



Kids In Distress Auxiliary September 2020

The Kids Advocate

News and information for our members and supporters.



President's Message



"Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate." ~Anonymous

Dear Members & Friends of the KID Auxiliary,

Welcome to the Kids In Distress Auxiliary 2020-2021 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 this year. I have been a member of the Auxiliary since 2014 and I served as the Corresponding Secretary for three years and shared Event VP duties for the KID Hero 5K for two years.

During this time of uncertainty due to COVID-19, I believe with the commitment of our members and Kids Helping Kid (KHK) teens we will continue to support the needs of Kids in Distress. We are off to strong start with our Back to School drive. We were able to collect and distribute 79 backpacks, complete with school supplies for the children of KID. We will have additional collections throughout the year - Halloween costumes, KHK sponsored Food Drive for Thanksgiving, Adopt A Family at the holidays and Easter Baskets in the Spring.

At this time, our Fall Fundraising Bingo event has been postponed. Our Signature Event - the KID HERO 5K - raised over \$114,000 in 2020 is scheduled for January 30, 2021 at Vista View Park in Davie. Planning is underway for an in person event and also as a virtual event.

There will be 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. All meetings are on ZOOM for the foreseeable future.

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. The Respite program has opportunities for the Auxiliary to assist KID with afterschool virtual tutoring for the children on campus in Wilton Manors and Southwest Ranches.

As we continue to celebrate our 35th Anniversary, we will need to be creative and flexible going into our 36th year. Creative in fundraising for the Agency and flexible in how we support the needs of the children while operating within COVID distance requirements. The strength of our organization rests in the many skills and experiences of our members and in this extraordinary time we must fully utilize every available resource to best serve the children of KID.

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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Kids in Distress Auxiliary

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 17th

1st General Meeting

7:00pm Zoom

Details will be provided

Sunday, September 20th

KHK Meeting

4:00pm Zoom

Thursday, October 1st

*Halloween Costume collection due
(to Jessica Fraser)*

Thursday, October 15th

KID Auxiliary Board Meeting

7:00pm Zoom

Sunday, November 1st

KHK Meeting

4:00pm Zoom



Need Is Not In Lockdown!

We do not know when our lives will return to “normal.” But there is one thing we do know for sure: **NEED IS NOT IN LOCKDOWN!** Covid 19 has interrupted all our lives, but the KID Auxiliary still needs to provide the financial and other assistance necessary to support the vital programs of Kids In Distress (KID).

We may not be able to meet and fundraise in person, but our hearts and minds can meet in our united desire to help the children and families of KID.

I will soon be reaching out to KID Auxiliary sponsors and donors. If you are a sponsor or donor, or associated with a sponsor or donor, please think of the children and families who are safeguarded and strengthened by KID.

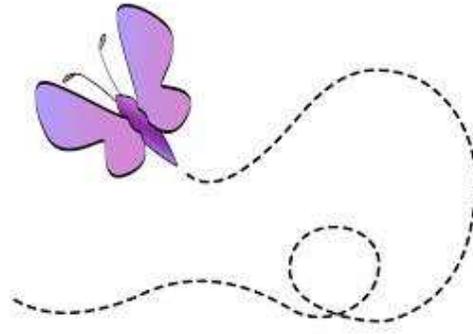
If you have any contacts who you believe may be willing to be a sponsor or donor, please let me know their information so that I can reach out. This can be a service company you use, a business or restaurant you frequent, or a person who may not be aware of the important work of Kids In Distress.

We know the ability to give may very well be impacted by the economic downturn due to Covid 19. If you are in a position to give, I urge you to thoughtfully and generously consider what you may be able to provide during this time of compelling need.

During the course of this year there will be options to donate or assist with fundraising through social media, virtual events, Zoom meetings, drives and, let’s hope, in person events!

Thank you for your consistent and generous support. If you have any questions, or can let me know of a person or company who may want to sponsor or donate, please email me at lisaschultz717@gmail.com, or call me at 954-257-2283.

Lisa Schultz, 1st VP Fundraising



Ways to Get Involved:

(In no particular order...)

