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# STREET

#### **30TH YEAR** TENT REVIVAL

"In October of 1993, several pastors from different denominations came together on Halloween night to pray and intercede for souls for the Kingdom of God. We were only going to do a 3-day revival and ended up going all week because of the response of gang members and drug addicts. People from all walks of life turned away from their sins and invited Jesus into their hearts & lives. With 150 professions of faith and 78 baptisms, we saw evidence of God moving and answering pravers."

- JJ Ramirez, Founder & Director

While the initial vision of SOS Ministries to Rescue, Restore, and Release those we serve remains, an effort to primarily reach gang members has since multiplied into a multifaceted ministry that touches every area of the Brazos Valley and every member of the family, from grandchild to grandparent. The past 3 decades have been an incredible blessing for SOS to witness God perform countless miracles where not just one life was transformed but entire families' generational cycles of poverty, hurt, and abuse were broken. It has been the greatest honor to share God's Truth, love, and promised revival with the families throughout the streets of the Brazos Valley and meet them where they are.

Church of the Living God! We are excited and honored to announce our 30th-year TENT REVIVAL on Saturday, November 4th, beginning at 7:00 PM at SOS. We will have worship, a word from JJ, and a concert with Christian rapper Bryann Trejo of Kingdom Music! Join us for a powerful time of worship & prayer to see the mighty move of God in the hearts & souls of the people throughout our community.

22ND ANNUAL BANQUET

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This year's banquet, "REVIVAL", was an evening to remember. We celebrated 3 decades of ministry and had the privilege of serving over 550 people from diverse cultural, denominational, and socio-economic backgrounds. It was an amazing time of celebration & gratitude of how God is sparking revival throughout our community. It is in the DNA of SOS to "Rescue, Restore, and Release" those we serve, and share the hope, faith, and anticipation of God's promised REVIVAL for the families in the generations to come. We are so thankful to God and this community that allowed

us to raise approximately &165,000 at the Banquet this year!

SOS has a front row seat in seeina God's revival & transformation in the hearts of people, young & old alike. We were blessed to hear personal stories of God's saving power.

Tony, a Men's Home resident, said, "At 13, I began using drugs & getting involved with gangs. I didn't have a relationship with Jesus. Things soon got worse, and I even lost some loved ones to drugs & alcohol. I was so sick & tired of my lifestyle. Through staying at SOS Men's Home, Jesus brought my struggles to surface, healed me, and allowed me to grow. I am grateful to have JJ as my spiritual father, and the brotherhood at SOS Men's Home." Mary, a Women's Ministry participant, told us how God breaks generational curses in families, "I was coming out of a divorce and was in desperate need for God's guidance and healing over my kids and struggles. Carmen invited me to SOS Women's Bible Study. The women there prayed over me and showed me

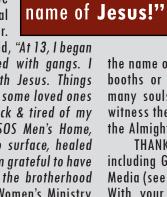
what sisterhood in Christ looks like. Through these years, God has brought my family out of so many things. I have witnessed Him move in the hearts of my kids & grandkids for His glory, and all I can say is WOW!"

Our Founder & Director, JJ Ramirez, encouraged the Body of Christ to stand in righteousness and possess the Kingdom through God's power (Daniel 7:21-22) "The heart of God bleeds for the lost, the wounded, and the bruised. We need to stand and say: God send us! God is looking for weeping warriors, battle generals and intercessors. His Church will not look into

> the eyes of another human being without the love of Jesus for them. Jesus crossed the stormy sea to set the demon possessed free. He went out of His way to Samaria to minister to the prostitute. Until we possess that kind of consuming passion, the world will continue to slip into hell! The only answer for the lost & dying world is found in

the name of Jesus & Him crucified, not in voting booths or social media. What matters is how many souls we pull out of the fires of hell & witness them walk into the glorious presence of the Almighty God!"

THANK YOU to 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 approximately \$165,000 in sponsorships, contributions, pledges, and raffle tickets. Thank you for your prayers and support over the last 30 years! God is so faithful, and we are excited for His good plans for our community and the NEXT 30 years of ministry!





22nd Annual Banquet-REVIVAL



Children's Ministry Fall Retreat 2022 Children's Ministry Fall Retreat 2022



**GIVES** on **OCTOBER** 17th

Brazos Valley Gives is an online giving day on Tuesday, October 17th, that unites our local community by "raising critical funding and awareness" for non-profit organizations making a positive impact across the Brazos Valley. SOS is participating in Brazos Valley Gives again this year and we are asking for YOUR help in raising \$15,000 for our second annual Children's Ministry Weekend Retreat! This fall weekend retreat is purposed to further build life-giving relationships between our dedicated volunteers and over 50 children involved in our weekly ministry programs. Throughout this retreat, children have the opportunity to: Hear inspiring Biblical messages, deepen friendships, experience a variety of FUN, new sports and outdoor activities,

and build confidence as they develop new skills.

During our weekly ministry programs, over 200 children experience the love of Christ through relationships with our staff and volunteers. Through these trustworthy, life-giving relationships, children receive healing from trauma and hope is restored to some of the bleakest parts of their lives. Our Children's Ministry Weekend Retreat provides a powerful opportunity for staff and volunteers to go deeper in the personal growth of over 50 children by reminding them of their God-given identity and equipping them with the necessary tools to succeed. Let's rally together to meet this need and further invest in the lives of over 50 children! Your gift will make a HUGE IMPACT. Interested in partnering with us? You can visit www.brazosvalleygives.org and search for "SOS MINISTRIES" to give today!



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Children's Ministry Fall Retreat

Women's Ministry ARISE Conference

NOV Women's Ministry Heavenly Market

30th Year Tent Revival

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











