



Educates children, strengthens families and builds community

Kingsley House eNewsletter

February 2009

Adult Services celebrates eventful January

While the weather may have been cold and blustery during January, Senior Center participants brought a little warmth and a lot of life to the winter season. Between the momentous inauguration of President Barack Obama and a special live musical performance by Kid Simmons later in the week, the Senior Center was buzzing with activity.

On January 20, participants gathered alongside staff in the Senior Center auditorium to watch the historic inauguration ceremony on the big screen television. The gathering of nearly 100 viewers watched the events unfold with spirited anticipation, beginning with the oath, inaugural speech and ending with the parade.

A live performance by local jazz man John "Kid" Simmons & his Local International All Stars band on Friday, January 23 capped off the week on another high note. Adult Services participants soaked in the traditional New Orleans style jazz music from the seven piece band during a special hour-long performance, which was made possible through the New Orleans Musician's Clinic.



Hail to the Chief: Kingsley House Adult Services program hosted a viewing party for the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony on January 20, 2009. Approximately 100 participants, staff and several board members were in attendance to witness the historic event.

Rec basketball league to wrap up first season

The Kingsley House Teen Program Basketball Team is in the midst of winding down the inaugural season of the Peace Players International recreation league. Our new league is organized by Peace Players International, who began a wonderful partnership with Kingsley House last fall to host weekly instructional clinics and a 3-on-3 tournament.

Peace Players International aims to use the game of basketball to unite and educate children and their communities throughout the world, and has programs in North Ireland, South Africa and the Middle East. This is their first season in New Orleans, where Kingsley House has helped to provide a venue and support for the clinics and league games.

The league consists of 5 teams from around the city, including teams from UNO Early College Prep High School, Heritage Academy, New Orleans Science and Mathematics High School, and Algiers Tech Charter School. The Kingsley House team features players from the Kingsley House Teen Program and Life of Christ Christian Academy.



The season concludes Thursday, February 5th with Kingsley House/Life of Christ squaring off against the Heritage Academy at 6:00pm in the Kingsley House gym. We are grateful to Peace Players International for helping our youth develop and enhance their leadership skills and teamwork abilities.

Announcements & Events

Mardi Gras Parade

The Head Start and Early Head Start Mardi Gras Parade will be held on **Friday, February 20** beginning at 10:00am. The parade will begin in front of the Kingsley House entrance on Constance Street and will feature the Xavier Prep Marching Band. The event is free and open to the public.

Holiday Closures

Kingsley House will be closed **Monday, February 23** for Lundi Gras and **Tuesday, February 24** for Mardi Gras.

United Way Fair Share Winner

We are proud to announce that the winner of the Kingsley House/United Way "Fair Share" drawing is Michelle Steib-Dennis, Program Secretary at the Kingsley House Family Resource Center in LaPlace. Michelle was one of 24 Kingsley House staff members who contributed

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Summer Camp 2009: Dates confirmed

The 2009 Kingsley House Summer Camp will run from June 8th to July 31st. The eight week-long full day camp is open to youth between ages 5 to 12 and operates at the Kingsley House Main Campus in the Lower Garden District.

Registration packets will be available beginning at **8:00am on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in the Kingsley House Lobby**. Our Youth Services staff will have a table set up for parents/guardians to sign in and pick up registration packets. There will be a limited number of packets available and they will be given out on a **first come, first served basis**.

There will be a mandatory parent/guardian orientation for those who have picked up packets on **Saturday, March 21, 2009 @ 10am in the Kingsley House gymnasium**. Detailed instructions will be attached to the registration packets.

Family Resource Center in LaPlace. Michelle was one of 24 Kingsley House staff members who contributed her "fair share," a calculated amount based on individuals' annual income, to the United Way Campaign. Thanks to Michelle and everybody who participated in this year's highly successful campaign.

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