
Kids 4 Christ Update

for volunteers & supporters of Kids 4 Christ 

July-October 2005

Cool After School Improves Grades, Lives *Small After-School Program Makes Big Impact*

The Kids 4 Christ after-school program started this spring almost didn't survive the summer. Irregular attendance, few volunteers, and transportation issues during March and April had program leadership considering canceling Cool After School for the fall.

But thanks to a lot of hard work by some new volunteers, the first fall session of Cool After School ran more smoothly and helped kids in a big way.

Nine volunteer tutors working with nine children have covered reading and math every Tuesday afternoon since August 10th. The new tutors, most active or retired teachers, are taking advantage of recently donated teaching materials and a recycled equipment computer lab.

Cool After School focuses on math and reading because those subjects are the building blocks of education. Children who cannot read or do basic math have a harder time learning other subjects like

social studies or science. Most problems in those areas can be directly connected to issues with reading or math, so the extra help provided through Cool After School can give children a solid foundation for the rest of their school career.

Many of the children report improvement in their grades and school performance since entering the after school program. Parents also report that their children have better attitudes about school thanks to encouragement received from Kids 4 Christ tutors.

Session 2 for the 2005-2006 school year begins on October 11th. Since the tutoring is all one-on-one, the number of children participating is limited to the number of tutors who volunteer. This is an ideal opportunity for retired teachers, but any adult is welcome to participate.

For more information about Cool After School, call program coordinator Norma Cline at (706) 638 3817.

Recent Happenings

Back 2 School Blast

Sixty-eight children received their school supplies and back packs free of charge on July 30th, thanks to generous K4C supporters.

Those children, along with 27 other kids and 43 adults, attended the third annual Back 2 School Blast. The school supplies were limited only to children who regularly attend K4C activities, but every child and adult present enjoyed the carnival games and free BBQ plates.

This year's Blast gave K4C volunteers a chance to interact with parents and promote the after school program while helping children get excited about their new school year.

Confrontation Point

Every Tuesday in June and July church youth groups from all over the country came to do mission work at Kids 4 Christ. The groups came from Oklahoma, Iowa, Florida, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee. All were participating in activities planned by Confrontation Point, a nonprofit missions organization.

Each week the teens and adults helped with K4C ADVENTURE! back yard clubs, did building maintenance, helped organize school supplies, and set up craft projects for Wednesday classes. Together the seven different groups put in hundreds of individual hours and completed several large projects.

K4C ADVENTURE!

K4C ADVENTURE! Bible clubs take fun and learning to the playgrounds and parks of LaFayette. This year, with Confrontation Point volunteers available to help, ADVENTURE! was held in a different neighborhood each Tuesday morning of June and July.

Last year's sessions had a higher number of children present, likely due to each one lasting an entire week. But this summer's sessions had a greater impact on the dozen children who did turn out - and more importantly, many parents were reached by the volunteer workers playing with their kids.

Volunteer Spotlight

This month K4C would like to shine a spotlight on one of the newest volunteers, Ms. Suzanne Mulcay. Suzanne joined K4C back in the spring and has since then spent much of her free time contacting potential supporters, visiting children at home, and organizing fundraisers.

On Wednesdays Suzanne works as K4C staff nurse, fixing scrapes, scratches, nausea, and other ailments encountered by K4C kids. She has also served as a vehicle chaperone, substitute food server, class assistant, and information secretary.

Volunteer Service Points

Top Ten K4C Volunteers

- LaTricia Oliver (Jr. Assistant): 175 Points
- Kris Marks: 157 Points
- Norma Cline: 150 Points
- Kathy Fryar: 134 Points
- Robbie Robertson: 133 Points
- Ann Andrews: 128 Points
- Judy Smith: 121 Points
- Bill Busbee: 111 Points
- Karen Oakes: 105 Points
- Nancy Murdock: 98 Points

Cumulative from 03/01/05 to 09/21/05

Volunteer Spotlight - Pt. II

Another volunteer deserving the spotlight is Ms. Norma Cline, after school program coordinator. Norma joined K4C several years ago and has during that time taught almost every class at least once, been everyone's class assistant, and organized many events and activities.

But Norma really shines as coordinator of the after school program. Using her many years of teaching experience, Norma turned a struggling program into a true gem that has made a positive impact on every child involved.

Many many thanks to both Norma and Suzanne, two of the people following God's calling to make Kids 4 Christ possible.

Nonprofit Status Awarded

On June 17th, K4C Ministries, the parent organization of Kids 4 Christ, officially received IRS non-profit status. K4C was already incorporated as a not-for-profit in Georgia, but receiving IRS 501(c)3 status took an additional six months.

