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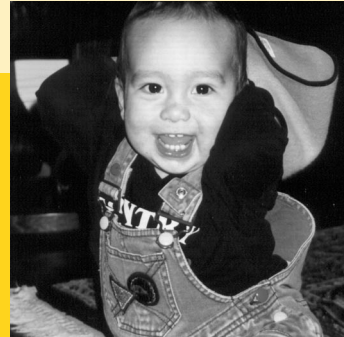
ANNUAL REPORT



# KIDS IN DANGER<sup>SM</sup>

**A nonprofit organization  
dedicated to protecting children  
by improving children's  
product safety**

Kids In Danger is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by improving children's product safety. Founded in 1998 by Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar following the death of their son in a recalled portable crib, KID's mission is to promote the development of safer children's products, advocate for children and educate the public, especially parents and caregivers, about dangerous children's products. The work of KID is done in loving memory of Danny Keysar and all victims of dangerous juvenile products. This is the annual report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2006.



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Safe children, parents armed with the information they need to protect children, policymakers who actively pursue the goal of safer children's products and manufacturers committed to safety are all at the heart of our work here at KID and the fiscal year that just ended on May 31, 2006 is no exception.

This FY 2006 Annual Report details the challenges we met this year and the progress made as well as new hurdles we face on the horizon and our plans to make this vision a reality.

The urgent need for our work continues - since our last annual report approximately 60,000 children and their families have spent time in the emergency room because of injuries involving a children's product. Sixty children have died. This year we:

- Finished and released an 8-minute educational DVD to help parents and caregivers keep kids safe. *Safe from the Start* has been distributed to hundreds of child care groups, parent educators and health care providers.
- Worked with several universities to integrate design safety into the engineering curriculum and completed the first edition of our curriculum guide to TEST: Teach Early Safety Testing.
- Testified in Colorado and provided background material and support to states, including Wisconsin and New York, to strengthen their oversight of unsafe products.

Read inside for more details on our activities this fiscal year, view our financial statement and see how your contributions are helping KID keep children safe. Please consider a year-end gift to KID to enable us to keep children safe from dangerous children's products.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Cowles  
Executive Director

*“Too many engineers graduate with limited or no knowledge of safety standards. TEST seeks to make safety part of the required curriculum and ultimately integral to products’ design.”*

-Barbara Guthrie, Director Consumer Affairs, Underwriters Laboratories Inc., and TEST Advisory Board Member

*Promote the development of safer children’s products*

While initially KID focused almost all of our efforts on educating parents about recalled children’s products, we soon learned that keeping unsafe products off the store shelves and out of our homes from the beginning is the long term solution to the problem. Today, KID focuses on promoting safer products in several ways.

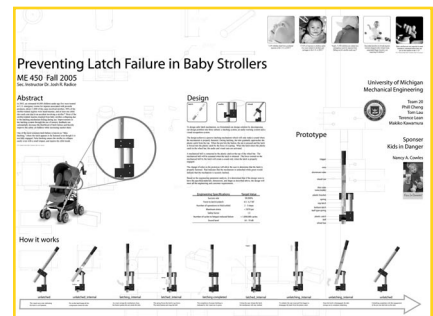
We continue our work with **ASTM International**, the nonprofit organization that sets voluntary standards for juvenile products. These standards are then used in industry certification programs and sometimes by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to recall products that don’t meet the voluntary guidelines. KID President Linda Ginzel and Executive Director Nancy Cowles are part of ASTM F15 Committee on Consumer Products and participate in the subcommittees on juvenile products and toys. In most cases, KID is one of just a handful of consumer representatives among manufacturers, retailers, testing labs and CPSC representatives.

In 2005-2006, KID brought the issue of the dangers of magnets in toys to the sub-committee on toys which is now looking at ways to protect children from this hazard. The sub-committee on bassinets and cradles added testing requirements to assure that a child could not roll out, an issue KID and other consumer advocates had been raising for several years, and new standards on changing tables and children’s folding chairs will soon be published.

Our **Teach Early Safety Testing (TEST)** program targets future engineers by integrating design safety into engineering education. Curriculum materials are now being tested in a variety of college and university engineering programs.

KID worked with students at the University of Michigan in fall 2005 on projects that improve children’s product safety. In December, two student teams presented their final projects. Each design incorporated solutions to past product dangers – collapsing side rails on portable cribs and latches that fail, allowing strollers to collapse.

