



Educates children, strengthens family and builds community

Kingsley House eNewsletter

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Preschool kicks off new year

On September 9, the Kingsley House Head Start and Early Head Start preschool opened its doors for the 2008-2009 school year. Young boys and girls trickled through the gates, eager to get back to school after a weeklong delay due to Hurricane Gustav.

However, youngsters were not the only ones springing into action. Their parents participated in the first round of introductory meetings with faculty and staff to plan and prepare the groundwork for their children's educational success.

This year, as in recent years, the Head Start and Early Head Start programs are operating at a full enrollment capacity with 192 children and our waiting list now exceeds 900 children.



Head Start and Early Head Start preschool children returned for the new school year on September 9, 2008.

Back to school for After-School program

The Kingsley House After-School program at Ben Franklin Elementary resumed this month. The program, which began in spring 2008, is the first Kingsley House program of its kind to provide on-site tutoring and homework assistance at a school. Staff members also facilitate recreational activities for the children each day.

One hundred children are currently enrolled in the After-School program, which runs Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

Gustav Update:

We are pleased to announce that Kingsley House did not sustain any damages from Hurricane Gustav and was able to resume services at all of our locations on September 9.

Visit our website at www.kingsleyhouse.org

Kingsley House helps expedite Hurricane Gustav evacuation

More than 125 senior citizens and medically fragile individuals passed through the Kingsley House staging point as they evacuated the city.

Kingsley House served as a City Assisted Evacuation staging point for senior citizens and medically impaired adults. Seven Kingsley House staff members volunteered to help evacuees evade the path of Gustav by guiding them to the proper points of transportation.

Passengers began arriving at the gymnasium early Saturday morning, August 30, where they boarded buses bound for Central Station, the point of embarkation for all New Orleans residents. Approximately 125 seniors and medically fragile individuals were staged through Kingsley House and eventually made it safely to various destinations in northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

About Kingsley House

Kingsley House, nationally accredited and renowned as the oldest Settlement House in the South, has served more than half a million people since it was founded in 1896. Today, we serve over 8,000 people per year in a wide variety of capacity building programs. We continue to devote all of our energies and resources to our mission of **"educating children, strengthening families, and building community"** as we work towards the successful recovery and rebuilding of our city, state and region.

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