K4C now has until December 2008 to prove that it operates as a legitimate non-profit dedicated to community service. If all financial records are clear at that time, K4C will be permanently classified as a publicly supported non-profit.

Qualifying as a 501(c)3 charity allows K4C to apply for grants from private foundations and government agencies. It also gives access to reduced-rate postage (starting with this Update) and simplifies tax deductions for financial supporters.

Local Businesses Get 4 Stars

Companies all over LaFayette are seeing stars - four of them, to be exact. Local companies who have supported K4C during the last year are being given 4-Star Supporter Awards in recognition of their help. The awards let business leaders know how much they are appreciated, and make K4C more visible in the community when customers see the awards displayed.

K4C supporters should try to patronize stores, restaurants, and offices displaying 4-Star Awards and mention how much that support means to customers and the community in general.

Ice Cream Party

In July K4C held an ice cream party to reward children who had perfect attendance during April, May, and June. The party, held at First Baptist LaFayette, featured ice cream and a kid-friendly movie. The two dozen children who attended the party all had fun. The next attendance trip will be a hay ride at Camp New Dawn on October 15th.

New Bus Adds Grow Room

After months of searching, K4C has finally found and purchased an additional bus. The latest addition to the K4C fleet is a diesel 1990 Ford 25 passenger church bus obtained for only \$2000.

The extra capacity provided by the new bus will ease overcrowding with children picked up on Wednesday evenings and should allow volunteers to get the kids home faster after activities end.

Minor repairs to the bus are expected to only take a few weeks, meaning that it should be on the road no later than October 12th.

Camp Trip Roundup

14 children spent a week at New Dawn Bible camp in June thanks to generous K4C supporters. They all enjoyed the experience and are excited to begin earning their trips for next summer. Details about camp for 2006 will be announced in January.

Professionals Breakfast

Greg's Restaurant in LaFayette was the place to be for breakfast on August 6th. That was the location of the K4C Professional's Breakfast, an event planned to get community leaders interested in the activities of Kids 4 Christ

Everyone present listened to the presentation and watched the slide show, and most made a financial contribution afterwards. Many attendees expressed interest in the work being done by K4C and promised to provide more support in the future.

To provide incentive to attend the breakfast, every person present had their name entered into a prize drawing. The drawing winner, Ms. Beth Cagle of Cagle's Used Cars, received a free one-week stay at any Marriot hotel in the U.S. The prize and breakfast were both donated by a K4C supporter.

Ministry Milestones

Average Wednesday night attendance: May **90** / June **97** / July **80** / August **109**

Highest attendance during May-August: **112** (Aug. 10 & Aug. 24 - new record)

Postcards mailed to children during June: **46**

Churches represented by K4C volunteers: **12**

Children and adults at Back 2 School Blast 2005: **169**

Noteworthy Needs

Kids 4 Christmas Collection

Once again it is time to begin collecting Christmas gifts for the children of Kids 4 Christ. This year K4C plans to pair a group or organizations - sunday school classes, whole churches, or businesses - with each Wednesday night class.

Each group will be responsible for purchasing identical age-appropriate gifts and gift bags for each child in the class. K4C will add warm clothing and other items to each bag before giving them to the children.

Gifts must be delivered by November 29th so they can be handed out after class on December 14th. Parents and supporters are all invited to see the gifts being opened.

October Work Day

The first Wednesday of October marks one year since K4C moved into its current location. October also marks one year since the last major work day was held at the K4C building.

Able-bodied men *and* women are needed to give up one Saturday to help finish some ongoing projects at K4C. Painting, cleaning, repairs, and a few other odd jobs are on hold just waiting for a few people to complete them.

Materials will be provided by K4C - all volunteers need to bring are their selves and a heart for service. Anyone interested in participating in the work day should be at the K4C building on Saturday October 29th at 10 AM.

Open Volunteer Positions

●Pre-K Classroom Assistant

A classroom assistant is needed for the 3 & 4 year olds Wednesday class. Responsibilities include taking children to the restroom, helping kids listen, and assisting Ms. Karen with her lesson.

Multiple Ways to Give

Beyond just writing a check, there are several creative new ways you can financially support the growing ministry of Kids 4 Christ.

●Food Lion Shop and Share

Food Lion customers can have part of their spending automatically donated to K4C. Food Lion MVP Card holders can call 704-633-8250 or visit foodlion.com to have their card linked to K4C. Once the card has been linked, a percentage of every purchase made with that card swiped will be given back to Kids 4 Christ. (Grocery shoppers should also remember K4C if they win a turkey through store points. Unwanted free turkeys make lots of sandwiches!)

