

Kingsley House eNewsletter

June 2009

Kingsley House celebrates 113 years of serving New Orleans

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 McMaim Award:** Geraldine Nunnery, Volunteer, Kingsley House Kitchen Staff
- **The Eleanor McMaim and Bonita Godchaux Book Award:** Lola Allen, Kingsley House Receptionist
- **The McMaim 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



Krewe member Rocky Deckert accepts the Beverley Warner Award on behalf of the Krewe of Muses at the 113th Annual Meeting from Rev. Henry Hudson, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church and Kingsley House Board Member. The Muses donated proceeds from their holiday bazaar, held in November 2008, to Kingsley House for a total of more than \$16,000.

Springtime splendor in the courtyard

On May 18, Adult Services participants took advantage of fabulous weather by breaking out horseshoes and the croquet set in the courtyard.





Educates children, strengthens families and builds community

Kellogg Foundation awards \$200,000 grant to expand health care and counseling programs

Kingsley House is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$200,000 grant by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to improve access to health and mental health services to vulnerable families and children in New Orleans. The grant will expand the reach of current Kingsley House programs and provide health insurance enrollment assistance, mental health therapy and counseling to children, families and individuals in areas that lack these critical services.

The Kingsley House Health Care For All outreach program has been operating for 10 years. "Walker/Talker" staff members walk door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout the city and region to educate and inform residents of available Medicaid and Food Stamp benefits, assess eligibility and complete enrollment. The program also links individuals and families, as needed, to mental health counseling provided by Kingsley House. The Kellogg Foundation grant project, which will run from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, will help Kingsley House reach out to children and families in even more communities and help improve their overall health with increased access to preventive care and treatment.

"We are excited about this grant from the Kellogg Foundation. It will allow us to expand our outreach efforts to areas that really need these services and bolster the recovery of these communities," says Dr. Keith Liederman, Executive Director of Kingsley House.

Annual Fundraising Campaign enters final month

Campaign ends June 30

As we enter the final stretch of our fiscal year, we need your help in reaching our Annual Fund goal. To date we have raised 80% of the \$250,000 goal. Kingsley House needs your help more than ever to maintain the high quality of nationally accredited and state certified programs and services we provide.

A New York based foundation will match 2:1 every "new" dollar raised. We need your help to need help to meet this challenge. Please donate online by clicking the link below or mail your contribution in today.

Your gift is an investment in the recovery of our community and your generosity enables us to continue serving as a sage haven and beacon of hope for countless children and families.

Thank you for your support!



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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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