



Kya's Krusade July-August 2008 E-Newsletter

Kya's Krusade Updates

- œ Our first annual Music II Miracles: Evening of Jazz fundraising benefit was held June 19, 2008, was a rousing success!! We raised over \$4000 for our Art Therapy and Financial Assistance programs. The event was attended by 90 guests, who enjoyed the music of the Bobby Floyd Trio, a special video performance by Bobby Pierce, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and dancing. Music II Miracles 2008 pictures will be posted on our website within the next couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the event!
- œ The second four-week series of our Art Therapy Program Initiative will run from July 12, 2008 - August 2, 2008. The art sessions will be held at St. Philip Episcopal Church. Licensed art therapist, Diana Zamrazil Van Bruggen, MAAT LPC will return to conduct the sessions. These sessions are free of charge to its participants.
- œ **Save the date: Our first annual luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2008.**
- œ Kya's Krusade, Inc. was featured in two local publications in the past month: The Gahanna News (Ian Porter) and the Columbus City Scene (Channing Hubbard). In both articles, Music II Miracles was highlighted, along with the history of the organization, its purpose and mission.
- œ Kya's Krusade would like to welcome Thalaina Edwards as the Executive Administrator and Melanie Holcomb as the Marketing Director.
- œ We have been advised by the IRS that our 501(c)(3) application has been assigned and is being reviewed. Once the application process is final and we receive 501(c) (3) status, all donations received thus far will be tax deductible, retroactive to the date of the organization's inception, October 2007.

July - August Operational Areas of Focus

- œ Developing a children's art gallery to be added to our website. The artwork completed by our art therapy participants will be highlighted in this section of the website.
- œ Developing the educational information content on our website, <http://www.kyaskrusade.org>.
- œ Developing Press kits (paper & electronic)
- œ We continue to expand our resource network and are building our on-line resource links pages and off-line resource database for our Information Packet Program and Resource Information Services.

Notable Dates

July 6, 2008	Art Therapy Program meeting
July 12 -Aug 2, 2008	Art Therapy Program Summer 2008 Series
July 20, 2008	Kya's Krusade Executive Meeting
August 31, 2008	Bi-Monthly Board Chair – Officers Meeting

* All organization meetings are open to Kya's Krusade Associates, Committee Members and Volunteers.

Opportunities to assist and join our Krusade

☞ Become a committee member, committee assistant or volunteer (local and distance opportunities are available).

There are five committees: Development, Finance, Governance, Program and Financial Assistance.

☞ 1st annual luncheon planning and/ or event volunteer

☞ Help research and develop the informational areas of our website, <http://www.kyaskrusade.org>

☞ Host a small group informational event, to help spread the word about Arthrogryposis and Kya's Krusade

☞ Become part of our resource network or share a resource from which other families may benefit

☞ Become a program, event or general sponsor

☞ Make a monetary or in-kind contribution

Please contact Ashandra or Kylie if you would like to get involved in any of the aforementioned activities or to request additional information. We value your feedback and suggestions! Please e-mail any comments to info@kyaskrusade.org. If you know of someone who may want to be added to our mailing list or you would like to be removed from this mailing list at any time, please e-mail us at info@kyaskrusade.org.

We sincerely appreciate your support and consideration and hope to see you at a future Kya's Krusade Event! We invite you to visit our website, <http://www.kyaskrusade.org> periodically; participate in our on-line community forums and join our Krusade.

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