Become a member - Jan Tonyan and Sumitra Marcano

Attend our meetings - Sandy Nori

Help with and/or attend Bingo (currently postponed) - Linda Petersen

Interact with the children of KID through Special Activities

Preschool Activities - first **Wednesday** AM each month (on hold) - Maite Herrera,
Sohara Perez Osuna

Activities for Kinship Children -

Respite - Vivian Carsello

Sign your teens up for Kids Helping KID (KHK) and/or help with projects - Sandi
Hertzbach and Lissette Polanco Wolf

Donate to the KHK Thanksgiving Food Drive Project -**October/November**

Donate to the Holiday Adopt-a-Family project - **Mid Nov/Early Dec** - holiday
gifts for KID families - Cindy Pederson and Lisa Marcet

Donate to Collections and Drives - Backpacks, Halloween, Easter -
Jessica Fraser

Help with Administration of the Auxiliary - Sue Ray

Spread awareness about KID - Dalia Quinones

Hospitality - bring refreshments to meetings or events - Irene Carraway

Fundraise - Identify donors that would like to help KID -Lisa Schultz

Help with and/or attend KID, Inc. events:

Elevate - Postponed

KID Hero 5K - **January 30, 2021** - Kathie Methven and Amanda Sheff

Duckfest Derby - **March 6, 2021** - Amy Evans - Agency

Cooking with KID - **June, 2021** - Amy Evans - Agency

Volunteer for the Auxiliary!!! - Irene Carraway & Yarilynn Burke

Surf our website - www.kidaux.org - Julie Dowd & Lori Segaul

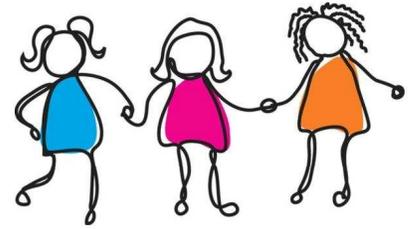
Read your newsletter - Denise Gidman and Debbie Lewis

Membership Communications - Check your email - Donna Goodner





Membership



Welcome Back!

Here we are ready to kick-off another wonderful year together in the **Kids In Distress Auxiliary**. At this time, more than ever, let's stick together, stay on course and continue the excellent work of supporting KID. With a little ingenuity and flexibility we can have another exciting and successful year.

We are looking forward to the leadership of our President, Sandy Nori. She will bring renewed energy and fresh ideas to the agenda this year. Sandy is surrounded by a team of amazing women ready to lead us through this challenging time. Please get involved in the innovative fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

NOW is the time to renew your membership for 2020-21. Renew and make payment online at: www.kidaux.org. While you are there take a few minutes to navigate our improved website. Thank you Lori Segaul, it looks fantastic! If you would rather renew by mail, the printable form is on the next page. Our directory deadline comes up fast, so please renew TODAY.



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 twice per week
- ❖ KHK Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ❖ Halloween Costume Drive
- ❖ Adopt-A Family Holiday Gift Collection
- ❖ KID Respite SW Ranches Holiday Breakfast
- ❖ 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, anytime.

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

Jan Tonyan, ptonyan@bellsouth.net, 954-292-6113

Sumitra Marcano, rsmarcano@aol.com, 954-665-7971

Membership Chairs



Kids in Distress Auxiliary

2020-2021 Annual Membership Form

Please make checks payable to KID Auxiliary, Inc. and MAIL with this application to:
Kids in Distress Auxiliary, 304 Indian Trace, #515, Weston, FL 33326

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU CAN PAY ONLINE AT www.kidaux.org

For more information, please contact Membership Co-Chairs Jan Tonyan, 954-292-6113 or Sumitra Marcano, 954-665-7971

Membership Dues:

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

Today's Date: _____

Form of Payment: _____

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 _____

Are you on Facebook? _____ If yes, what is your profile name? _____

Member Since _____ or New Member Referred By _____

Birthday (month/day) _____

HOW CAN YOU STAY INVOLVED? PLEASE CHECK ANYTHING THAT INTERESTS YOU!

_____ **Event Volunteer:** _____ Any event; _____ Hero 5K; _____ Bingo; _____ End of Year Luncheon
_____ Agency Events (Ducks, Elevate, Santa Spectacular, etc.)

_____ **Sponsorship:** I have a business contact that could be a potential KID Auxiliary Sponsor.

_____ **Respite Program:** Provide scheduled childcare for KID Agency on-site foster families.

_____ **Special Activities:** Participate in educational & fun activities at the KID Preschool, monthly.

_____ **Kids Helping Kids:** I have a middle or high school aged child who may be interested in our program.

_____ **Hospitality** - I am able to Host a Board or General Meeting in my home.

I am able to provide food or beverages for a Board or General Meeting.

_____ I would like to be a New Member "Buddy".

_____ **Administrative Support:** Help with mailings, printing, word processing, graphics.

I am able to make phone calls to members when needed.

I would like to take photos at various events.

The Kids in Distress Auxiliary is a "green" organization. Most communications are via email.