KID’s work on TEST was featured in the December 2005 edition of **Prism**, the magazine of the American Association for Engineering Education.



## Advocate for Children

In January 2006 new provisions of the **Children's Product Safety Act** went into effect in Illinois, making it the most extensive children's product safety bill in the nation. In addition to the ban on leasing or selling dangerous children's products or their use in child care facilities, the CPSA now requires retailers and manufacturers to post recall warnings in stores and online and to contact purchasers directly if possible. KID worked with Action for Children, the Illinois Attorney General's office and Voices for Illinois Children on this legislation.

A bill to ban yo-yo balls, a toy implicated in hundreds of injuries, also became law in Illinois, through the efforts of Skokie mom Lisa Lipin, whose son Andrew was injured.

This spring, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 2006 passed the Illinois legislature and was signed by the Governor. This bill includes a state ban on lead in children's products for the first time. A death of a four-year old child in Minnesota in February from lead poisoning caused by a metal charm, included with Reebok shoes, shed light on this important safety issue.

Legislators in several states introduced the Children's Product Safety Act, although it did not come to a vote anywhere. Linda Ginzler, KID President and co-founder, testified in her home state of Colorado for the measure.

*"Parents and caregivers must have assurance that when they buy a product, it will be safe. It is past due that we give parents the security they deserve and children the safety they need."*

-Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky at March 2006 release of *Dangers at Play*

*“From now on, when I have a problem with a product, I’m going to let the manufacturer and the Consumer Product Safety Commission know about it. It might help keep another child safe.”*

-Betsy Lozano, U-Grow Daycare in *Safe from the Start* educational DVD

## *Educate the public, especially parents and caregivers*

From KID’s earliest days, getting information to parents about product safety has been a cornerstone of our mission. From the creation of our award winning website, to targeted outreach efforts to parenting groups, pediatricians and hospitals, to the development of materials to be distributed to a variety of vulnerable populations, we continue to find new and innovative ways to provide the broadest possible audience with this critical safety information.

KID has a monthly column in the **Chicago Parent** magazine focusing on product safety and recent recalls.




We expanded our outreach network, including placing our materials in all prenatal classes at Northwestern memorial hospital and in pediatricians’ offices throughout Chicago and other locales.

KID conducted a workshop for child care providers in Waukegan Illinois, and participated in a Back to School Safety Fair at the Chicago Children’s Museum.

In our continued efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of children’s products, KID developed new materials and programs to facilitate the education of parents, caregivers, and providers. Made possible by initial funding from the Child Welfare Foundation, KID released the **Safe from the Start** DVD, an 8-minute educational program for parents and caregivers – giving them the tools they need to keep children safe. KID has distributed over 100 copies of **Safe from the Start** to be used for parent education and childcare provider training in facilities across the country. We also updated our **Stroller Safety** brochure and created a new **Product Safety Checklist** for parents.

KID released **Dangers at Play: Children’s Product Recalls in 2005** in March with Illinois Representative Jan Schakowsky. One hundred and twenty-three children’s products were recalled in 2005 including a record high of 7 crib recalls.

Other findings of the report:

-  Twenty-two manufacturers recalled more than one product. This is up from just eight companies in 2004.
-  CPSC reported higher rates of incidents and injuries caused by children’s products prior to their being recalled. Graco’s Duo Tandem and MetroLite Strollers, which failed to latch properly and unexpectedly collapsed while in use, resulted in 529 incidents and 264 injuries before the recall was announced.
-  The majority of recalled children’s products in 2005 were manufactured outside the U.S. Just 10% were made in the U.S., while over 60% were produced in China.

**The full report and KID’s outreach materials are available on KID’s website [www.KidsInDanger.org](http://www.KidsInDanger.org).**

# Financial Statement

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## Summary of Financial Position as of May 31, 2006

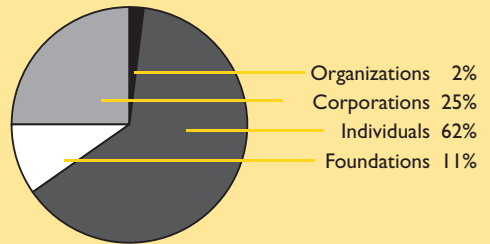
### Assets

Current Assets	\$128,138
Fixed Assets	322
Total Assets	\$128,460

### Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$ 729
Unrestricted Net Assets	127,731
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$128,460

