

AWARENESS MONTH

SOS 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, our goal is to raise \$85,000 to support our Children's Ministry that serves over 500 children in our community! On April 8th through April 29th, we will host our Online Auction 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!

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!

Awareness Month sponsorships and donations will be MATCHED dollar-for-dollar by Stylecraft Builders, our Challenge Sponsor! Make your donation today to DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! To GIVE, see the insert or visit saveourstreetsministries.org/give and select "Awareness Month" as the Area to Donate to. For more information about Awareness Month activities, see the back article or call our office at (979)775-5357.



Aggie Football & After School Program



Couples Retreat 2024



Monday Night Children's Bible Study



Awareness Month 2023

"THE ONE MY SOUL LOVES"

COUPLES RETREAT 2024

At the beginning of this month, SOS brought 30 couples together in beautiful Round Top, TX for an entire weekend dedicated to growing their marriages on the foundation of Jesus! In a world filled with brokenness and struggles, navigating through different seasons of marriage can become difficult for many couples. Many of those we reach come from lives filled with broken families and have never experienced seeing a healthy and loving marriage that glorifies the Lord. Our desire at SOS is to provide opportunities for healing, generational change and growth to happen to the couples and families we serve.

The retreat was a powerful time for the couples to grow their love and marriage through Christ and fellowship with one another. They enjoyed different sessions and fun activities over the theme "The One My Soul Loves". Our incredible speakers Flip and Susan Flippen delivered life-changing messages and teachings and allowed us into so many of the ups and downs of their years of marriage. Mason shared, "Participating in the recent marriage retreat with my wife Kristen was truly a gift, one that has touched our hearts. One insight that resonated deeply was the importance of maintaining a spirit of grace towards each other, striving to be unoffendable in our love." Laura told us, "I walked away with the thought — you mean to tell me that if I focus on God and my spouse more (learning how to respect and admire him more, and realize it's not just all about me and my feelings), I can have a great marriage? Let's do it!"

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The couples also received teachings on the importance of leaning into hard conversations and how it can deepen your connection with your spouse. Susie and her husband told us, "It was an eye opener for us. To learn how to look at it from the others point of view will make you think! As Flip said, when you do this, you notice your thoughts and what is consuming them. We walked away from the retreat with a mind frame of honoring each other on a whole new level and to have open communication and always take it to the Lord. We want to hurt for what hurts our spouse."

Everyone also enjoyed fellowship with one another. We were not meant to fight our battles alone, and walking alongside other spouses who desire for their marriage to be a picture of the gospel, is a gift. Monica explained "We were so honored to be amongst many

couples who were walking out their faith & holding up the banner of our beloved King. We went into the weekend ready to seek God, fall back in love with each other & see real transformation. Those are high expectations, and all were met."

We thank God for His powerful presence during the Couples Retreat, and the teachings our couples received on healing, love, & creating a Kingdom marriage that glorifies the Lord! A HUGE thank you to our wonderful speakers Flip and Susan Flippen, our amazing volunteers, donors, and everyone who helped organize this event! Having partners like you by our side helps us share the love & truth of Jesus with so many families in our community!

Awareness Month Fundraiser Auction

We are excited to announce the SOS Online Auction IS BACK April 8th through April 29th! This year, we are auctioning off 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!

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. 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 beginning April 8th to support our kids and bring home some amazing prizes! Visit [SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org](https://www.saveourstreetsministries.org) for more information as the event gets closer.

On Location



After School Program



DID YOU KNOW?

Over 500 kids attend SOS Children's Ministry Programs each year!



IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION

The heart of this capital campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. We are excited to announce we have received a \$1.45 million Challenge Grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation!

We need your help to raise \$890,000 before October 2024 & FINISH the campaign!



Visit [SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org](https://www.saveourstreetsministries.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR
22-24

Teen Girls Retreat

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Evangelism Training

APR
6

Missy & Me Tea Party

APR

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

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BBQ Outreach



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