Our website, www.kidaux.org, is up-to-date with the latest information on calendar changes, fundraisers and activities.



KHK



In our first meeting of the year, we talked about the basis of Kids In Distress and what it's really all about. They had first talked about the actual organization itself and the many fun activities that we do throughout the school year. Personally, I have really enjoyed being in Kids In Distress and have had a lot of fun doing amazing activities that get to benefit the kids. Also at this first meeting, we got to see a bunch of new faces of people that may be interested in joining, which is great because more people equals more help towards the kids. I can't wait for this year in Kids In Distress. - **Sophie Egert**, Board member of KHK, co-secretary

Since our first meeting or KHK students have been hard at work! Many of the kids stepped up and volunteered to help out with various projects. We have **Gabe**, **Danny** and **Shayna**, who are starting virtual homework help with the SouthWest Ranches homes, We have **Matthew** and **Moises** helping to bring food for homes at both campuses, **Zach**, **Lexton**, **Ryan Van Smith**, **Tyler** and **Spencer** will be providing respite for **Ms. Denise's** home. They will bring art, games, nail painting and dinner for the family. **Amy** at the agency had a ZOOM conference call with **Nicole**, **Peyton** and **Barbra**, who will be helping with social media, specifically creating a presence on Tik Tok. **Catalina** has updated our flyers for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, **Daria** has created a video on how to make collection boxes at home since we cannot do them together at meetings, **Grace** and **Kate** also helped with social media by creating a message for KHK on Facebook, **Hannah** and **Sophie** contributed to our newsletter, and finally we have **Felipe**, who helped put together a completed Thanksgiving bag for our next meeting to help new members visualize our end goal.

Our next meeting is September 13th on ZOOM and we will focus on our Thanksgiving Food Drive. This is our BIG contribution for the year to help the agency provide a complete Thanksgiving meal to those most in need. More information will go out to the auxiliary, so be on the lookout, we need your help! -

Sandi Hertzbach and Lissette Wolf, KHK Chairwomen

Here is our calendar for the rest of the year:

KHK Calendar 2020-2021



**September
Sunday 13th**

KHK Meeting #2– 4:00 pm – zoom

**October
Throughout
month**

**Put out collection boxes
Focus on collecting as many premade bags**

**November
Sunday 1st
Sunday 7,8,14,15**

**KHK Meeting #3– 4:00 pm -zoom
KHK Thanksgiving Food Drive – 1:30-6pm – St.
Paul’s Weston**

**December
Saturday 19th
breakfast- TBD**

KID respite- once each quarter-SW home- holiday

**January
Sunday 17th
Saturday 30th**

**KHK Meeting #4 – 4:00 pm
KID Auxiliary Hero 5K Event– Vista View Park- TBD**

**February
Sunday 14th**

KHK Meeting #5 – 4:00 pm

March

Promote DuckFest over the month

**April
Saturday 10th**

**KID Respite Day/ Meeting #6 – 10:00 am – KID,
Wilton Manors- TBD**

**May
Sunday 9th
(or 17th)**

**KHK End of Year Celebration
Meeting Location TBD**



***Need Volunteers to Provide & Deliver Dinner to
KID Foster Homes at KID Agency***



During these unusual times, the Foster Parents' responsibilities have increased as they now have to help the children with virtual learning and so much more. To give them a little relief, we would like to provide them with dinner twice a week.

We are looking for at least **40 volunteers** to help. If we get these volunteers, the commitment would be no more than once a month.

Please email Irene Carraway at ghcarraway@aol.com or text at 954-881-4582.

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated especially by the children that we serve

Respite

The Respite committee along with the other Children's Services committees and KHK are in communication with the agency to set up volunteers for virtual tutoring or homework help for the foster families. Most likely it would be one on one where a volunteer would be paired with a specific child to have more continuity and connection. The plans are still being worked out, but it would be very helpful to know how many volunteers we may have. If you think you might be interested in helping with this please email or text your name and contact information to Vivian Carsello (954-554-5445 or vtc0538@gmail.com).

More details will be forwarded soon!

Thank you!

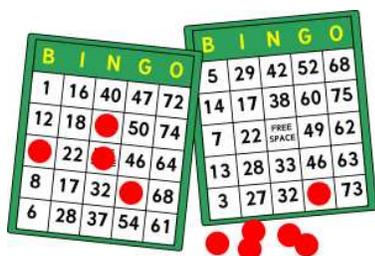


Budget Bingo / Benefit Bingo / Bizarre Bingo

KID still has budget to benefit the children in these bizarre times



**We're hoping to have Bingo in 2021
Our fundraiser that is always so much fun.
KID needs the money more than ever now
Let's think of a way to make it happen, but how?
Be part of a committee to re-imagine this event, ok
Call or email me if you want to help; so we can play.
Look for details and please support what we do
Be a player, a sponsor, or a donor, it's up to you!**



**Linda Petersen
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The Butterfly Effect

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KID is 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!

