

Kingsley House eNewsletter

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Mardi Gras 2009: Let the Good Times Roll

Mardi Gras has always been a special time in New Orleans dating back to the 19th century. This year was no different and participants at Kingsley House were ready to celebrate in full force. Our Adult Services program kicked off the Kingsley House Carnival festivities with their annual Mardi Gras Ball, where the Krewe of Ka Royal Court and this year's King and Queen, Mr. Morgan and Ms. Lewis (right, above), reigned supreme. Following a toast from Executive Director Keith Liederman, the Joe Geleni Band inspired the audience to get up and dance.



Not to be outdone, the Early Head Start and Head Start children donned their costumes and hit the streets on Friday, February 20 for the **Krewe of Kingsley** Mardi Gras Parade, with Adult Services in tow. The children were accompanied by family members and the Xavier University Prep High School Marching Band as they proceeded around Annunciation Square to St. Michael's Special School, where they provided beads and throws to the gleeful open arms of the St. Michael students. After the final stretch of parading down Magazine Street, everybody gathered in the Kingsley House courtyard for a special encore performance by the Xavier U. Prep band.



[Click here](http://www.kingsleyhouse.org/press_center/videos/mardi_gras_parade09.html) to watch video footage of the Krewe of Kingsley Mardi Gras Parade, or cut and paste the following URL into your browser:

http://www.kingsleyhouse.org/press_center/videos/mardi_gras_parade09.html

New Kingsley House website is launched

We are pleased to announce the unveiling of the new and improved Kingsley House website, which is now available at www.kingsleyhouse.org

The new site includes expansive information about Kingsley House and all of our programs, high quality color photos, and multimedia pages with video footage of special events. We now also have employment listings on the website to provide information for job seekers.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration packets for the 2009 Kingsley House Summer Camp will be available from **8:00am to 5:00pm 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**. The camp will run from June 8th to July 31st.

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Educates children, strengthens families and builds community

Spotlight from the Board Room: Kit Fritchie

We are beginning a new series for our newsletter in which we will highlight the work of Kingsley House Board Members. For our first installment, we will take a look at **Board Member Kit Fritchie**.

Kit Fritchie has been faithfully serving on the Kingsley House Board of Directors since the summer of 2005. She has been instrumental in helping Kingsley House fulfill its mission, particularly with fundraising efforts, and serves as the Chair of the Board Development Committee. Kit also dedicates time to volunteering at Kingsley House on various projects, including direct mail campaigns and maintenance of the donor database.

A native of New Orleans, Kit graduated from the University of Texas with a BA in History and went on to study law at Tulane University, where she completed her JD in 1984. She practiced law for several years before taking a job in the Development Department at the Louise S. McGehee School, where she worked for 8 years and served as President of the Parents' League.

Kit is a Kingsley House legacy. Her late father, William Baker, Jr., served as the Kingsley House Board President from 1970 to 1972 and during her time with Kingsley House, Kit has also found the work rewarding. She says "Kingsley House is an organization that is truly committed to improving the community. It has been a prominent fixture in the community for such a long time and you can see tangible results on a day-to-day basis."

As Kingsley House and other nonprofit organizations face challenges in the current economic climate, she believes "it is a crucial time to support organizations like Kingsley House. Every dollar raised goes a long way to helping people that are truly in need."

Kit is married to attorney Gus Fritchie and has 3 children – Alec, 23, Gretchen, 20, and daughter Kendall, 17.

New and easy way to donate to Kingsley House

It is now easier than ever to donate money to Kingsley House. Best of all, it's free!

Here's a new and easy way to raise money for Kingsley House. Just start using Yahoo! powered **GoodSearch.com** as your search engine and they'll donate a penny to Kingsley House every time you do a search! In addition, do all of your shopping through their online shopping mall, GoodShop.com, where you can shop at more than 900 top online retailers and a percentage of your purchases will go to Kingsley House. You pay the same price as you normally would, but a donation goes to help us continue to educate children, strengthen families and build community!

Here's the web site — <http://www.goodsearch.com>. You can also add GoodSearch to your Internet Explorer, Firefox or Mac toolbar, or even set your homepage to GoodSearch. You can also read about GoodSearch in the NY Times, Oprah Magazine, CNN, ABC News and the Wall Street Journal.

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.

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