

Krewes Kare, Inc. Who We Are

Krewes Kare is a 501(c)3 charitable organization comprised of volunteers from the 50+ krewes in the Tampa Bay area that are best known for their individual and collective participation in parades and events as well as their own charitable contributions to the community. These krewes are also members of the Inter-krewe Council (IKC), the liaison organization that provides information to all krewe members regarding parades and events and also promotes a spirit of friendship and camaraderie among members of all krewes.

In 2005, in response to questions by IKC Representatives as to what could be done by Tampa Bay area krewes to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina, a partnership was formed by the IKC Krewes and Angel Flight Southeast (AFSE), an organization of volunteer pilots who donate their time, planes and fuel for charitable causes. That partnership was quickly named 'Krewes Kare.' The mission: to quickly collect and fly desperately needed supplies to relief workers in the hurricane stricken areas of Mississippi, an area that was neglected by larger relief organizations immediately following the catastrophic storm. Krewes Kare accomplished a great deal in its first few months. From providing chainsaws to workers trying to clear roads for emergency vehicles and tents for refugees left without any shelter, to medicines, hazmat protective gear, and fresh produce for victims unable to acquire those essentials, members of Krewes Kare worked tirelessly to gather and fill AFSE planes until the larger relief agencies could take over.

Because Florida is in the eye of "Hurricane Alley," Krewes Kare continues its mission to be prepared to assist relief workers who will answer the call of the next hurricane victims in the Southeastern United States. Krewes Kare holds annual fundraisers such as the 'Krash Party' following the Knight Parade in Ybor City and 'The World's Largest Hurricane Expo and Party' in May, shortly before the official start of Hurricane Season. These fun and informative events and the help of generous sponsors and volunteers, raise funds to allow Krewes Kare to respond immediately to relief workers' needs when a hurricane strikes in our back yard or in one of our neighboring areas. **All donations to and support of Krewes Kare are tax deductible.**

To accomplish the continuing effort of Krewes Kare, we need the support of all of our neighbors -- whether you are a krewe member, a business or organization, or someone who just cares about helping others. Attending or participating in our events is a great start and goes a long way in helping us achieve our mission. While it is impossible to prevent one of nature's most devastating acts, together, we can be prepared to do our part to help in the aftermath.