

Mini-Golf Event raises over \$25,000 for the Youth at Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center



On Monday March 4th Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center held its 5th Annual SWING INTO ACTION Miniature Golf Tournament sponsored by RockIT Solutions and 1st Edge Technologies, LLC at Fiesta Falls Miniature Golf Course on St. Augustine Beach.

144 golfers enjoyed a cool, beautiful day playing tournament-style miniature golf. The event raised over \$25,000 for the homeless youth at Port in the Storm. Scott Rock of RockIT Solutions, Emcee, DJ for the day, and member of the Board of Directors of St Francis House & Port in the Storm, got the golfers started and assisted with awards.

Prizes were awarded for Round One Champion, Round Two Champion, Grand Champion as well as Best Dressed Team and Most Team Spirit for each round.

Southern Title was declared the tournament Grand Champion, taking home the huge trophy and bragging rights for a year.

Dylan Rumrell, Mayor of St. Augustine Beach and Judith Dembowski, Executive Director of Port in the Storm, gave brief remarks, and congratulated our winning teams.

This event would not be possible without our volunteers and the generous donation of the Fiesta Falls course by Rich O'Brien & Lauren Ringhaver, local business owners and longtime advocates for the needs of those facing homelessness.

Other sponsors included: Localiq/The Record, MasterCraft Builders, Clukey & Tebault, UF Health St Johns, Hyundai of St. Augustine, Silver Feather Jewelry & Gifts, Paradise Title, Ancient City Accounting, bestbet Poker, Kaiser Deli & Market, Builders Stainless and R. Dean Scott Architect. In addition, local businesses sponsored all 18 holes.

Mark your calendars for the March 2025 Tournament and Swing into Action for Homeless Youth!

Photos by Justin Snavely



A beautiful day for the Swing into Action tournament at Fiesta Falls Miniature Golf



Round 1 Winners and Grand Champions, Southern Title



Round 2 Team Spirit Winners, The Sports Corner with Judith Dembowski



Round 2 Best Dressed Winners, Fun Coast Bartending with Executive Director, Judith Dembowski

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Your Gifts at Work!

Here we are at the end of the first quarter of 2024 already. Before we get too far into the new year, I wanted to thank you for what you have done and continue to do to impact the lives of the men, women, families, and youth experiencing homelessness in our community.

Your regular gifts and commitment to improving the lives of others made a huge difference last year.

Roses are red, Violets are blue. You make the world better by just being YOU.

YOU sheltered 435 people at St. Francis House and 35 families with 59 children. 625 people received assistance at the day drop-in center at St. Francis House.

YOU provided a safe place off the streets, special programs, and hope for the future to 96 homeless youth at Port in the Storm.

YOU helped the SOS Street Outreach Teams engage 331 people on the streets, including 32 Veterans, providing access to critical resources and a path to housing.



Because of you 177 people are off the streets and enjoying the safety and security of a home of their own this year. Without YOU none of this would have been possible.

Thank you is not nearly enough to express our gratitude on behalf of the people whose lives you have touched.

But we do thank you because YOU are awesome!!

Safe and dry no need to roam. Because of YOU, they have a home.

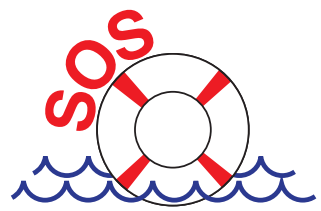
Wish List

Underwear – Men and Women - All Sizes, Sports bras, Boxers, Panties
Rain Ponchos for the Rainy Spring
Canned Vegetables
Milk, Eggs and Butter

Mayo, BBQ Sauce
Pop-Top Cans of Fruit, Pasta, Soup, Spam, Vienna Sausage
Powdered Milk and Drink Mixes
Granola Bars, Cookies & Chips



Don't know what to get? \$10 Gift cards for Walmart, Target or grocery stores are the best! Don't want to shop? Order on Amazon and have it shipped to our administration office at 1375 Arapaho Ave, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Be sure to include your name so that we can thank you! Contact Sarah Del Cid, Development/Volunteer Coordinator at Sarah.DelCid@stfrancishelter.org if you have questions.



