



Educates children, strengthens families and builds community

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### **Kingsley House receives \$200,000 grant to expand health care and counseling programs**

**NEW ORLEANS, La. (May 20, 2009)** – Kingsley House, a United Way Community Impact Partner, 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.

#### **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***

#### **About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation**

*The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The organization supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.*