

MONTHLY DONORS SOCIETY-CHAMPIONS OF HOPE

At SOS, we are incredibly blessed by our faithful supporters who believe in what we do and the Hope we seek to share within our community. We are thankful for your partnership and prayers over the past 28 years of ministry. We want to invite you to become a SOS Champion of Hope to help us further impact the over 600 children, teens, women, and men we serve!

Our Champions of Hope comprise a special team of dedicated, monthly donors who partner with us to Save Our Streets and bring Hope to the Hopeless. Champions of Hope believe with conviction our community will be transformed through the power of the Gospel, one story at a time.

SOS Ministries exists to Rescue, Restore, & Release by daily investing in the lives of those we serve. The role of our Champions of Hope is to help provide sustainable monthly donations to ensure our programs and services are available throughout each person's journey to lasting life change. During these unprecedented times in the past couple years, monthly donors have been essential in sustaining our ministry activities.

We invite you to join us in transforming lives by financially partnering with us each month. Here's how you can join:

Option 1: VISIT saveourstreetsministries.org/give, set "Donation Type" to "Monthly Recurring" & select area "Champions of Hope"

Option 2: CALL US at 979.775.5357

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and all you do to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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20TH ANNUAL BANQUET "RISE"

This year's banquet, "Rise", on Tuesday, October 5th, was an evening to remember! Over 550 people from diverse cultural, denominational, and socio-economic backgrounds gathered to hear about SOS Ministries and worship the good God whose power has made the last 28 years of service possible. It is in the DNA of SOS Ministries to encourage people to RISE and answer what God has planned for them. We are so grateful to God and this community that allowed us to raise OVER \$180,000!

28 years ago, God gave JJ Ramirez a vision of a 24/7 facility. "It's multigenerational, selfless in execution, almost impossible in its fulfillment, frightening ramifications of its failure. Its focus is daunting, and its impact is clear." 28 years later, "this land is being used for the glory and the purposes of God... we stayed with the vision, we have not diverted from it."

SOS has a front row seat in seeing life transformation and we were able to share three personal stories of God's miracles and saving power in people's lives. We heard the Newman family's story of how God's love, patience, and faithfulness has worked through SOS for so many years. "There is peace in SOS. Everybody here wants to see you grow and get better in life. It's a blessing to see how our kids know and love God. This ministry is like their second home." Tony, their teenage son, also shared his story. "Since I was younger, I've seen JJ as a role model. He's always influenced me to search more for God and to be a leader to tell others about God, and if there isn't a group to lead, then I'll have to make one." The next story was for Lance. He told us how God saved him in the midst of being lost to addiction and crime. "The only way I knew to numb the pain was to drink or snort it away. I was lost and broken, and then God said that's enough." Lance had an encounter with Jesus while he was in prison. "While watching a movie in prison, all the

pain I had inside just flooded out. Everybody around me began praying for. That is where I felt Jesus and I can only thank God for that... I'm thankful JJ did not give up on me. Now it's time for me to go back and help others who are lost and broken." The last story was Felicia's. She spoke about the power of prayers she received from the Women's Ministry at the darkest moment in her life. "Last year in August, I had a suicide attempt. I thought I was going to die. I was sent to a mental hospital for a week, and that's when I began coming back to SOS. It's a blessing to have a family like SOS that not only prays for you, but also locks arms to fight with you. God is really opening the floodgates of Heaven for me and my

kids because I'm being obedient. I know I'm not perfect and never will be, but I don't allow my mistakes to keep me on the ground. I pray about it and get back up."

JJ also preached that we need to "rise up" and "do as the occasion demands (1 Samuel 10:7)". He urged us to believe no matter what happens in the unprecedented time we're living, the

word of God is true. He encouraged us to rise in their faith, confidence, and courage. "We are all a part of this story. The Lord has given us all a reason why we are here. We are here to live for the Kingdom and glory of God. We are here to play and not just sit on the sidelines. "This is our finest hour. We must rise and believe we are standing for the glory of God."

We are so thankful for all our faithful sponsors, including Galleria Spa Salon Boutique and KBTX Media (see our full list of sponsors on the back). With your support, we raised over \$180,000 in sponsorship, contributions and raffle tickets. Thank you for your commitment to what we do! We are in awe of the blessings God has shown us and are looking forward to seeing what He has for our community as we "RISE" for His glory.

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After School Program



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BRAZOS VALLEY GIVES on OCTOBER 19th

Brazos Valley Gives is an online giving day on October 19th, that unites our local community by "raising critical funding and awareness" for non-profit organizations making a positive impact in our 7 counties. This online giving day unites the community as individuals and businesses alike raise money together for the causes that they believe in. Through financial giving to the organization of your choice, you are speaking up for those who might not have a voice and you are partnering with your community in making the Brazos Valley a better place for everyone. SOS is participating in Brazos Valley Gives and this year we are asking for your help to raise \$10,000 for our Bus Ministry! We serve over 250 children and teens through weekly ministry activities in Bryan and Hearne, TX. Without our Bus Ministry, most of the children and teens we serve would be unable to attend our programs due to transportation barriers. During our ministry programs and activities, children from rough backgrounds are shown the love of Christ through spending time with dedicated volunteers and hope is restored to some of the bleakest parts of their lives. Our Bus Ministry also serves as a vital tool in training men and women during our Commercial Driver's License (CDL) semester of the Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program. Over 30 students have successfully graduated from this program since it began in 2019 and our Bus Ministry gives us the opportunity to hire these graduates as we support them on their individual journeys to lasting life change. Additionally, driving buses and vans throughout the Brazos Valley increases awareness of our ministry and grants us more time to spend in at-risk neighborhoods building relationships with families and discovering effective ways to meet present, tangible needs.

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NOV
15-18

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Volunteer Banquet

DEC
6-9

Children's Ministry, Hearne, Teens, Women's & After School Program Christmas Parties



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