

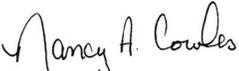
DEAR FRIENDS,

As we are heading for the end of the year, it is hard to believe that will be almost two pandemic years! When we first headed home and hunkered down in March 2020 we were still thinking we might have our Best Friend Award Night that May! But you'll see from the pictures inside that we finally had a small gathering for this year's Best Friend Award Night in September, but many more joined us virtually still.

This summer marked my 20th year at Kids In Danger. I am overwhelmed by how much we have accomplished – and how faithful our supporters have been since our founding. Thank you for supporting us as we work to keep kids safe. Thanks to all of you who marked the anniversary with a gift to KID. We also had a small gathering at Shawn's office to celebrate.



This summer, KID was happy to be back tabling in-person in the Chicago area to educate families about safe sleep and children's product safety. KID interns tabled at the 3rd District Health, Fun and Fitness Fair and 30th Ward Back-to-School Fair, distributing KID materials to parents and caregivers. We also mailed and delivered our educational materials to several organizations across the country.


Nancy Cowles
Executive Director


Shawn Kasserman
President

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

KID has been advocating at the national level with our coalition partners to further several life-saving bills.

In June, the **Stop Tip-overs of Unstable, Risky Dressers on Youth (STURDY) Act** (H.R.1314), sponsored by Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-9) and **The Safe Sleep for Babies Act of 2021** (H.R.3182), sponsored by Rep. Tony Cárdenas (CA-29) and Rep. Schakowsky passed in the U.S. House with a bi-partisan vote.

The STURDY Act will direct the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to create and finalize a mandatory standard to help prevent tip-over incidents involving dressers and other clothing storage furniture. According to the CPSC, a child is sent to the emergency department every 60 minutes following a furniture tip-over incident, and one to two children die every month. The Safe Sleep for Babies Act of 2021 will protect infants from sleep-related deaths by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and distribution of padded crib bumpers and infant inclined sleep products. Crib bumpers and inclined sleepers are inherently unsafe products that have led to dozens of infant deaths and are inconsistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics' safe sleep guidelines. We are now working to pass their companion bills in the U.S. Senate.

KID is also supporting Reese's Law which was introduced on September 21 by U.S. Reps. Robin L. Kelly (D-IL), Jodey Arrington (R-TX) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) which would help prevent button battery ingestion, and the Booster Seat Safety Act which was introduced on October 26 by U.S. Reps. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Katie Porter (D-CA) to address safety gaps in the booster seat industry.

To help support these important measures, sign up on KID's website to join our Action Team and be alerted to opportunities to act.



KID is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting children by fighting for product safety. Our mission is to save lives by enhancing transparency and accountability through safer product development, better education and stronger advocacy for children.

BEST FRIEND AWARD NIGHT

KID held our annual Best Friend Award (BFA) Night on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at the Gleacher Center in Chicago for our vaccinated guests and it was also live streamed for those who couldn't attend in person. The BFA Night marks our progress, honors the memory of Danny and other victims of unsafe children's products, and celebrates champions of children's safety. The BFA Night is KID's primary annual fundraising event, and the proceeds support our lifesaving programs year-round. You can watch the full program on KID's YouTube channel.

This year, we were delighted to honor **Dr. Erin Mannen**, a biomechanical engineer and professor at Boise State and founder of the Boise Applied Biomechanics of Infants (BABI) Lab, for her groundbreaking infant sleep research which has led to policy changes and has saved lives. Thank you to everyone who joined us either in person or virtually and thank you to our honoree Dr. Mannen for sharing her amazing story with us. Special thanks to our donors, emcee Lisa Parker of NBC 5 Chicago, Wolfgang Puck Catering for their amazing food, and The Gleacher Center for hosting us.

We are hoping to all be together in person for the 2022 Best Friend Award Night in the Spring. Stayed tuned.



