Weston, FL 33326

### Membership Dues:

Active.....\$50.00 (Paid Annually)  
Contributing.....\$100.00 (Paid Annually)  
Lifetime.....\$500.00 (Single Payment)

date: \_\_\_\_\_  
payment \_\_\_\_\_  
method: \_\_\_\_\_

**Active Auxiliary Members** attend meetings and volunteer to fundraise, spread awareness, and support the agency of Kids in Distress (KID).

**Contributing Auxiliary Members** want to be affiliated with the Auxiliary to spread awareness and support the agency of Kids in Distress (KID), but are not able to attend meetings or volunteer to fundraise.

**Lifetime Auxiliary Members** prefer to join with a one time, single payment (no annual renewal). They are encouraged to attend meetings and volunteer to fundraise, spread awareness, and support the agency of Kids in Distress (KID).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a New Member , referred by \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you on Facebook? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what is your profile name? \_\_\_\_\_

**✓✓✓ Stay Involved... ✓✓✓**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Event Volunteer:**  
I'd like to help at Auxiliary & Agency Events or Fundraisers.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsorship:**  
I have a business contact that could be a KID Auxiliary Sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Children Services:**  
I'd like to be hands-on with the children via Respite, Kinship or Special Activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kids Helping Kids:**  
I have a Middle or High School aged child who is interested in our program.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality:**  
I'm happy to provide food & beverages for our meetings or events.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Administrative Support:**  
I can help with mailings, website maintenance, photography, phone calls.

The Kids in Distress Auxiliary is a "green" organization. Most communications are via email.  
Our website, [www.kidaux.org](http://www.kidaux.org), is up-to-date with the latest information on calendar changes, fundraisers and activities.  
For more information, please contact Membership Co-Chairs Jan Tonyan, 954-292-6113 or Sumitra Marciano, 954-665-7971

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# ELEVATE

A KIDS IN DISTRESS BENEFIT

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[ElevateBenefit.org](http://ElevateBenefit.org)

TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS...SAVE THE DATE! LOVE MAKES #KIDPOSSIBLE IS ON.

Please join us. Registration details coming soon.

Please consider creating a gift basket or items to donate for our raffles at the event.

Reach out to [amsheff@me.com](mailto:amsheff@me.com) for donations.

SAVE THE DATE  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!





**#KIDPOSSIBLE**  
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Benefiting Kids In Distress

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

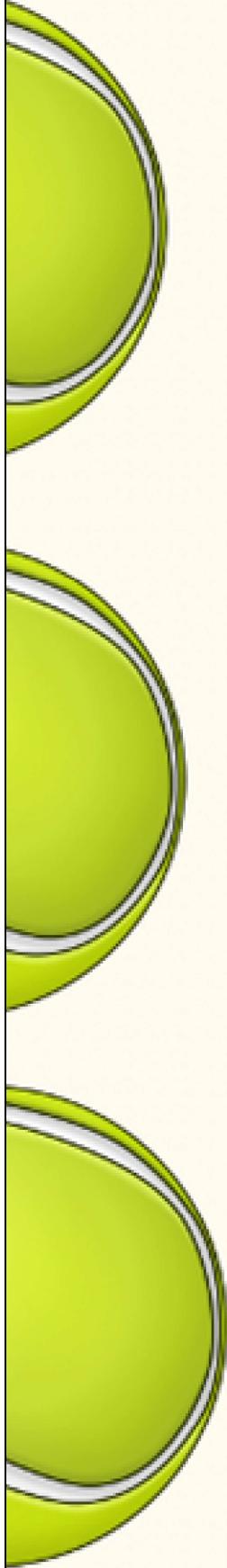
# SPONSORS + RAFFLES NEEDED

Please consider becoming a sponsor or donating  
items to raffle at the event.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021**  
**FUN STARTS AT 10 AM**  
**SUNRISE TENNIS CLUB**

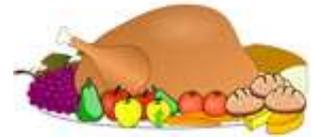
Recognition at event & social media  
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Contact:  
Amanda 404-219-7419  
amsheff@me.com

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# ***Kids Helping KID***

KHK is meeting on 9/19 to start working on their big event of the year, the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. If you are interested in helping out or donating items, please contact Sandi Hertzbach. [Hertzbach@gmail.com](mailto:Hertzbach@gmail.com).



