

#### **MISSY & ME TEA PARTY**

We had a great time hosting nearly 120 women & girls during this year's Missy & Me Tea Party! The SOS gym was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements, balloons, & tea sets. The ladies & girls excitedly gathered around as they picked matching hats to complete their outfits and pose for pictures. The theme of the party was taken from Titus 2: older women mentoring & passing down wisdom to the younger generation on how to love their family. Following a fun session on etiquette taught by Pastor Anita Dorsey, we heard the powerful testimonies of two mother/daughter pairs, which was the highlight of the event for many. Mothers & daughters shared how their lives were transformed through their encounter with Jesus and how they received wisdom from Him during the process of healing and restoration of their relationships. One of the mothers shared, "My mom never had a relationship with God. I never fully had a friendship with her because of the missing relationship with Christ. The selfless love I have received at SOS has constantly directed me to the loving relationship with Jesus. Now, I know how important it is for my kids to allow God to live inside of them. No parent is perfect, and nobody prepares you the way God does! The Bible is our manual on how to raise children. I encourage all parents to allow God to take control in the way they raise their kids. Tell you kids about God's love & being obedient to His commands. He is the ONLY perfect parent, and He will guide us as we walk with Him.'

We thank God that He made a way for the women & girls to come and receive the love of Christ at our Tea Party. Also, a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful speakers, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and our incredible volunteers who helped with this event. Your faithful YES allows us to reach out and make an impact in the lives of women, girls & their families throughout our community!

## TAKING JESUS TO THE STREETS AWARENESS MONTH 2023

"Taking the love of Jesus to the streets of Bryan-College Station." These words have been at the heart of SOS Ministries since the beginning. You've probably heard the story from me before, in November 1993, a tent was put on the corner of Beck & Palasota. 150 professions of faith in Jesus and 78 baptisms happened that night in the cold and rain. Gang members, drug addicts and all kinds of hurting people were saved and SOS Ministries was birthed.

But, the story is not just a story and the words are not just words. They are the heart of SOS Ministries. Going into areas of our community where most will not go. Areas of prostitution, drug deals,

and drug addicts. Areas where some of those living there have lost all hope. Areas where, even in the Bible belt of the United States, some have not heard the Gospel. Areas where the hope and love of Jesus can transcend all barriers and the field is ripe for the harvest. THIS is what God calls us to.

While our ministry activities throughout the year provide unbound opportunities to minister to the unchurched, hurting and broken, April is a time where we can leave our space and focus on specific neighborhoods God has put in front of us. We get to deliver meals, go door to door, and have block parties while we build relationships and make sure the Gospel of Jesus is not only heard but felt. God allows us opportunities to pray with and for those that need to know His love and power. Those who have already experienced the miracle of a transformed life share their story of God's love and redemption. He allows us to show that missing piece (His peace) to the emptiness in their heart that they realize can only be filled by Him. For those of us in the journey with Christ, we know it is their new beginning of a transformed life and adventure that carries into eternal life with Christ.

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After 30 years, our focus on reaching every soul with the power and love of Christ remains steadfast and is the greatest resource we have. After School Program, Vocational Training, camps and retreats are all great tools we get to use. They are ALL for the purpose of Christ being made known. Nothing happens within SOS Ministries that does not lead to Christ. I thank God He keeps that in front of me and

our staff and incredible volunteers at all times!

I remember the night God gave me the vision of SOS Ministries. He showed me a sea of people that looked just like me: worn, torn and tattered. I remember weeping and crying to God saying "If just one comes out, I dedicate

my life for just one like me to come out" and He whispered back and said "J.J., I just don't want one, I want them all!"

"I wish none should perish, but all come in to the saving knowledge of Jesus"

Thank you for being a part of this Ministry. Thank you for helping us take Jesus to the streets of Bryan College Station...and beyond.

-J.J. Ramirez, S.O.S Founder and Director



Missy & Me Tea Party



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Awareness Month Outreaches



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# Awareness Month Online Auction Fundraiser Online Auction

We are excited to announce the S.O.S. Online Auction is **NOW LIVE through April 27th!** This year, we are auctioning off even more unique items and special experiences to support our Children's Ministry, including scenic getaways, Aggie sports tickets, spa packages, and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

SOS 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. Our Children's Ministry programs include our weekday After School Program and weekly activities in Bryan and Hearne, On Location bible studies, summer camps & more! During our programs, dedicated staff and volunteers share the Gospel with kids, build life-giving mentorships with them, provide academic tutoring, and introduce them to a variety of fun, extracurricular activities (such as cooking, guitar lessons, dancing, and more). We further invest in children's lives by prioritizing building trustworthy relationships with their families, visiting them at their schools, and spending quality time with them in their neighborhoods.

Check out our ONLINE Auction today to support our kids and bring home some amazing prizes! Visit our website **sosministriesauction.org** for more information. Together, we can Save Our Streets!

# WILL YOU JOIN US?

SOS is on a journey to dive even deeper into the neighborhoods we reach. We are raising up disciples to become a constant presence in these neighborhoods. Christ followers that will be a present help and physical representation of Christ. Believers that will regularly visit, commune and even live in these areas that some regard as a lost cause. As disciples of



Jesus, we are all a new creation in Christ. Our outreaches in April are never an end or a "one and done", they are the FIRST entry into the lives of those God has placed before us, or ONE MORE opportunity to go visit the mom in Apartment 417. Will you join us in prayer as we seek and disciple those God is calling to minister in this special way in these neighborhoods?

### IGNITE THE NEXT Generation

The heart of this \$6.5 Million campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. The campaign will expand our programs and facilities to widen our reach and deepen our impact for Jesus in the community.

Visit SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org







Neighborhood Block Party



Teen Girls One-Day Retreat



Neighborhood Outreach



SOS BBQ Outreach

