

Kingsley House eNewsletter

November 2008

Fall in full swing at Kingsley House

October was a busy month at Kingsley House and culminated in a trio of events on Halloween. From simultaneously hosting events for preschool students, adult and senior participants, and regional legislators, the campus was bustling.

October 31st marked the annual Legislative Luncheon in which 20 regional and national government elected officials from Southeast Louisiana participated along with 14 Kingsley House Board Members. The legislators learned about how each of our programs positively impact individuals and families throughout the region by viewing colorful displays in the gymnasium. Executive Director Keith Liederman, Ph.D., Board President Margi Sunkel and Jeanna and Darryl Barrett, current board member and parents of current Kingsley House alums, thanked the representatives for their support and reinforced the importance of our programs in the recovery and healing of our region.

Outside the gym, Head Start and Early Head Start preschoolers celebrated the change of season at their annual Fall Festival. Many of the children donned Halloween costumes and enjoyed games in a carnival-like atmosphere in the expansive courtyard area.

Not to be left out, Adult Services participants were in the mood to celebrate. Many dressed in their costumes as they enjoyed the festivities and danced to the classic R&B sounds spinning by the DJ.

In all, it was a day full of fun entertaining activities enjoyed by all in attendance.



Law makers from the New Orleans area visited Kingsley House on October 31, 2008 for the Legislative Luncheon, where they learned about our work throughout Southeast Louisiana. Senator Julie Quinn, Senator Cheryl Gray and Speaker of the House Rep. Jim Tucker were greeted by Head Start students, pictured above.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Holiday Food Drive

The Kingsley House Health Care For All program is coordinating a holiday food drive to benefit families involved in our programs. We are accepting non-perishable food donations in the Kingsley House lobby on November 12-13 from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Krewe of Muses Holiday Bazaar

The Krewe of Muses is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar at Kingsley House on November 20. Admission is \$20 and the event is open to the public. Entry proceeds will go to Kingsley House. For more information or if you are an interested vendor, please visit www.kreweofmuses.org

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Photo: Legislative Luncheon 2008 attendees (in alphabetic order): Kingsley House Government Consultant Arwin Bascle, Asst. Director for the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Ron Blereau, Talisha Brimmer, Stella Coleman, Sen. Cheryl Gray, Rep. Cameron Henry, Rep. Walker Hines, Jill Hickson from City Councilmember Arnie Fielkow's office, Sen. Eric LaFleur, New Orleans Public School Board Member Phyllis Landrieu, Rep. Walt Leger III, Patricia Lewis, Sen. Daniel Martiny, Louerdes Moran, Sen. Edwin Murray, Sen. Julie Quinn, New Orleans Public School Board President Torin Sanders, Ruby Smith, Claire Stockton from Rep. Neil Abramson's office, Rep. Jim Tucker, Shannon Yarbrough from U.S. Sen. Vitter's office.

In addition to legislators, Kingsley House Board Members were also in attendance: Darrell Barrett, Sheldon F. "Skip" Brechtel, Richard J. "Dickie" Brennan Jr., Melanie Bronfin, Sheila Burns, Rebecca Conwell, Kit Fritchie, Jacqueline Kennedy, Jeannette Magnus, Margaret Richard, Frank Stansbury Jr., Margaret "Margi" Sunkel, and Roderic Teamer. Kingsley House was also represented by program and administrative staff, and participants from our Adult Services and Head Start programs.

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 annually 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, rebuilding and healing of our city, state and region.

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