●K4C PhoneRaiser

K4C is collecting old cell phones to send to PhoneRaiser, a company that collects, reuses, resells, or recycles them - and pays for each phone sent in. Old phones can be placed in the collection boxes popping up all across LaFayette or be brought directly to the building during regular office hours.

●PayPal Contributions

Quicker than writing and mailing a check, donations can be made directly to K4C online with a PayPal account. Contributions of any amount can be sent through the PayPal button at k4c.info/involved/.

●"Change For Change" Buckets

Change collection cans have brought in several hundred dollars during the last 11 months. K4C supporters can increase the amount of money being given in this way by placing change cans in their own places of business.

●iGive Online Shopping

Internet shoppers can have a percentage of their spending sent back to K4C. Supporters who sign up at igive.com/k4c/ and follow the links to well-known online stores will give K4C commissions from everything they buy online.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact K4C (see info on back page). Please remember all of these needs in your daily prayers.

Friend 2 Friend Mentoring

Kids 4 Christ continues growing, adding new children to the attendance roll each week. But attendance growth is width, not depth. K4C is attempting to also grow deeper with the children who already attend by offering additional programs and activities for them.

One key of growing deeper is to build one-on-one personal relationships between children and Christian adults. With that in mind, K4C began the Friend 2 Friend mentoring program.

F2F is set up similarly to Big Brothers/Big Sisters - willing volunteers are paired up with individual children who need good adult role models. The mentor and child will participate in activities together on a schedule chosen by the adult mentor.

Individuals or married couples can serve as mentors, but must agree to be a mentor for at least one year. Activities and outings will be chosen by the mentors and can be held at any time, but adults must spend a minimum of four hours per month with their child. Mentors may be submitted to a background check per the discretion of Kids 4 Christ.

Friend 2 Friend will hold a "Meet Your Friend" event on Saturday November 5th at 4 PM at the K4C building. Anyone interested in participating as a mentor should call or e-mail K4C to set up an interview.

Holiday Baked Goods

Anyone preferring not to spend hours baking for Thanksgiving can instead purchase their pies or cakes fresh made from K4C. Several ladies who enjoy cooking have volunteered to prepare homemade cakes and pies for the benefit of Kids 4 Christ.

Baked good orders must be placed by October 31. Items will be ready for pickup on November 22nd, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. For specifics about available items and pricing, please call K4C at (706) 639 3234 or e-mail info@k4c.info.

The K4C bake sale helps support the programs of Kids 4 Christ while freeing up friends and families to spend more time together during the holidays.

Newsletter Note

As you may have noticed, this is the first K4C Update newsletter since early June. During the summer there was simply too many incredible K4C activities happening to get a mailer written and mailed out.

We've put a lot into this edition of the Update and hope that it makes up for the skipped issue. We pray that you will enjoy this publication as you become more informed about the activities and needs of Kids 4 Christ.

Due to a running error that has existed since December, there is no financial statement included in this Update. All of the K4C Ministries financial statements are being revised to correct the mistake and will be made available once they are finished. The next Update will include accurate statements for September and October.

We appreciate your patience with the delayed newsletters and financial statements, but most of all we appreciate your continued interest and support for Kids 4 Christ. May God bless you and your family for all that you do.

In His name,

The K4C newsletter team

Schedule of Events

October 11 to December 13: *Cool After School Session 2*

October 15, 4 PM: *Hayride at Camp New Dawn*

Reward outing for children with good attendance in July, August, and September. Volunteers are still needed to help chaperone this fun annual event! The hayride begins at 4, pickup will start around 2:30.

October 18, 7 PM: *K4C Staff Meeting*

October 29, 10 AM: *Work Day at Kids 4 Christ*

October 31, 5 PM: *Scare on the Square*

Volunteers will be handing out candy in front of the K4C building during LaFayette's annual safer Halloween festival. Extra people are needed for this event - great opportunity to interact with children and meet with parents.

November 5, 4 PM: *Meet Your Friend Event*

Adult mentors and children will meet during this event at the K4C building. All Friend 2 Friend mentors should attend in order to get off on the right foot with their child.

November 8, 7 PM: *K4C Ministries Board Meeting*

November 22, 1-6 PM: *Deadline to Pick Up Baked Good Orders*

November 23: *Thanksgiving Schedule*

Wednesday evening activities will be held normally the day before Thanksgiving. School is in session for half the week so Cool After School activities will also be conducted.

November 29: *Deadline to Drop Off Gift Bags*

December 2: *LaFayette Christmas Parade*

*These scheduled events may be changed or canceled as necessary.
For an up-to-date list, please see the Web schedule at www.k4c.info/schedule/*



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