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ANNUAL REPORT



KIDS IN DANGERSM

10 Years of Dedication 1998-2008

Protecting children by improving
children's product safety





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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, 2008.

Dear Friends,

In May 1998, 16-month-old Danny Keysar was killed by a defective portable crib at his licensed childcare home in Chicago. In their grief, his parents, Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar, founded Kids In Danger (KID) to protect other children from dangerous products.

Now, ten years later, Linda and Boaz are as committed as ever to protecting children and KID has grown to be a nationally-recognized advocate for safe children's products. This annual report, of our fiscal year ending May 31, 2007, also gives highlights of the ten-year path that led us here.

In May 2007, the **Chicago Tribune** published the first in a Pulitzer Prize winning series of articles on the safety of children's products, and then Senator Richard Durbin, our 2008 KID Best Friend, held field hearings in Chicago on the dangers of magnets and other product safety issues. KID was closely involved in these events that kicked off a year of unprecedented activity for KID and consumer safety in general.

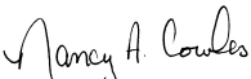
This summer, Congress passed and the president signed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008. Key provisions of the legislation provide more funding and greater authority for CPSC. An important section of this new law, the **Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act** requires mandatory standards and testing for infant and toddler durable products, a ban on the sale or lease of unsafe cribs and a product registration system. KID was closely involved in the passage of this groundbreaking legislation and we are now continuing our work with a coalition of safety and children's advocates to oversee its implementation.

Even when all eyes were on Washington DC and the overhaul of CPSC, KID continued to work in the trenches to reach all families with the information they need to keep their children safe.

- KID presented information on sleep positioner risks to the ASTM subcommittee on infant bedding, prompting a review of the issue for a possible standard or ban.
- KID worked with student engineering teams to develop design solutions to safety problems with booster seats, bath seats and bedside sleepers.
- KID developed a **Recall Digest**, a one page format of the month's recalls for posting in health care offices and childcare facilities.
- KID spoke to thousands of parents and caregivers through our outreach programs at safety fairs, provider workshops, and other public events. Thousands more got vital safety information through our website, www.KidsInDanger.org and materials KID distributed nationwide.

We want to thank those of you who have supported KID along the way. Without your financial support, your willingness to spread KID's safety message and your advocacy for stronger safety laws and more oversight of the juvenile product industry, we would not have made such amazing progress this year.

Now, with powerful new regulations, KID is positioned to make lasting change in the safety of children's products. With the darkening economy, our task will become harder. The urgency hasn't slowed as reports of unsafe products and deaths and injuries continue. But we take seriously our role as your voice for safe children's products and we hope we can count on you to support our lifesaving work again this year.



Nancy A. Cowles, Executive Director

PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFER CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

2007 was the year of the recall by many accounts, leading to unprecedented media attention to the many children's product recalls as well as design flaws in cribs, toys and other products. Even with this attention and better coverage of recalls for lead, dangerous magnets and breaking hardware in cribs, the rate at which recalled items are repaired or returned remained abysmally low. While KID worked hard to educate parents and caregivers about these dangers, we recognize that the lynchpin of the children's product safety system has to be ensuring that safe products are entering the market. Our mission to promote the development of safer children's products has never been more important.

KID was a strong voice for safer product development over the past year. Through our work with voluntary standard setting organizations such as ASTM International and our innovative TEST program, KID is working hard to ensure that new children's products are safe, before they reach our children.

KID executive director Nancy Cowles attends the juvenile product and toy subcommittees of **ASTM International**, the nonprofit organization that sets voluntary standards for products. Board members Linda Ginzel and Judy Sage are also members of the committees on cribs, portable cribs, infant bedding and bassinets. New subcommittees were formed this year to address performance standards and testing for baby sling carriers and bedside sleepers. KID plays an integral role in the development of these important new standards.



Kids In Danger 10th Anniversary Timeline

1998

- Danny Keysar killed in recalled portable crib
- Kids In Danger incorporated
- Danny Keysar's story published in *Chicago* magazine



KID board member Judy Sage, whose son Andy suffocated on a sleep positioner, came to the March 2008 Infant Bedding subcommittee to urge the committee to review the data on this product and consider if a standard could address the hazard or if a ban was needed. KID is working with SIDS of Illinois, Keeping Babies Safe, and other organizations and experts to begin a petition to CPSC to ban this product.

In the toy subcommittee, new language continues to be developed to strengthen the language on magnet ingestion and impaction hazards which led to deaths in 2005 and 2006.

