

## AWARENESS MONTH

S.O.S. Ministries Awareness Month is just around the corner! During this year's April Awareness Month, our "Hit N Run" Neighborhood Outreaches are back every Friday night! We will bring sausage on a stick, Christian rappers, and most importantly the Good News of Jesus Christ to families experiencing the hardships of poverty and violence in their neighborhoods. We will also visit many churches and organizations throughout April to spread awareness of the programs and services we offer to bring Hope to the hopeless.

This April, we are also organizing our second Online Auction, April 11th through April 30th, featuring even more unique items and special experiences to support our Children's Ministry, which includes our weekday After School Program, weekly activities in Bryan and Hearne, On Location Bible studies, and summer camps. Through our Children's Ministry, we share God's love with over 500 children, build life-giving mentorships, provide academic tutoring, teach Bible lessons, and introduce them to a variety of fun, extracurricular activities (such as cooking, gardening, physical fitness, music, and dancing).

The foremost purpose of Awareness Month is for people in our city to know and believe the Gospel, the only Truth with the power to set them free! We invite you to partner with us whether it be through prayer, joining us for our Friday neighborhood outreaches, participating in our Online Auction, and/or financially supporting our mission to Save Our Streets!

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## EDDY'S STORY

My name's Eddy Licon. I grew up in a Christian home in Houston and at 5 accepted Jesus as my Savior. I went to church and was taught right from wrong. I remember I strived to fit in the punk rock culture after seeing a documentary about it, and with that culture came drugs. At 16 I ran from home and the drug use really began. By 18 I had served time and had a felony. When my son was born I promised myself to change for him, but ended up with a failed marriage, heavy drug use, and lots of anger. Although I knew what to do in my 30s, I chose to ignore God and blame Him for all the wrong things in my life. Later ended up marrying my now wife. I was happy, she was everything I ever dreamed of. But I was full of guilt I had learned to hide my addictions, so again things started to crumble. Because of my meth habit I couldn't pay the bills. I began to use the arguments as my excuse to leave. I abandoned my wife and my son, and went deeper into my addiction. I ended up living in the street, doing whatever to support my habit. I was on a fast track to either prison or to the grave. My family had stopped reaching out to me and I had no one. Then I received a text from Tiger, my childhood youth leader. He offered to take me to a rehab facility. After weeks of turning him down, there came that morning when I woke up on a sidewalk in an old abandoned shopping center, and I finally had enough!

Tiger picked me up and took me to a 90 day faith based rehab in Houston, but within 48 hours they had Tiger to come get me. Tiger was on a mission. He started making calls, and reached out to SOS. Tiger and I

had a meeting with the Men's Home Director, and there I learned about the rules of the Men's home, the work program and their expectations. After giving it some thought, I walked through the front doors of the S.O.S Men's Home on November 9th, 2014, and my life was forever changed! I knew I wasn't an easy person to deal with, and there were plenty of times I wanted to walk away, but never having visited Bryan, I had no idea where I was at or how to get home.

At the Men's Home, I was taught many new valuable lessons and I came to realize why my life was a mess. Proverbs 3:5-6 says

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." All I needed to do was submit to Him and He would guide me through life. At SOS, I saw how the men would treat their families, and I realized what a blessing I had with my wife and son.

I knew if I was going to be that kind of Godly, family man, I needed to finish the program. Praise be to God, I graduated from the Men's Home September 11th 2015. Since I've been out, God has truly blessed me. With His guidance I've been able to reconnect and save my marriage with my beautiful wife. I've also been able to be the father to my son that he deserves. I am able to work in the medical field for which I went to school to receive training. God used the SOS family to help me in my time of need. They showed me love, forgiveness, and what it's like to be Godly Man. God is not done with me yet, but I will forever be grateful for what He has done through SOS Ministries in my life.

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After School Program



Children's Ministry

# Awareness Month Fundraiser Auction

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S.O.S. Ministries invests in the lives of over 500 children across the Brazos Valley to provide consistent, loving support children can rely on, speak Truth into their lives, and help them grow into strong men and women filled with Hope. During our Children's Ministry programs, dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the kids, build life-giving mentorships with them, tutor them in their academics, and introduce them to a variety of fun, extracurricular activities (such as cooking, gardening, physical fitness, music lessons, dancing, and more). We prioritize building trustworthy relationships with the children's families, visiting the children at their schools, and spending quality time with them in their neighborhoods. Our goal is to provide trustworthy and loving support children can rely on, speak Truth into their lives, and help them grow into strong men and women filled with Hope.

Check out our ONLINE Auction beginning April 11th to support our kids and bring home some amazing prizes! Visit our website [SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org](http://SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org) for more information as the event gets closer. Together, we can Save Our Streets!

On Location



After School Program

**DID YOU know?**  
**Over 500 kids attend SOS Children's Ministry Programs each year!**



## make an impact

Enclosed is my special gift of:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ MONTHLY

☐ ONE-TIME

☐ ADD ME TO THE E-NEWSLETTER (email address) \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAR**  
**14-18**

Spring Break- Office Closed

**MAR**  
**26**

Family Picnic

**APR**

"Hit 'N Run" Neighborhood Outreach- Fridays in April

**APR**  
**23**

Missy & Me Tea Party



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