

Kingsley House

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Educating children, strengthening families, building community

e-Newsletter

April/May 2007

Kingsley House, Inc.

April was a pleasantly busy month for Kingsley House, and we're hopeful that May will be the same. Participants completed essential programs to help strengthen their families, the dedicated staff at Kingsley House worked tirelessly to meet the community's needs, and the 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans took place in Westwego, La.

Kingsley House would like to extend a special thanks to the Fore!Kids Foundation and all sponsoring partners of the Classic, as well as all of our Kingsley House family.

Summer Camp 2007



Adella, Adella the Story Teller performed for participants during Summer Camp 2006.

Kingsley House is gearing up for two summer camps this year. The historic full-day summer camp that takes place at the agency's New Orleans location begins on Monday, June 11 and runs until Friday, August 3. The Family Resource Center in LaPlace will have its very first summer camp, which will take place at Lake Pontchartrain Elementary beginning late May.

During camp, youth ages 5-12 enjoy indoor and outdoor recreational activities, weekly field trips, group counseling, academic enrichment and a host of other stimulating social, academic and recreational activities.

Family Resource Center Schedules next S.T.E.P. Course for May

The Family Resource Center (FRC) in LaPlace successfully completed another 8-week Systematic Training for Effective Parenting course on April 24. Lakaisha Richard, MSW, facilitated the group, which focused on parenting skills such as stress management, discipline, and helping kids cooperate in the home. The next course will begin on May 15. Individuals wanting to learn more about S.T.E.P. can call LaKaisha at (985) 651-7367.

NOPS Reading Coach Speaks to Kingsley House Parents



Judith Jastal, Reading Coach for New Orleans Public Schools, shared reading tips with parents at this month's Parents' Meeting. Judith stressed the importance of reading to kids, and said that it's important for parents to "reinforce" what their kids already know. She suggested parents build a library of children's books, keep magazines and newspapers available for kids to browse, and allow kids to journal and read in bed.

Walkers/Talkers Participate in LaChip and Medicaid Blitz



The Walkers/Talkers of Kingsley House's Health Care For All (HCFA) program joined forces with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and other outreach groups during a week long LaChip and Medicaid outreach. The groups were mobile in all areas of New Orleans: Algiers, Uptown, Central City, New Orleans East, Mid-City, 7th Ward, 8th Ward, 9th Ward and St. Bernard. They checked LaChip and Medicaid status, renewed coverage, conducted enrollment and updated info for children and seniors.

Preschool Spring Fashion Show



From plaid shorts to spring dresses, preschool students dazzled family and friends during their Spring Fashion Show on April 27.

Help Kingsley House Earn Burger King Donation

Have it Your Way And Help Our Community. Participate in a campaign created by local Burger King Restaurants, and boost Kingsley House's chance of sharing in a \$100,000 donation. Visit www.CampaignForYourCause.com and vote once a day now through May 15. Be sure to name **Kingsley House** as your organization. After May 15, the top 10 organizations with the most votes will continue on to a second round of voting through June 5, at which time the 1st place winner will receive \$50,000. The remaining \$50,000 will be divided amongst the remaining top ten organizations.

Donate online at www.kingsleyhouse.org



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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