Teach Early Safety Testing (TEST)

integrates design safety into engineering education. Curriculum materials are now in use in a variety of college and university engineering programs. KID

worked with University of Michigan students in fall 2007 to address hazards associated with a new product, bedside sleepers. The students redesigned the product to address hazards and also developed suggested performance standards and testing methods to be incorporated into the new ASTM standard covering the product. In December, the student team presented their final prototype at a design expo at the state capitol in Lansing.

In spring of 2008, KID worked with two freshman teams at Northwestern University. The students developed safer alternatives to dining booster seats and bathing devices.

KID's TEST offers a new lens through which students can view product design while emphasizing the importance of safety.

- Children's Product Safety Act passed in Illinois
- KID receives Allstate Safety Leadership Award
- Chicago's Department of Consumer Services launches recall initiative
- *Chicago* Magazine names Linda Ginzel & Boaz Keysar "Chicagoans of the Year"
- Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar receive 1999 Civil Justice Foundation Community Champion Award
- Chicago City Council unanimously passed second-hand dealers ordinance
- KID puts up 100 billboards warning parents about unsafe children's products

1999

ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN

What a difference a year makes!

KID's journey started ten years ago with the death of Danny Keysar in a recalled portable crib at his licensed child care facility in Chicago. Danny's parents founded Kids In Danger to alert others to the hazards of unsafe products and to advocate for safer products.

Since 1998, Linda and Boaz and Kids In Danger have worked to bring the problem to the attention of the public and policymakers; brainstormed solutions such as the Children's Product Safety Act in the states and the Infant and Toddler Durable Product Safety Act in Congress; and participated in standard setting efforts to encourage the safest products possible.

Just before KID's fiscal year started June 1, 2007, the **Chicago Tribune** ran the first article in a groundbreaking, Pulitzer Prize winning series on children's product safety. That first article exposed the problem with magnet ingestion including the manufacturer and CPSC's slow response to this emerging hazard. The series, coupled with an avalanche of toxic toy and collapsing crib recalls, focused attention on the issue and the need for reform became clear.



Picture by US PIRG

Congress worked together to quickly pass two versions of a reform package and then, supported by the efforts of many consumer advocates, painstakingly worked on a joint bill which takes the best of both and provides the most sweeping reform of product regulation in decades.

Key provisions of the legislation provide more funding and greater authority to act for CPSC. One section, the **Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act** requires mandatory standards and testing for infant and toddler durable products, a ban on the sale or lease of unsafe cribs in commercial settings and a product registration system to assure that families are notified when there is a recall.

Here are other examples of how the new law changes and improves the safety of products sold in the United States:

- Lead will be essentially eliminated from toys and children's products.

- Children's Product Safety Act passed in Michigan
- KID moves to 116 W. Illinois and hires staff
- Linda Ginzel & Boaz Keysar receive the 2000 President's Service Award

- *It's No Accident: How Corporations Sell Dangerous Baby Products* by E. Marla Felcher published and KID mails 1000 copies to policymakers, regulators and advocates

2000
2001

- Consumers will have access to a publicly-accessible database to report and learn about hazards posed by unsafe products.
- Toys and other children's products will be required to meet rigorous mandatory standards and be tested for safety before they are sold.
- State Attorneys General will have the necessary authority to enforce product safety laws.
- Toxic phthalates will be banned from children's products.

There is, of course, more work to be done. Kids In Danger will continue to act as a watchdog, to make sure implementation is timely and best protects children.

This bill is the legacy of Danny Keysar and the countless other children who have been killed or injured by unsafe children's products and toys. Throughout the process KID worked closely with other consumer and safety organizations.

But even with all the attention focused nationally, KID continued to work with the states to advocate for strong children's product safety. KID was asked to testify in person or via phone on legislation in New York, Missouri and Vermont addressing hazardous children's products. KID executive director Nancy Cowles spoke to a gathering of state Attorney General staff in October on lead in children's products and possible

state actions to protect consumers from unsafe products.

We met with our allies in Indiana in November to discuss the possibility of a stronger protection for children there. Stacey and Greg Tober joined the meeting to relay their experience with a recalled swing at childcare. Their son Trevor was killed in 2002 when he strangled in the dangerous swing. Staff from Clarian Health, Riley Hospital for Children, the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral (IAC-CRR), SIDS Alliance and the Indiana University Child Protection Program (IUCPP) strategized with KID about ways they could improve education of parents and caregivers on recalls. In April, Nancy Cowles returned to Indiana to speak at the annual **SafeKids** conference.