Last year we collected 1,062 completed bags and \$19,530 in cash and gift cards. Let's work together to help even more families this year!

A "completed bag" has the following items in a green Publix reusable tote:

- 1 box Stuffing mix- 6 oz or larger
- 1 box instant Mashed Potatoes- min. 13oz. or larger
- 1 large can Sweet Potatoes or Yams- min.14.5oz. or larger
- 1 can Cranberry Sauce- min. 14oz. or larger
- 1 packet Gravy mix (not jars!)
- 2 cans green beans- min. 14.5oz. or larger
- 2 cans other Vegetables (peas, corn or mixed veggies)
- 1 Box liquid milk- Parmalat Whole Milk
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup- min. 10.5oz. or larger
- 1 package French Fried Onions
- 3 boxes Macaroni & Cheese- not instant or single cups
- 1 Boxed cake mix with frosting or brownie mix
- 1 Gift card to Publix for a Turkey (\$20 minimum)



**Publix.**

# KHK Calendar 2020-2021

<b>Sunday, September 19th</b>	<b>KHK Meeting #1</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>October Throughout month</b>	<b>Put out collection boxes Focus on collecting as many premade bags</b>	
<b>Sunday, October 31st</b>	<b>KHK Meeting #2</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>November 6,7,13,14th</b>	<b>KHK Thanksgiving Food Drive –St. Paul’s Weston</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KID respite- once each quarter-SW home- holiday breakfast- TBD</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KHK Meeting #3</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KID Auxiliary Hero 5K Event– Vista View Park- TBD</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KHK Meeting #4</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Promote DuckFest over the month</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Respite Day/ Meeting #5</b>	<b>10:00 am Wilton Manors</b>
<b>Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KHK End of Year Celebration / Last Meeting</b>	



# SAVE THE DATE

**KID Hero 5K & 10K Walk/Run**



HOSTED BY



**January 29th, 2022**

**Vista View Park**

PRESENTED BY



**THE 2021 KID HERO 5K WAS A HUGE SUCCESS DESPITE THE CHALLENGES OF GOING VIRTUAL. THE KIDS IN DISTRESS AUXILIARY PULLED TOGETHER, MADE IT WORK AND RAISED \$132,000! SAVE THE DATE AND LET'S GET READY TO HAVE FUN, PARTICIPATE, FUNDRAISE, AND PROMOTE THE 2022 KID HERO 5K&10K WALK/RUN!**



We are devoted to the prevention of child abuse, the preservation of the family, and the treatment of abused and neglected children. With your continued and loving support, our children are happier, healthier, stronger, and brighter. Thank you for making our mission KIDpossible!

### COMMUNITY



*Looking cool for school with new backpacks!* Paper. Pencils. Flashcards. Shoes. You name the school supply, it was in one of the 1,093 backpacks donated by individuals and businesses to children served by Family Central and Kids In Distress during this year's Back-to-School drive. Many thanks to The Backpack Lady and friends, the KID Auxiliary, Teddy Morse, Lacey Little, Jennifer Brafman Staffen and others, for putting together bag after bag filled with classroom essentials. A big thank you to American Heritage Girls Soccer Team, Teva, and Cost-U-Less for donating a generous amount of supplies to set our children up for success this year!

Every backpack was tailored to the child based on their age, favorite color, and clothing size. Some backpacks even came with reusable water bottles with the child's name on it. The kids were thrilled with their new bags!

KID and FCI serve an average of 4,500 children at a time. With over 1,000 backpacks donated, nearly 25% of children currently served are now more prepared to thrive in the classroom. Our incredible community rallied for our kids; generosity clearly sparks generosity. This year's backpack and school supply drive gets an A++!

### AROUND CAMPUS

Let's Face It masks are now on sale for \$5! In collaboration with local artists, the "Let's Face It" campaign presented by JM Family Enterprises, Inc., sheds light on the increasing crises faced by South Florida children and families. Limited-edition face masks are available, created by seven different artists to raise awareness and funds for those in need, in partnership with corporations, foundations, and supporters who are determined to protect children, protect their neighbors, and protect themselves by wearing masks.

