



2009 Annual Report

History & Mission

Established in November 2008, the Delaware KIDS (Kids In Distressed Situations) Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing goods and services to Delaware's children who are "at risk" or are currently facing distressed circumstances.

The mission of the Delaware KIDS Fund encompasses the following types of support services for Delaware youth, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Financial support for essential needs, such as clothing, shelter, and food;
- Financial support for counseling and/or mentoring abused, neglected, grief-stricken, or disease-afflicted children;
- Scholarships, fellowships, and educational grants for students in grades K-12, including support for special needs and learning-challenged students.

2009 Highlights

The economic challenges of 2009 – which still persist into 2010 – resulted in a chronic need for expanded food assistance for children and families throughout Delaware. Food banks and other delivery networks throughout the State reported record demand and inadequate supply for food support. Accordingly, in the spirit of first priorities, the Delaware KIDS Fund focused most of its efforts in 2009 to expand food assistance for Delaware children and families during this period of economic contraction and increased societal need. No child of any age can flourish and grow without adequate nutrition.

Our food security objectives in 2009 were as follows:

- Bring attention to this escalating food security crisis;

- Identify responsible and accountable channels of support;
- Target gifts from the Delaware KIDS Fund to worthy food security organizations throughout the State; and
- Assemble financial resources to continue our efforts, including the 2009-10 KIDS Fund annual appeal.

Consistent with these objectives, our 2009 activity included disbursements to the following organizations to help protect at-risk youth:

- \$1,000 - Bridge of Hope Food Bank – Wilmington, DE
- \$1,000 - Crisis Bed Shelter – Lewes, DE
- \$3,000 – Our Lady of Grace Orphanage – Newark, DE
- \$1,000 – Cape Henlopen Food Basket – Rehoboth Beach/Lewes, DE
- \$1,000 – Delaware Food Bank – serves the entire First State

Additional detail relative to each of these gifts can be found at The Delaware KIDS Fund website, www.dekidsfund.org or <http://www.facebook.com/DEKIDSFund>.

Benefactor and Investment Report

Since its inception in November 19, 2008, through January 31, 2010, the Delaware KIDS Fund raised \$36,225 in contributions, drawn from 98 business and individual benefactors. The largest gift was \$3,000 and the average gift from all donors was \$370. As noted previously, total disbursements during this period were \$7,000.

The Delaware KIDS Fund also raised an additional \$3,408 at a special holiday events held at the James Street Tavern in Newport in December 2008 and December 2009. More than 400 persons attended these special events to help focus interest on food security for Delaware families. The Delaware KIDS Fund is pleased to acknowledge the following special partners who assisted with these events: B&F Towing, Inc.; MSP Equipment Rental; Ferreiro Construction; G. Fedale Roofing & Siding; Harvey, Hanna & Associates, Inc.; James Street Tavern; and Premier Wine & Spirits – Newport.

As of January 31, 2010, the Delaware KIDS Fund had cash assets of \$28,458.80.

The Delaware KIDS Fund designates gifts directly to programs and services that directly impact at-risk children in Delaware. We make every dollar count and put every dollar to work for KIDS.

Looking Ahead to 2010

Expanding upon the momentum from 2009 activities, the Delaware KIDS Fund will continue to focus on food security throughout Delaware until the demand for food support is alleviated. We anticipate that food security needs will persist throughout 2010. With thanks to the continued support from our many benefactors, we expect to maintain or increase our targeted level of support to food security organizations throughout Delaware. We will continue to secure financial and in-kind gifts from individual and corporate benefactors, and we envision several KIDS Fund special events with our business network in 2010.

For more information, including feedback, suggestions, and inquiries, please visit www.dekidsfund.org. Please also find us at Facebook/The-Delaware-KIDS-Fund. You may also contact Thomas J. Hanna at (302) 323-9300 ext 12 or thanna@harveyhanna.com or info@dekidsfund.com.

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