SOS – Saving the lives of those on the streets

Most of you know about St. Francis House, shelter for men, women and families and Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center. You may not be as familiar with SOS (Street Outreach Services).

Thanks to your support SOS was established in 2016 creating highly trained teams to “reach out” to those who are living unsheltered in our community. Outreach staff has increased and specialized since then to include adult, youth and veteran focused services.

These workers are at the front line engaging those who live on the streets, in the woods and in cars. Many are afraid, hungry, and experiencing mental health issues. They don’t know where to turn or who to trust. SOS meets them where they are, establishes trust and guides them to services that can help stabilize lives and lead to housing.

Bryan



Bryan was kicked out of his parents’ house after his mom passed away. The combination of his grief and being abandoned by those he looked up to was overwhelming. He fell into survival mode; panhandling, shoplifting, and worse just to eat and find shelter. The stress of being hungry all

the time made it hard for him to think beyond finding his next meal. SOS Youth Outreach connected with Bryan on the streets. For the first time someone listened, acknowledged his grief and connected him to Port in the Storm. Because of YOU Bryan has access to shelter, food and hope for a better future. Your support of SOS Street Outreach saved his life.

Without your help those on the streets do not have a chance. Please make your gift today and keep SOS on the streets. Visit www.stfrancisshelter.org to make your gift online.

Doug – a Veteran’s story



Doug experienced a good deal of trauma during his military service. Once discharged, that trauma led to the end of his marriage and separation from his family. He was alone and homeless – another statistic in our

crisis of Veteran homelessness. Doug knew there was a shelter. But his PTSD made living in a shelter out of the question. The SOS Veteran Outreach team became a life-line for Doug providing food, access to mental health and veterans services and most recently a place of his own to live. Your support of SOS helped get one of our veterans, off the streets!

Celebrating 40 years of YOUR support to our homeless neighbors



Old St. Francis House



2015



2016 after Hurricane Matthew



2020

Don’t miss the 40th Anniversary Celebration of your generosity on May 19, 2024

This event is our gift to you for your faithful support of men, women, families and youth experiencing homelessness.

See the enclosed invitation for more information. Register today! Space is limited!

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information and to register visit our website at www.stfrancisshelter.org/thankyou or contact Lindy Deyto at lindy.deyto@stfrancisshelter.org.



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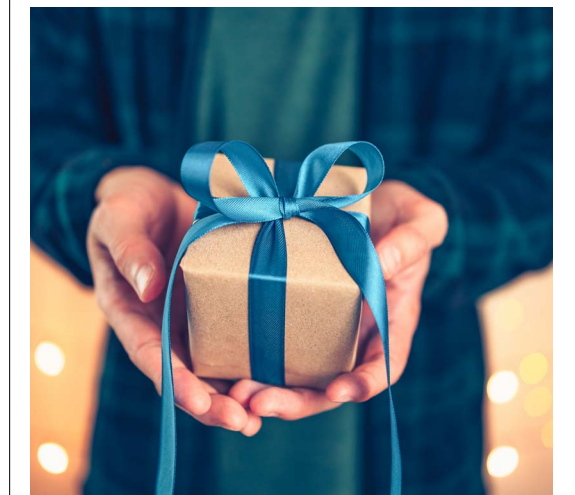
(The act of giving or leaving something through a will)

Have you thought about the legacy you can leave....the lives you can impact? You have touched so many lives through your gifts. Planning a bequest of any amount in your will can continue the good work you have done. Please consider a bequest to St. Francis House or Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center.

Have questions? Feel free to contact me at karen.hensel@stfrancisshelter.org or 904-824-8987 Be sure to consult with your attorney or accountant for guidance on creating or changing your will.

Give it some thought. YOU can leave a legacy.

Thank you again for your investment in the lives of others.



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