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Kingsley House Health Care For All program celebrates 10 years of service

Community outreach has helped thousands apply for health care insurance and food stamps over past decade

NEW ORLEANS, La. (March 20, 2009) – The Kingsley House Health Care For All program celebrated its 10 year anniversary, commemorating their commitment to helping children and families throughout Southeast Louisiana apply for health insurance coverage and nutritional assistance. The program, noted for their highly effective community outreach efforts, has educated and helped to enroll over 10,000 individuals and families in Medicaid, Louisiana Children’s Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) and Food Stamp assistance since 1999.

What makes the program successful is its “walker/talker” community outreach methodology. Community residents who are trained and certified in public assistance enrollment go door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout the greater New Orleans area to educate and help families apply for assistance.

“That’s what our Walkers and Talkers do everyday. They reach out to struggling communities, find out what they need, and provide them with services to improve their lives, neighbor-to-neighbor,” remarked Keith Liederman, Executive Director of Kingsley House, during the anniversary event.

Health Care For All is also a nationally recognized model for effective partnerships between community residents, local and state public agencies, private foundations and community-based organizations. This successful partnership has greatly enhanced the program’s reach over the past several years.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the program has grown from being centralized in New Orleans and now serves 9 parishes throughout Southeast Louisiana. In addition to helping meet their health and nutritional needs, Health Care For All helps individuals and families replace vital documents and links them to needed mental health counseling services provided by Kingsley House.

For more information, visit www.kingsleyhouse.org

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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