Top row: Emcee Lisa Parker of NBC 5 Chicago; Drew Mannen, Honoree Dr. Erin Mannen
 Middle row: Dr. Erin Mannen receiving Best Friend Award from KID co-founders Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar; Event co-chair Dawn Kasserman, KID Board President Shawn Kasserman
 Bottom row: Claire Kozak, Holly Allen, Hannah Wendt, Yasmin Asghari, Doug Lange; Volunteers Liz Meza and Camila Poggi



KID STAFF NEWS

KID welcomes our new full-time Program Associate, **Sahiti Pidaparti**. Sahiti will help build KID’s capacity in engaging the public in our work, including outreach to parents and caregivers, communications through social media, blogs and newsletters, advocacy, and more. Sahiti has a Bachelors degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and has a background advocating for social justice issues. We’re thrilled to have her join the KID team.



KID’S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD HOLDS THEIR VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

In July, KID’s **Young Professionals Board (YPB)** hosted its second virtual trivia night fundraiser. Teams competed against each other via Zoom, and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to team ‘The Disgruntled Pelicans’ on their victory. KID’s YPB consists of engaged young professionals who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and are committed to KID’s mission. Please contact Dev Gowda at dev@kidsindanger.org if you’re interested in joining KID’s Young Professionals Board or know someone who would be a good fit.



A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

KID received tribute donations in memory of **Myung Ja Ginzel**. Ms. Ginzel was Danny’s grandmother and a strong KID supporter. Our thoughts are with Linda and Boaz and their family. In addition to many individual donations, the Chicago Booth XP90, Class of 2021 (pictured below) contributed a group gift of more than \$1,700 in her memory.



PHOTO OF MYUNG JA GINZEL BY TOMER KEYSAR

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Do you receive KID's monthly email alert?

Our monthly alert is the best way to keep up with updates about KID, children's product recalls and other product safety news. Sign up on the homepage at www.KidsInDanger.org.

DONOR NEWS

We want to thank those who supported our September 2021 **Best Friend Award Night** with sponsorships:

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, BreathableBaby, Cuda Law Offices, Ltd., Sonny Garg and Julia Harris, GATX Corporation, Linda Ginzel & Boaz Keysar, Kelly's Pub, Perry Lentine and Heather Mason, Don Mays and Jonea Gurwitt, Susan Nied, Ayesha Rafique and Sunil Mehra, Holly Raider and Jerold Lavin, Keith Rhoades, Bob and Jill Tanz, Tomasik Kotin Kasserman LLC, and Turano Baking Company.

Other generous donations for the Best Friend Award Night came from Amy & Brian O'Connell, Danny & Anne Shapiro, Dawn & Shawn Kasserman, and Landgraf Family Foundation.

Those who donated to KID \$2,000 or above are Sally Blount, WEC Energy Group, and William Prinzmetal.

KID received matching gifts from The Boeing Company. Matching gifts are a great way to increase the impact your gift to KID has on our lifesaving work.

We also received contributions in memory of Danny Keysar, John Cowles, Juliette Grace Thiel, Rita Angela Mahoney Sullivan, Shirley Hoven, Warren Jordan, Jr., Ben Squires, Beatrice Orzac, and Brian Duclos.

We also received tribute donations in honor of Don Mays, Alissa Griffin, Dawn & Shawn Kasserman, Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar, Robin Koch, Oran Imas, Vasilisa Zakolyukina, Elaine Kennedy Chung, Bob Tanz, Elisabeth Kempf's daughter, Joanna Dor Mantel, Jack Pavicic, Rachel Weintraub & Scott Reiter's daughter Dalia, Délia Bakkour, Archer Merrick Lyons, and Cora Williams.

A special thanks to **Tyler's Teddies 5K Race to Kindness** organizer Brian Pallozzi and Tyler's mother, Michele Witte. Tyler's Teddies 5K Race to Kindness donated the proceeds to KID – raising over \$800!