### Sources of Support



## Summary of Revenues & Expenses

### Unrestricted Net Assets Support

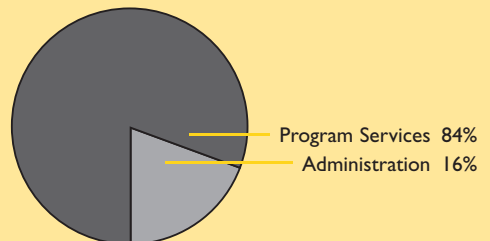
Net Fundraising Support	\$72,342
Public Contributions	101,491
Interest Income	1,309
Total Unrestricted Support	\$175,142

### Expenses

Program Services	\$112,134
Administration	21,247
Total Expenses	\$133,381

Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets \$ 41,761

### Summary of Expenses





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- Fiona Schakowsky

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- Chicago Center for the Performing Arts
- Chicago Children's Museum
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- LaSalle Bank Open
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- Life By Design Fitness
- Lincoln Health & Wellness Center
- Liz Lange
- Major League Baseball
- Marriot Marquis Times Square
- The Mazzetta Company
- Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum
- Midwest Foods
- Modern Fan Company
- Museum of Science and Industry
- My Gym Children's Fitness Center
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- Brigitte & David Madrian
- John Manilow
- Steven & Marnie Mast
- Allen McConnell &  
Sian Beilock
- William & Amy McDonald
- Michael McNeil

**SUPPORTERS (cont'd)**

- Joann Miceli
- Microsoft Matching Gifts  
Program
- Mildred Miller
- Susan R. Miller &  
Allen Batteau
- Marci Minidick Sage
- Julia Moll &  
Nicholas Levinson
- Thomas & Maryanne  
Morris
- Noboru & Sachi Nakamura
- Elizabeth & Ron Nevelow
- Nora Newcombe &  
Jeffrey Lerner
- Maryann & Joe Opperman
- Kristin Patton
- James & Sharon Peck
- Sam & Nancy Peltzman
- Laura Petasnick
- Raymond & Polly Petrino
- Tracy Polmueller
- Greg Prahl
- Jeff & Karen Raizen
- Peter & Marilyn Rasmussen
- Christine Readdick
- Ann L. Rector
- Daniel Redican
- Michelle Reinen
- Diane Reynolds
- Ilene Robinette
- Amy Rudnick
- Caitlin Rull
- Safety Research &  
Strategies, Inc.
- Neil Saha
- Richard & Louise Sayah
- Mary Schaafoema
- Bethany Schoensbeck &  
Matt Rettberg
- Cynthia Schuch
- Jeffrey & Jill Shavitz
- Brendan &  
Rosemary Sheehan
- Carol Shelfo
- Tina & Barry Silverman
- Margaret Sleeth
- Jill & Josh Stein
- Sanford & Janet Stein
- The Honorable Larry  
Suffredin
- Melody Swartz
- Marion Synowiec
- Paula & Anthony Trapalis
- Lisa Tucker
- Justine Tumolo
- Bobbi Walters
- Lucretia Yeh
- Amy Zimmerman
- David Zivan
- Ariel Zwang &  
Gordon Mehler

## Events Held in 2006

### BEST FRIEND AWARD, CHICAGO

On April 25, 2006, Kids In Danger presented our **2006 Best Friend Award** to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan for her efforts to keep Illinois children safe from dangerous children's products.

The award presentation took place at our sixth annual Best Friend Award Night held at Marché Restaurant in Chicago. The Attorney General spoke of the importance of children's product safety and her efforts to make it a priority in Illinois. Janet Davies, Host and Executive Producer of ABC Channel 7 Chicago's 190 North, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to Leslie Batterson and the event committee, this was one of KID's best attended events, raising almost \$50,000 for our programs aimed at protecting children by improving children's product safety.



### KEEPING KIDS SAFE, NEW YORK

Judy Sage was featured in the April 2006 edition of *Health* Magazine for her work with KID after the death of her son Andy who suffocated on a sleep positioner. Judy and her husband Mark hosted **Keeping Kids Safe**, a fundraiser in New York City in conjunction with the MoMA exhibit **SAFE**. The event raised important funds for KID's safety programs. Judy joined the board of KID in January 2006. She is shown below with Sarah Pettit who also helped organize the event.





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