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We are happy to share the remarkable achievements of KID as we mark our milestone year in this 25th Anniversary Annual Report.

Over the past 25 years, KID has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the mission of protecting children by fighting for product safety. Our journey has been marked by resilience, innovation, and dedication to protecting the most vulnerable members of our society.

In these pages, you will see the incredible milestones we have reached and some of the people who have helped. Our 25th anniversary year has been a testament to the enduring impact of our work, showcasing the tangible results of our efforts to improve child safety across the nation. From our groundbreaking research initiatives to our impactful advocacy campaigns, KID has continued to lead the charge in addressing critical product safety issues.

We have been fortunate to have the support of individuals, organizations, and volunteers who share our vision. Your support, whether through volunteering, donations, or advocacy, plays a pivotal role in our mission's success.

I encourage you to dive into this Annual Report to learn more about KID's accomplishments, programs, and initiatives. We have done so much, but there is more to do. Together, we can find new ways to support KID's mission and further our impact.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to KID as we work to create a safer world for our children.

In solidarity,

Nancy A. Cowles

Executive Director

Shawn Kasserman

President

KID MILESTONES:



Tragically in 1998, Danny Keysar was the 5th victim of a recalled and poorly designed portable crib. His parents, Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar, founded KID in his memory.

Danny's parents' first action was to introduce and pass with unanimous support, the Illinois Children's Product Safety Act. This Act requires retailers to remove dangerous recalled products from their shelves, as well as prevent their use in child care facilities.







Safety bill a boy's sad legacy

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After much advocacy, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, which includes Danny's Law, was signed into law.

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25 YEARS OF KID



Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar were honored at KID's Best Friend Award Night for the incredible work they've done for children's product safety.



KID launches the <u>Design Safety Toolkit</u>, a free online course that provides children's

product developers with the information they need to design, develop, and market products more safely. KID also launches the Safety Forward Program to more effectively outreach to underserved communities.



2023

THE YEAR IN ACTION





Advocacy

KID advocates on behalf of children and families to strengthen standards on children's products – through standards settings and federal advocacy. This year saw tremendous progress. Congress passed Reese's Law in August 2022 to prevent child deaths and injuries from button and coin cell battery ingestion. Congress also passed the Stop Tip-over of Unstable, Risky Dressers on Youth (STURDY) Act which will prevent furniture tip-overs by requiring a strong standard to assure the stability of clothing storage units, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted to pass a strong furniture tip-over standard. The CPSC also passed two rules to address unsafe accessible cords in both stock and custom window coverings, which pose a risk of strangulation.

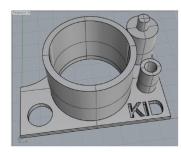


KID Design Safety Toolkit Launched



KID developed and launched the KID Design Safety Toolkit, a free online course to provide children's

product designers with the tools they need to develop and market products more safely. KID is continuing to develop content for Phase 2 of the Toolkit which will be a deeper dive into four main product categories: At Home, Sleep, Out and About, and Play. Major funding for the Toolkit was provided by Amazon, and additional funding was provided by BreathableBaby, ASTM International, Etsy, and QIMA. Access the Toolkit at www.kidsafetytoolkit.org.



Safety Hierarchy





TEST Program

KID has worked with university level engineering students since 2003 through our Teach Early Safety Testing (TEST) program. KID continued to partner with University of Michigan Engineering and the Segal Design Institute at Northwestern University. Last winter, Northwestern students worked on improving the safety of baby products such as bouncers, swings, and rockers. Each team took a different approach to address making the product safer, designing tools to alert parents to unsafe sleep positioning, and to create better access to safety information at point of purchase. In the fall, University of Michigan students presented their design for safer high chairs that aimed to prevent falls. The prototype included restraints that automatically kept children seated without additional straps or buckles.



Public Education and Outreach

Throughout the year, KID led virtual presentations of our <u>Safe From the Start</u> workshop for local community groups such as UCAN, Thompson Family Services, Good Shepherd Center, ECHO Family Services Program, and more. KID also provided safety resources to Chicago communities at the 18th Annual Family Health and Fitness Fair, the 33rd Ward Back to School Health Fair, and the Brightpoint Community Resource Fair.

Our social media reach significantly increased through more interactive content. Our Instagram followers more than doubled and Facebook continued to grow steadily. Dozens of blog posts covering seasonal safety tips, important safety and recall news, advocacy updates and KID highlights helped keep our community informed.









Research

Recall report

KID's 2023 annual recall report, <u>Hidden Hazards: 2022 Children's Product Recalls</u>, examined trends in product recalls in 2022 and recall effectiveness. The year 2022 had the highest number of children's product recalls since 2013; 100 recalls making up 34% of all CPSC recalls. Recalls due to excessive lead content increased with 19 recalls. This is the highest number of lead recalls in the last 10 years, with nine recalls in 2020 a distant second. Additional findings from the report include:

- Clothing recalls doubled with 32 recalls compared to 16 recalls in 2021. Most of these were due to a failure to meet federal flammability standards.
- The CPSC released warnings to consumers about five hazardous children's products without recalling the products. The warnings were for the BabyRescue Rapid Evacuation Devices, Fisher-Price Infant-to-Toddler Rockers, Fisher-Price Newborn-to-Toddler Rockers, Kids2 Rockers, and the DockATot Deluxe Plus Dock.
- Companies' monthly progress reports regarding recall activity continue to be sporadically and incompletely filled. KID filed 64 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for recalls in 2021 and received only 38 reports, many with missing or incorrect data.

