

BETTER TOGETHER 19TH ANNUAL SOS BANQUET SEPTEMBER 29TH // 6:30 P.M.

The 19th Annual S.O.S. Banquet, "BETTER TOGETHER", sponsored by Galleria Spa Salon Boutique and KBTX Media is rapidly approaching on September 29th!

If you are a part of SOS or have an interest in what SOS Ministries does in our community, we would love to have you join us! Twenty-seven years ago, God gave our founder, J.J. Ramirez, an ex-street thug and addict, a vision of SOS Ministries and what God could do through this ministry; how it could be a place of hope to rescue, restore, and release those who are surrounded by drugs, abuse, and violence. Since day one, the vision for the ministry has remained the same and we are seeing it become a reality even in these changing circumstances due to COVID-19. Join us for a night of reflection on how God has used SOS to make a difference in our community and proven in these difficult times that we are indeed BETTER TOGETHER.

For sponsorship and ticketing information see the insert or visit our website; saveourstreetsministries.org. Feel free to contact our office with any questions; 979-775-5357.



IMPACTED BY THE TRUTH AT STILL WATER SPORTS CAMP

This year we had a new opportunity to take 9 kids and 7 teenagers to Still Water Sports Camp near Fredericksburg through the generosity of the Marshal Verne Ross Foundation. It is an overnight camp where the kids each get to pick a sport to learn and are put in a cabin with awesome counselors where they get to learn about Jesus and participate in small group discussions. This was an especially unique and special opportunity being in the midst of a pandemic. For many of these kids and teens, this was one of their first opportunities to get out of the house and be around people other than their families in months!

Both the teens and kids were nervous on the van ride down. They didn't talk much and, when they first arrived, chose not to participate in many of the crazy cheers and games. Slowly, as the week went on, we saw them come out of their shells and just have pure fun! The boys had a blast wrestling with their counselors on the mat in the lake, the girls conquered their fear and jumped off the rope swing, and all of them had a blast covering their counselors in pizza sauce and pizza toppings in a crazy game. Through this fun and the kids getting out of their shells, they were able to build relationships and let down walls which ultimately led to soft hearts to hear and receive the gospel.

On one of the last days, the campers participated in an experience called the Golgotha Run. Before the run, one of the

leaders shared from the Bible about Jesus choosing to go through pain and then give His life so that we could have life. The kids then had the opportunity to pick up a long wooden board and carry it up a hill to the foot of a wooden cross and pray. They then put the board over their shoulders and walked down the hill. With the sun shining down on their backs, they could see the shadow of a cross as they walked, with their body in the middle. This symbolized two things. One, it symbolized that

Jesus died for them! He died for the whole world and He actually took their individual sins and paid the price to adopt them into His family. The leader also shared that following Jesus is more than just praying a prayer and getting eternal life. Truly following Jesus is a daily decision to pick up your

cross and choose to seek after God and the things of God.

At the end of the week, many of the kids said that this run was their favorite experience of the whole camp. There are so many stories that could be shared of what God did in the life of each kid and teen, specifically through the Golgotha Run. But in summary, the kids experienced the weight of what Jesus did for them in a new way and were impacted by the truth of what it really means to follow Jesus for a lifetime. I know their experience at camp is just another piece of the amazing story God is writing in each of their lives, and it is beautiful and breathtaking to watch!

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ARISE Women's Conference



Still Water Sports Camp



Dance Camp



Basketball Camp

On Location 2020

EXPLORERS: PURSUING GOD

Each summer, volunteers join together for the SOS summer outreach program, On Location, to go into neighborhoods to share the Gospel through Bible lessons, games, crafts & snacks. This summer, more than 30 volunteers went to 4 local neighborhoods, including one in Hearne. We were able to serve 120 kids each week, build relationships and share the love of God. The kids showed up each eager to learn the Bible stories and were full of joy! Despite the global pandemic, we were able to share the love of Jesus in a powerful and relational way. God showed up mightily and 2 boys gave their lives to Jesus! We saw children love freely and challenge one another to be more like Christ. It was an incredible summer of witnessing God transform the hearts of kids. Thank you for being a part in reaching the next generation with the Gospel!



DID YOU KNOW?

SOS provided Back 2 School clothing and supplies for **41 Kids and Teens** this school year! Thank you to all of our **donors** for helping these kids and their families as they start their next school year!



Save the Date

Mark your calendar for this year's **19th Annual Banquet** on **Tuesday, September 29th** sponsored by: **Galleria Day Spa** and **KBTX Media!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 5** Volunteer Kickoff
- Sept 14** Children's Ministry and After School Program Training
- Sept 21** Children's Ministry and After School Program Begin
- Sept 29** SOS Ministries 19th Annual Banquet



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