Visit [LetsFaceItSoFlo.org](http://LetsFaceItSoFlo.org) to purchase masks and to meet artists from the Artist Circle. 100% of the funds raised through the sale of the face masks will directly benefit children and families served.

The pandemic has threatened the health and well-being, economic self-sufficiency, and financial stability of families in the community who were already in crisis. Support these families when you purchase an artist-created, mission-inspired face mask.



Visit [LetsFaceItSoFlo.org](http://LetsFaceItSoFlo.org) to purchase masks.

### SPOTLIGHT

Grit, focus, and excellence. That's what it took Elizabeth Erban, LMFT, IMH-E®, Program Supervisor of Family Central Inc.'s Jump Start Early Childhood Consultation program to obtain her most recent certification, the Level III – Infant Mental Health Specialist (IMHS) certification issued by the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. She is now one of only three individuals endorsed as an Infant Mental Health Specialist in the entire state of Florida! Obtaining this certification was

rigorous: among many steps, Elizabeth attended 18 different intensive trainings over the course of 18 months, produced proof of having received the required supervision and



*Congratulations, Elizabeth Erban, LMFT, IMH-E®!*

the completion of hours of qualified work experience, and submitted an extensive online application. Then, she conquered a three hour multiple choice and essay exam. Next year, she'll be going for her Level IV - Infant Mental Health Mentor certification.

While Elizabeth did not set out to become an infant mental health clinician when she began her career as a mental health professional, she discovered she had a passion for this area of psychology throughout her academic training and work experiences. *"We know that early intervention is key. A child's neuronal growth is exponential until the age of three. Therefore, any early intervention we can provide prior to that age has a much bigger chance of having an impact,"* said Elizabeth.

The Jump Start Early Childhood Consultation program aims to increase the capacity of all early care and education providers (i.e. family childcare homes, and childcare centers) to address young children's needs, reduce challenging behaviors that increase risk for preschool expulsion, and buffer the impact of current challenges on academic outcomes later in life. The program is a partnership between The Children's Trust of Miami-Dade County, the University of Miami Mailman Center for Child Development, and a team of community providers that specialize in early childhood development, including Family Central, Inc.

*"I love learning. People can never take your education away from you,"* adds Elizabeth. Congratulations, Elizabeth, on your recent achievement! Thank you for bringing professionalism and excellence to our team!



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# Special Activities

Sohara and I are looking forward to coming back to interact with the kids at the Agency's preschool! In the meantime, and at least for the next three months, we'll bring the kids some materials to work with their teachers. The materials we'll bring to the Agency are very special since they are part of a bibliocoaching project that I'm launching before the end of the year for children between 3 and 8 years of age and their parents. I'm very happy to share my project with KID even before it is available to the public!

As many of you may already know, I am a Venezuelan child psychologist and, in the USA, I work as a coach of children and their parents. Last year, because of COVID, I had to change the dynamics of my individual coaching sessions and my workshops with kids and I started with online sessions and sending them the materials we were going to use during the sessions in boxes via mail! That was the origin of the idea of launching a bibliocoaching monthly subscription box to help the parents of young kids, to promote their emotional intelligence, using the time they already were spending with their little ones when they read to them. Inside each box, the family receives a selection of great picture books, as well as a guide for parents, materials to complete activities related with the books and some other fun stuff for the kids. What we are going to bring for the kids at the preschool is a reduced version of my boxes, with the picture book selected for that month and enough materials for each child to complete some activities related with the book, as well as a brief instruction page for the teacher with some suggestions.

