

2009 has been an incredible year for KEF!

In this past year, KEF has formed alliances with many like-minded organizations and attracted dedicated volunteers to help us design and/or continue projects, which encourage health professionals and local residents to participate in protecting Kentucky families and communities. Projects such as the following.



- ◆ **Safe & Healthy Homes Project** -- KEF has gathered tips & materials, which are instructive in helping families free their households of toxic cleaning products.
- ◆ **Windows of Vulnerability Presentation** – KEF has developed an educational presentation about the times in our lives when we are especially vulnerable to toxic exposures and what can be done to ensure that the KY Legislature passes laws in the best interest of KY residents, not the chemical industry.



- ◆ **Stop Smith Campaign** – The Sierra Club, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and KEF have teamed up to prevent construction of a dirty coal-burning power plant and insist on the use of clean, renewable energy sources instead.
- ◆ **CFL Distribution Project** – KEF, with the assistance of local churches and other organizations, is making energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs available to low-income families.

- ◆ **Health Advisory Team** – Professionals from a variety of health-related fields have joined with KEF to broaden the information base of health care providers, KY communities and legislators concerning:
 - * the health impacts resulting from KY's continued reliance on coal-fired power plants; and
 - * how KY can instead adopt a strategy for encouraging energy efficiency and increasing use of renewable energy like wind, hydro and solar.
- ◆ **Chemical Weapons Disposal Oversight** – Under the leadership of Craig Williams, KEF has continued our close scrutiny of construction of the weapons neutralization facility at the Blue Grass Depot. Working closely with federal legislators Sen. Mitch McConnell and Rep. Ben Chandler, we have been successful in ensuring that the construction stays on track and is adequately funded.

Here are a few of the volunteers who gave hours & hours of time in 2009

Martina Jackson-Haynes -- Toxics & Health Intern



I have always had an interest in social justice. But it was my internship with KEF this past semester that turned my interest into action. KEF provided me an opportunity to take the initiative and use the skills I have to help educate women about the toxic chemicals all around us and provide instruction in how to make safe cleaning products for their homes easily and cheaply--especially important for low-income families who can't afford to buy the expensive safe products available in local stores.

Mike Hannon -- KEF Board Member & Clean Air Volunteer



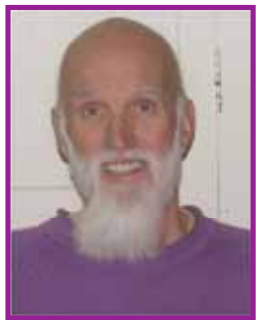
I have been active in KEF from the beginning. Twenty years ago, when we started our work to convince the Pentagon that KY's stockpile of chemical weapons should not be burned I remember thinking we must be crazy. But with KEF's leadership our group of determined people stuck together, would not take no for an answer and won. Recently KEF has expanded its scope by taking on other issues such as clean air & energy. Since I retired from the KY Division for Air Quality I have been a volunteer at KEF. Volunteering has helped me keep up my environmental activism while helping KEF keep up the good fight. I'm proud to be a part of KEF.

Deborah Payne -- Volunteer Health Coordinator



Clean air, clean water, a clean environment--these are elements we all need to be healthy and live fully. I am excited about volunteering my time with an organization that is actively raising awareness around such public health issues. KEF works tirelessly to protect, preserve, educate about, advocate for and create dialogue around clean energy production, safe consumer products and a toxic-free environment. By involving all constituents from citizens to politicians. KEF is making a difference in the health and well being of every Kentuckian.

Charles Noyes & Karen Knowles – Clean Air & Energy and Toxics & Health Volunteers



When Karen and I moved to Kentucky and I learned of KEF's work to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy instead of relying on energy from coal-fired power plants, I felt strongly that KEF would be a good organization in which to invest my own energy. My instincts were correct--I have become a regular volunteer, informing folks about the financial and health benefits of switching to energy-efficient CFLs in their homes, businesses and churches.



In 2001, I was diagnosed with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, which had so disabled me that I could no longer work or carry on a normal life. What that means is I became extremely ill when exposed to chemicals. The toxic chemicals to which every living thing is exposed today are harmful for all, but for me and millions like me, it can be lethal. I volunteer my time with KEF because KEF is committed to educating the public about the harmful effects of chemicals and working to regulate these chemicals here in Kentucky. I want to be a part of this vital work.

Cecile Schubert – Volunteer Toxics Researcher



For many years I have been a donor to KEF. This year I wanted to expand my involvement and became a volunteer, thinking I could help with filing or such tasks. Boy, did I have a paradigm shift. I was asked to do research on issues concerning health and toxic chemicals as a foundation for KEF's "Windows of Vulnerability" project. Under staff guidance I gathered information so that a brochure and presentation could be developed. To say it was an enlightening and life-changing experience would be an understatement. KEF's work on health & toxicity and also on clean air & energy encompasses issues that will impact all of us for years to come. KEF needs our financial support to continue this important work. We should all give generously.

Obviously, we here at KEF agree whole-heartedly with Cecile & we hope YOU will donate generously. There's lots of work to be done to find clean solutions to Kentucky's dirty problems.

YOU can help us. Donate today.

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