In March, Oregon passed a state law that prohibits the sale or lease of recalled children's products, making Oregon the ninth state with the Children's Product Safety Act.



Picture by US PIRG

- 1st Annual Best Friend Award Night with E. Marla Felcher
- KID hires first full-time executive director
- Children's Product Safety Act passed in Louisiana, Vermont and Arkansas
- Legislation Requiring Pre-market Testing of Children's Products Introduced in U.S. House
- Ginzel v. Kolcraft parties reach settlement agreement of \$3 million

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Safe from the Start is KID's educational campaign to provide recall information to the public, especially parents and child care providers. This year, KID took **SFTS** to a new level, expanding the scope of our product safety message to reach a larger and more diverse network of consumers.

In August 2007, KID released **A Smoldering Hazard: Fire and Burn Hazards of Children's Product Recalls: 2002–2007**. KID staff, KID board member and Children's Memorial Hospital doctor Robert Tanz, and a representative from Illinois PIRG spoke from a Chicago firehouse.

Then, in February 2008, KID released a comprehensive report on the state of children's product safety and a synopsis of 2007 children's product recall information. **2007: The Year of the Recall**, found that children's product

recalls by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) jumped in 2007 to 231, accounting for more than 46 million items, including twelve recalls that involved one million or more units. The information in this report was used to make the case to Congress on the need to strengthen children's product safety oversight.

In addition to reports, **SFTS** reaches out to consumers through workshops on dangerous children's products, media coverage, speaking engagements, health and safety community events as well as printed materials.

KID moderated a panel discussion for **Terrible Toys: Keeping Our Children Safe from Dangerous Toys**, a town hall meeting hosted by Congressman Bobby Rush; partnered with Consumers Union and Illinois PIRG for the "Not in My Cart" Thanksgiving Day Consumer



2002

- Missouri and Rhode Island Pass Children's Product Safety Act Legislation
- President Bush nominates Harold D. Stratton for CPSC Chairman
- KID releases report *Clear and Present Dangers: Children's Product Recalls in 2001*
- 2002 Best Friend Award presented to NBC Target 5 consumer reporter Lisa Parker, with Robin Green and Marion Brooks
- KID releases *A Burning Threat: Fire and Burn Hazards of Children's Product Recalls 1992 to 2002*
- KID launches Test It Now! A Grassroots Awareness Campaign for Children's Product Safety



Action Drive to distribute information to retailers about lead hazards and participated in panel discussion at **Lead Poisoning Prevention**, a town hall meeting hosted by Representative Harry Osterman and Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Additionally, KID's Executive Director presented at a workshop on Consumer Expectations for Recalls at the ICPHSO Midwest training conference and moderated at workshop at the organization's annual meeting on age grading of children's products.

SFTS launched a nonprofit youth leadership project in conjunction with Junior Achievement of Chicago and the Simpson Academy for Young Women. The program trains teenage moms to give presentations about children's product safety to fellow students and out in the local community. Through this innovative project, young leaders will gain exposure to nonprofit business

models and develop real-world skills for professional development, while strengthening KID's ties in the community and creating new opportunities for future outreach initiatives.

Articles

SFTS reaches parents and health care professionals by placing articles in publications which serve these populations. This year, articles appeared in the February/March issue of **Parent to Parent**, a Northside Parents Network parent resource, about talking to children about recalled products and on **www.HowToDoThings.com**. KID also wrote a monthly **Chicago Parent** column on product safety.

New Resources

SFTS introduced new safety resource, **Recall Digest**, a monthly list of recalls for display in pediatric waiting rooms, child care facilities, community centers and more. Other new flyers with season-specific information include **Keeping Safe This Summer**, **Yard Sale Safety**, **Holiday Shopping Safety** and **Most (Un) Wanted Recalls of 2007**, which was released in conjunction with the annual recall report. KID also updated **Stroller Safety** to include stroller recalls through May 2008.

