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Kingsley House celebrates 113 years of serving New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, May 18, 2009—Kingsley House celebrated 113 years as a leader in the field of social and human services during its annual meeting and awards ceremony. Marie Brown-Mercadel, Chief of Staff in the Department of Social Services' Office of the Secretary, and Brent Villemarette, Deputy Secretary in the Office of Community Services, delivered keynote addresses. The Krewe of Muses were presented with Kingsley House's most prestigious honor, the Beverley Warner Award, for their outstanding contributions to the work of the agency and for their many year round charitable endeavors throughout New Orleans.

"The event was a wonderful opportunity to highlight Kingsley House's accomplishments over the past year and share the many ways we have enriched thousands of lives throughout the greater New Orleans community," said Dr. Keith Liederman, Executive Director of Kingsley House. "We were also pleased to honor several staff and board members for their hard work and dedication, as well as community leaders such as Toni Collins from Celebration Church Outreach Ministries and the Krewe of Muses, for their outstanding contributions to Kingsley House and to the communities we serve."

The following awards were presented:

The McMinn Award: Geraldine Nunnery, Volunteer, Kingsley House Kitchen Staff

The Eleanor McMinn and Bonita Godchaux Book Award: Lola Allen, Kingsley House Receptionist

The McMinn Citizenship Award: Toni Collins, Director of Missions for Celebration Church Outreach Ministries

The Stern Award: Kit Fritchie, Member, Kingsley House Board of Directors

The Libby Milton Champion for Children Award: Melanie Bronfin, Public Policy Analyst for the Tulane University Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and Kingsley House Board Member

The Beverly Warner Award: Krewe of Muses

About Kingsley House

Kingsley House, nationally 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 nearly 7,000 people annually throughout Southeast Louisiana in a wide variety of nationally accredited and state certified capacity building programs. We continue to devote all of our energies and resources to our mission— "**Kingsley House educates children, strengthens families, and builds community**"—as we work toward the successful recovery, rebuilding and healing of our city, state and region.

Kingsley House is a United Way Community Impact Partner

