

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES

As summer winds down, the time has come for children and teenagers to prepare to head back to school, which also means parents must begin the task of gathering school supplies and clothes for a new school year.

Preparing to go back to school can be a financial challenge, leaving many children and teens to attend their first day of school without the necessary supplies to have a successful year. At SOS, we strive to eliminate the stress of the season by doing our best to assist as many families as possible with their back to school needs. Each summer before school starts, we take families to purchase back to school clothes and supplies so they feel prepared to begin the school year. Whether it is purchasing new school clothes or essential school supplies, we hope to bless as many of our kids and teens as possible.

SOS is committed and willing to go to great lengths to see children and teens who are "at risk" succeed. We believe that if we can help the children of SOS prepare for school, we are better equipping them to be a light for Jesus in their schools.

Would you consider partnering with us to help us provide back to school clothes and supplies for the kids at SOS? To be a part of helping our kids and teens prepare for school, see the insert or visit our website at: www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give.

Thank you for partnering with SOS to help our children and teens start the school year with all the supplies they need.

INVESTING INTO ETERNITY

SOS TEEN MINISTRY

Since the birth and growth of SOS in 1993, the LORD has put it in our hearts the need to connect to the next generation and directly speak Kingdom into their lives. Instead of pointing to the darkness, we must penetrate it with light (John 1:4-5). In the words of our own JJ Ramirez, "The world is after our youth. If it catches them while they're still young, all they will become are future consumers. Everything in this world is bidding for our young people's attention. It is vitally important we get our teens involved in the things of the Kingdom more than ever before.

The greatest investment we will ever make is not in stocks or bonds. The greatest investment is into the life of another person. By investing into our youth, we invest into eternity. SOS Teen Ministry gives us the ability to share the truth about Jesus with our teens and be an example of what living life in relationship with Jesus means. We get to witness our youth thrive and blossom in Jesus and become living testimonies of His love."

One of our teen boys shared his story with us, "Growing up I was in constant fear of my dad, beaten almost every day. My mom was rarely around to see me get beaten, but when she was I would try to expose him, which made the beating even worse. Afterwards, I would go to my room feeling furious at God for not being there to defend me. I wondered why my brothers were treated differently than me. My older brother was okay with my dad and my little brother was the baby to him. Eventually my dad left and moved away and my older brother started acting up. His decisions led

us here to SOS Ministries and now I see that God has always been there. Even though I still mess up because I ain't perfect, I know Him, and that is all that matters."

SOS Teen Ministry is an opportunity to connect to the next generation and directly speak Kingdom to them. Brandon, our Teen Boys Coordinator said, "We see the enemy attacks teens in so many way by feeding and showing them lies, but we are here to fight back. We want GOD to use us to plant the Gospel and the Word into their lives and uproot the lies and destruction that has been sown in them already. We need leaders that are committed to building intentional relationships.

Ana, our Teen Girls Coordinator has shared, "Each week we get a chance to share the truth of Jesus, and to be living examples of what living life in relationship with Jesus means and looks like. So many of our young people are looking for love, acceptance, and identity. Serving and leading in

the SOS Teen Ministry has allowed us to share and shower the love of Jesus and His purposes for their lives. I recently told my girls, 'If you are willing to let social media, music, and TV shows teach you about who you are, what your purpose on earth is, and how to love others - you should give God a chance to tell you who He says you are, what He created you for, and how to love His way.' We speak truth in love, pray for them, and let God do the rest. The best part is seeing the light bulb go off, and the hard questions asked. The teens come to a place of decision and we are here to point them to Jesus!"

**Let God tell
 you who
 you are.**



SOS Summer Camp Narrow Gate



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Teen Ministry-Teen Boys



Teen Ministry-Teen Girls

SOS Women's ARISE CONFERENCE

In the summer of 2017, our Women's Ministry was led to host a conference just for women. We named the conference ARISE, which comes from Isaiah 60:1: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you". The heart of this conference is a desire to see women from all walks of life come and discover God's love and healing power through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

This year, the Arise Conference will take place on August 7th at SOS and will be open to any and all who would like to come. A number of women from our women's class will share their stories of how God called them to ARISE out of life's dead end situations. We will also have Marlene Yeo, founder and director of "He Cares For Me" in Haverhill, Massachusetts, share life changing stories with the women. Our hope is that more women will experience the love of Jesus and find community and relationship with the women of SOS. Please join us in prayer for these women to experience the love of Christ deeply, and to be Rescued, Restored, and Released from the grips of sin and darkness. Pray for them to ARISE, and shine, for the Glory of The Lord rises upon them (Isaiah 60:1)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July
30

Vocational Training CDL Graduation

Aug
7

Women's Arise Conference

Aug
14

Back to School Shopping

Oct
5

SOS Banquet



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