Summer Safety Report

Summer is a time for children to explore the outdoors and enjoy warm-weather activities, hopefully while avoiding unknown hazards some products pose. To provide information and give action steps for a safe summer, KID released a report on potential hazards and recalled summer products. Read KID's research reports at www.kidsindanger.org/research.

2023 EVENTS



2023 Best Friends Night

On May 23, 2023, KID held its annual fundraiser, the <u>Best Friends Night</u>, commemorating KID's 25th Anniversary. Thank you to all of KID's best friends who showed support; whether attending in person, donating, buying raffle tickets, or sponsorships. Guests heard about KID's accomplishments over the past 25 years, including a special video message from KID founders Linda Ginzel and Boaz Keysar.

















YPB Happy Hour Fundraiser

In August 2022, KID's Young Professionals Board (YPB) hosted a happy hour "Kick Back with KID" at Radio Room in Chicago. KID's YPB consists of engaged young professionals who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and are committed to KID's mission. They were excited to host their first in person fundraiser after two years of virtual events. Please contact Sahiti Pidaparti at sahiti@kidsindanger.org if you're interested in joining the YPB.



Work Study, Interns and Volunteers

Anahi Alcoser Bravo

Lissey Bayla

Suzanne Bracken

L. Matthew Dollet-Hemphill

Jessica Dragovich

Tehearah Ferguson

Ruben Hillar

Tejas Idate

Jessica Kasperek

Ramsha (Shay) Khan

Nidhi Khare

Sue Lai

Phani Lanka

Chrisy Michaelsen

Mallorie Monckton

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Sai Vikas Nethi

Isabel Perez-Becerra

Srinivasa R. Pidaparti

Aniruth Senthilkumar

Swathi Sureshmoorthy























FY2023 By The Numbers



840.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS \$26,727.90 VALUE



538.5 WORK STUDY HOUR

538.5 WORK STUDY HOURS \$8,292.90 VALUE



1379 TOTAL HOURS \$35,020.80 VALUE

KID LEADERSHIP

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Sahiti Pidaparti Program Associate



Financials

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF MAY 31, 2023

Assets

Total Assets	\$ 251,656
Fixed Assets	\$ 0
Current Assets	\$ 251,656

With Donor Restrictions Total Net Assets	\$ 34,478 236,264
Without Donor Restrictions	201,786
Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	\$ 15,392
Liabilities & Net Assets	

SUMMARY OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 251,656

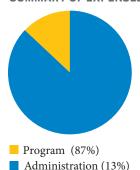
Net Assets Support

Net Fundraising Support	\$ 85,867
Public Contributions	\$ 294,403
Interest Income	\$ 203
Total Support	\$ 380,473

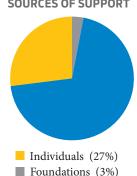
Expenses

Program Services	\$ 316,165
Administration	\$ 70,151
Total Expenses	\$ 386,316
Decrease in Net Assets	(\$5,843)

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES



SOURCES OF SUPPORT



Corporations (70%)

Our Generous Donors and **Supporters**

Champions(\$15,000+)

Amazon

Linda Ginzel & Boaz Keysar

Defenders(\$10,000-\$14,999)

ASTM International UL Standards & Engagement

Protectors (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Abbott Laboratories BreathableBaby The Turano Foundation Tomasik Kotin Kasserman LLC Janet McGee Danny & Anne Shapiro Lisa Turano

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Jim & Jenny Gillespie

Steve & Cathy Haas Brett & Jenny Horn

Gregory Hubbard

Brian Hurst

Nicole Kasserman

Amy Kelly & Janna Lombardo

Jasmine Kwong & Ashwin

Avasarala

Ajay Lakshman

Nora Newcombe & Jeffrey Lerner

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Andrew & Ellen Weller

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of Greater Chicago
Langham Hotel
Legacy Hospitality
Lifeline Theatre

Lil' Kickers Skills Institute Soccer

London House Chicago Lyric Opera of Chicago Courtney Mahoney Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire

Mercury Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline

Morgan Wallen Concert at

Wrigley Field

Museum of Contemporary

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Northbrook Park District

Old Town School of Folk Music

Purple Monkey Playroom

Ravinia Festival

Scott Harris Hospitality

Shedd Aquarium

Six Flags Great America

Spirit Airlines

The Annoyance Theatre & Bar

The Barre Code

The Hotel at Midtown Chicago (Midtown Athletic Club)

The Paintbrush

Timothy Grant Jewelry

Lisa Turano Wateriders

Windy City Smokeout

Zanies Comedy Club



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