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# Kingsley House eNewsletter

November 2009

## Public Officials Luncheon and Open House



Sheldon F. "Skip" Brechtel, Dr. Keith Liederman, and Willie "Michael" Wilson

Kingsley House hosted a Public Officials Open House and Luncheon on October 30th. More than 40 public officials and community leaders attended. Lunch was provided courtesy of Dickie Brennan and Company.

Guests enjoyed remarks from Kingsley House Board Members and Kingsley House Alumni Willie "Michael" Wilson and Sheldon F. "Skip" Brechtel. Both talked about how their childhood memories at Kingsley House shaped them into the individuals they are today. Each of the Kingsley House programs displayed information to show the many ways Kingsley House is making a difference in Southeast Louisiana.



Michael Williamson, Todd Battiste and Mary Ambrose, United Way Greater New Orleans

"Kingsley House was pleased to welcome our local, statewide and national elected and appointed officials and other major agency supporters to our annual Public Officials Open House," said Kingsley House Executive Director Keith Liederman. "The steadfast support of these key stakeholders is largely responsible for the many vital contributions that Kingsley House has made, and continues to make, toward the recovery, rebuilding and healing of our region. We applaud their tireless efforts to improve the well-being of our community's most vulnerable children and families and are grateful for their strong and productive partnership with Kingsley House."



Sheila Burns, Senator Edwin Murray and Margaret Montgomery-Richard

## Night at the Children's Museum



Kingsley House, in collaboration with the New Orleans Children's Museum, hosted a Family Fest on Friday November 6th for Kingsley House participants, staff and families. More than 300 parents, children and friends attended. In addition to exploring and enjoying the amazing museum activities, families were treated to a meal provided by Ms. Hyster's Barbecue. A fun time was had by all.

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# Spotlight Youth and Teens



Teacher Open House 2009

## Head Start and Early Head Start Activities

Head Start and Early Head Start hosted a Teacher Open House on October 7th. Parents were acclimated to the regulatory procedures of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. After a brief reception and door prizes in the Adult Services Auditorium, parents were allowed to visit their children's classroom. The teachers prepared engaging activities for the parents while briefing them on the daily routine of the children. The programs also hosted Grandparents Day on October 29th. It was a chance for grandparents to visit Kingsley House and spend time with their beloved grandchildren.

## Grandparents Day 2009



## Youth Services

It has been a busy October and November for Youth Services. Between carving pumpkins, Halloween parties and canoeing on the bayou, our teens have been learning the importance of team work and friendship.



## Harlem Children's Zone Conference

Executive Director Keith Liederman attended the 2009 Harlem Children's Zone Conference on November 9th and 10th. More than 1,000 community leaders

attended. The conference focused on the Harlem Children Zone model and its effectiveness in helping strengthen impoverished communities.



Dr. Keith Liederman and Cory Booker, Newark New Jersey Mayor

Dr. Keith Liederman, Geoffrey Canada, Executive Director Harlem Children's Zone, and Luanne Panacek, Executive Director Children's Board of Hillsborough County Florida



## 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 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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