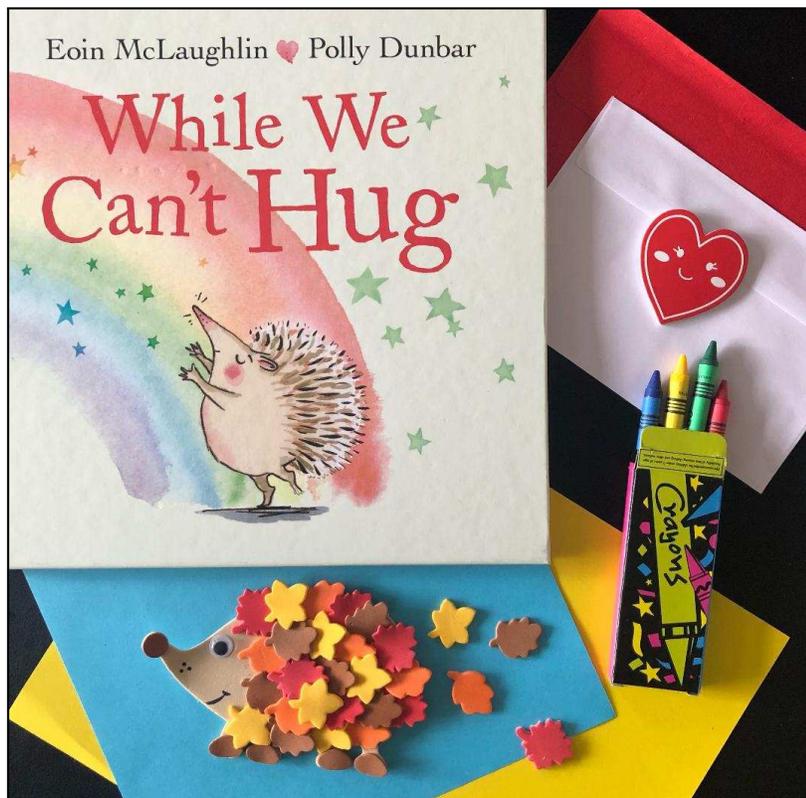
My project is also going to benefit children at Kids in Distress and from another charity that serves Venezuelan kids, in a more tangible way, by donating a picture book for each box sold.

The first book we are going to work with the kids from the preschool is amazing!

Title: "While we can't hug" by Eoin McLaughlin.

This book, even though it is not about COVID, can be used to address one of the consequences of the pandemic which is the message the kids receive about hugging and not hugging people close to them. This book illustrates in a beautiful way several ideas that we can use to show our love for each other while we can't hug.

Maite Herrera and Sohara Perez-Osuna  
Special Activities



# MEMBERSHIP



*Welcome to our newest members!*



Isabel Casellas

Lilia Estenoz

Angela Johnston

Michelle Novak

Jeanette Pacheco

Jodi Wissel



# Happy Birthday to our Members!



## September

- 2nd Van Smith, Sandy
- 4th Tonyan, Jan
- 5th Matiello, Luciane Mauri
- 5th Schmidt, Jane
- 5th Wilson, Alice
- 9th Buntrock, Elizabeth
- 9th Burkett, Katherine
- 10th Dilsen, Sylvia
- 16th Orosz, Mikita
- 19th Eskalyo, Pam
- 19th Taber, Sheva
- 22nd Vilarchao, Alicia
- 28th Lichtinger, Rina

## October

- 6th Poh, Ritajean
- 9th Dobin, Judy
- 15th Rosensteel, Chinyere
- 18th Meli, Dione
- 18th Vicino, DeeDee
- 27th Carraway, Irene

## November

- 2nd Jody Horwitz
- 4th Fraser, Jessica
- 5th Slater, Loretta
- 6th Cavallaro, Robin
- 7th Muzin, Sheila
- 8th Moreno, Mary
- 11th Janco, Merrill Thomas
- 13th Mahan, Susan
- 14th Marcano, Sumitra
- 14th De la Paz Wright, Sylvia
- 14th Egert, Kristina
- 16th Gipps, Maria P.
- 16th Marchetto, Lynn
- 23rd Laino Dondiz, Maria Soledad
- 23rd Ray, Sue
- 24th Walker, Denise
- 29th Cuenca, Elenora



If you do not see your birthday on the list, and would like it added for next year, please email Jan Tonyan, [ptonyan@bellsouth.net](mailto:ptonyan@bellsouth.net).  
It is not in our data base yet.



[www.KIDAUX.org](http://www.KIDAUX.org)

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Sign Up For An Event  
Look At Our Upcoming Calendar  
Read Our Newsletter  
And More ...

## Auxiliary General Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 23rd

Time: 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

All members are Welcome!



For more information about the Kids In Distress Auxiliary and upcoming events, go to our website [www.KIDAUX.org](http://www.KIDAUX.org). New members are welcome to join at any time during the year and a membership form can be found on our website. If you have specific questions about membership, please contact Sumitra Marcano at [rsmarcano@aol.com](mailto:rsmarcano@aol.com) or Jan Tonyan at [ptonyan@bellsouth.net](mailto:ptonyan@bellsouth.net).