- Kid report released: *A Minefield of Danger: Children's Product Recalls in 2002*
- 2003 Best Friend Awards presented to Caroline O. Shoenberger, Chicago Commissioner of Consumer Services, Carol Ronen, Illinois State Senator, and Jan Schakowsky, U.S. Representative
- Linda Ginzel & Boaz Keysar honored as Parenting Leaders in *Parenting Magazine*
- Infant and Toddler Durable Product Safety Act introduced in House
- KID releases report *A False Sense of Security* report

2003

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008

Summary of Financial Position as of May 31, 2008

Assets

Current Assets	\$ 98,939
Fixed Assets	0
Total Assets	\$ 98,939

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$ 3,740
Unrestricted Net Assets	95,199
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 98,939

Summary of Revenues & Expenses

Unrestricted Net Assets Support

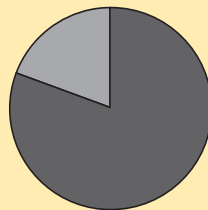
Net Fundraising Support	\$ 48,855
Public Contributions	109,305
Interest Income	1,520
Total Unrestricted Support	\$ 159,680

Expenses

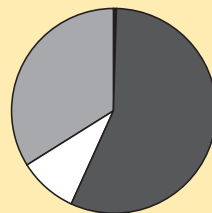
Program Services	\$138,650
Administration	30,367
Total Expenses	\$169,017

Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets \$ -9,337

Summary of Expenses



Sources of Support



- KID releases report *Safety Shortcuts: Children's Product Recalls in 2003*

2004

- 2004 Best Friend Awards presented to Mary Ellen Fise, and the Assistant General Counsel at the Consumer Federation of America, Rachel Weintraub
- Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar semi-finalists for Volvo for Life award
- KID releases report *Playing with Poison: Lead Poisoning Hazards of Children's Product Recalls 1990-2004*

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- Service Club of Chicago
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2005

- President Bush nominates Nancy Nord to fill vacant CPSC Commissioner post
- KID launches Safe from the Start (SFTS) Program
- KID releases report *Hazards of Child's Play: Children's Product Recalls in 2004*
- 2005 Best Friend Award presented to Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
- Linda Ginzel receives "Raising A Ruckus" activist award from *Working Mother*

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2006

- KID releases report *Dangers at Play: Children Product Recalls in 2005*
- 2006 Best Friend Award presented to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan
- Hal Stratton resigns as CPSC Chairman
- NJ Assembly passes Children's Product Safety Act

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- Miriam Sussman

- KID releases report *Unexpected Danger: Children's Product Recalls in 2006*
- Chicago Tribune in-depth series on CPSC and magnet hazards
- 2007 Best Friend Awards presented to Dr. Robert Tanz and Dr. Elizabeth Powell
- Chicago hearing held on CPSC and toys with magnets
- Children's Product Safety Act signed in New Jersey
- KID releases report *Smoldering Hazards: Fire and Burn Hazards of Children's Product Recalls 2002-2007*

2007

BEST FRIEND AWARD

On April 18, 2008, friends and supporters of Kids In Danger gathered at Hugo's Frog Bar and Fish House on Rush Street to commemorate our tenth anniversary and to present the **2008 Best Friend Award** to US Senator Richard Durbin for his tireless efforts to keep children safe.

The warm evening air matched the mood inside as past BFA recipients and many other people instrumental to KID's success came together to reflect on ten years of diligent efforts to protect children from unsafe products. For the evening's program, US Representative Jan Schakowsky spoke about her many years of working on children's safety and the exciting changes in Washington. KID co-founders Linda Ginzler and Boaz Keysar, and KID board member Sonny Garg spoke about KID's history and accomplishments. Janet Davies, Executive Director and Host of ABC 7 Chicago's 190 North graciously served as Emcee. The evening concluded with the 2008 Best Friend Auction and Raffle.

The event was a great success, raising over \$57,000 for KID programs.



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2008

- KID releases report *2007: The Year of the Recall*
- KID co-founder and ED travel to DC for product safety
- 2008 Best Friend Award presented to Senator Richard Durbin

VOLUNTEERS

KID would like to thank all of our volunteers for their contributions to KID's lifesaving work. Whether in the office, at a special event or through consulting and assisting with our programs, KID volunteers greatly increase the impact of our work. Over this past year, Sarah Chusid, KID Program Director, has developed a multi-faceted volunteer program – with something for almost everyone. Contact KID's office for more information on how you can help.

2008 VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Marc Shinderman assisted with KID's outreach and development activities for many months. With a sense of humor and a willingness to do any task, big or small, Marc was a singular addition to the KID office.

Dubbed the *Raffle All-Star*, high-schooler **Kelsey Cousino** has been unmatched in her raffle ticket sales for the past two years at KID's annual fundraiser, the Best Friend Award Night. Her hard work and infectious enthusiasm helped make this year's event a huge success.

KID first had contact with **Grant Weber** when he was a senior engineering student at University of Michigan. Grant worked on KID's design project to develop a safer portable crib. Since graduating, Grant has volunteered to help KID with our TEST program: reviewing materials and assisting other student design teams at University of Michigan and Northwestern University with their KID projects.



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