KID SPOTLIGHT



Share Your Time, Talent, & Treasure

Since the onset of COVID-19 many of our incredible supporters, donors, and friends have reached out wanting to know how they can help KID. Although our campus is not open for volunteers there are still many ways you can partner with KID during this time.

Share your time. When you are looking through KID's social media, share one of our posts or create a post about KID and our mission to share with your friends! When you are at the grocery store or out running errands be an advocate for children and look for any signs of neglect or abuse.

Share your talent. Now is the time to embrace and use your talents. Take what you love and turn it into a virtual party with purpose! Cook, sing, paint, work out, read — utilize these talents to spread good!

Share your treasure. If you are in a position to give, now is the time. While onsite donations are limited at this time, drives for school supplies, much needed necessities, and birthday fundraisers are also great options to give back!

Together, we will get through this. Together, we will grow stronger. Together, we will make what seems impossible, KIDpossible.

KID COMMUNITY

On Friday, July 17, KID Summer Camp held a Unity Lantern Ceremony to shine some light and love into the world during these difficult times especially in regard to hate and discrimination issues.

The campers made 8 different lanterns to launch into the sky with the words: Peace, Love, Unity, Equality, Justice, Liberty, Respect, and Dignity. Several children chose to present their thoughts and wishes for the world as the lanterns were set free. The main script shared how the children feel.

"We live in a world that is hurting now. All of us at Camp KID want to take a moment to help everyone heal. We do not want a world that embraces hate and discrimination. We dream of a world that is filled with peace and unity. As we launch these 8 lanterns, we reflect on the words that are written on them and pray that all humanity will embrace them and work together at healing our world."

This ceremony was an incredible way for our children to process and share their feelings. In moments like this, it is imperative for us to lean in and listen to the children. They are our future leaders. They need to feel heard, understood, and supported.

There are moments in life when the child becomes the teacher. We believe you can learn a lot from a child. The genuine love, respect, and concern they have for one another is powerful. The power of their love for others combined with their passion for justice and equality will change our world for the better.



Unity Lantern Ceremony: Heal The World

KID AROUND CAMPUS



Ms. Anita— A True Blessing

Those who know Ms. Anita know that her job is more than just work to her. It is her calling. Her life's work is overflowing with incredible relationships, family, and a lot of love.

Ms. Anita began her journey on KID's Kinship team over 10 years ago as an intern. Originally from Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Anita decided to go back to school later in life and completed both her undergraduate and masters in Social Work and Criminal Justice once in the States.

Ms. Anita was drawn to Kinship because she connects on a personal level. *"I relate to the clients and caregivers because I am one of them. I take care of my grandchildren and I understand what is like to be in their shoes. When someone enters the Kinship program, I don't look down on them. Their stories are just stories. I am here to help them."*

Ms. Anita is known for her amazing relational skills. She loves meeting people in their time of need, offering compassion and a listening ear, and equipping them with the tools they need to achieve success. Knowing that her work is making a difference in people's lives is what drives her.

For Ms. Anita, the relationships continue long after the work is done and the cases have been closed, and that in and of itself is truly a blessing to all of those who know her. A great joy for her is keeping in touch with all of the families, watching the children grow over time, and always being there to lend a helping hand. Once a KID Kinship family...always a KID Kinship family!

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Welcome

To Our Newest Members

Ellen Barnett Iuliia(Yuliana) Demydenko
Francess Gonzalez Jody Horwitz Jiane Kerkoff
Alba Cecilia Ruiz Robin Slatkin

And Happy Birthday to our Members!

September

- 2nd Van Smith, Sandy
- 4th Tonyan, Jan
- 5th Wilson, Alice
- 5th Schmidt, Jane
- 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 you birthday on the list, please email Jan Tonyan, ptonyan@bellsouth.net



Check out our new Website

WWW.KIDAUX.ORG



SAVE THE DATE

January 30, 2021 at Vista View Park



For more information about the Kids In Distress Auxiliary and upcoming events, go to our website 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 Sumita Marcano at rsmarcano@aol.com or Jan Tonyan at ptonyan@bellsouth.net.



Auxiliary

c/o Denise Gidman
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