

UN THE STREET

MISSY & ME TEA PARTY

We had a great time hosting nearly 80 women & girls during this year's Missy & Me Tea Party! The SOS gym was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements, balloons, & tea sets. The ladies excitedly gathered around as they picked matching hats to complete their outfits and pose for pictures. The theme of the party was "Daughter of The King": reminding women where their identity comes from and the way God loves and cherishes them. Following a fun session on etiquette taught by Susan Quiring, 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 daughters shared, "It's crazy to even think about how I hated my mom. My relationship with God along with the guidance of Miss Carmen, I was reminded of God's commandment of honoring our parents. Though, I didn't want to, I chose the action of forgiving her and honoring her and relied on my faith in God, that He would allow my feelings to catch up later. Today, our relationship is so strong! I can't even imagine the thought of not having my mama! I love her so much! I like to think that our relationship is a reflection of God's love."

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

"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 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.

One member of our SOS community shared her story with us about how Jesus used one of our April outreaches to bring her back to Him. She said, "I could hear SOS outside of my apartment, but I was so ashamed about where my life had spiraled to that I couldn't face them." Felicia has been a part of SOS since she was a teen girl. She had seasons where worldly desires won, but always knew SOS was full of people she could always go to. Felicia said "my son was excited that they were there and wanted me to come outside with him, but I couldn't. I could see him outside my window, and he was praying

> with Salina and Reuben." Shortly after, Felicia found her way back to SOS. She said, "SOS constantly being faithful, not pressuring me, leaving the door open for me when I was ready, and never looking at me like an outsider, was what showed me the deep love of Jesus and desire He has to be close to me."

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 Programs, vocational Trainings, 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. We thank God He always keeps that in front of our staff and incredible volunteers!

The hope & love of Jesus can transcend all barriers!



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Awareness Month Outreaches



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Awareness Month Omline Auction Fundraiser Omline Auction

The moment we have all been waiting for has arrived! The SOS Online Auction is NOW Live through April 29th, featuring your favorite items from last year and MUCH MORE! This year, we are auctioning off 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 SaveOurStreetsMinistries. org/AwarenessMonth for more information. Together, we can Save Our Streets!

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Since the start of SOS, we have been going into neighborhoods and sharing the love of Jesus, and that is what we will continue to do each Friday in the month of April. SOS seeks to raise disciples to become a constant presence in these neighborhoods. Fellow Christians will gather together to go and be a physical representation of Christ. We will share the good news that Jesus died for their sins, that there is hope and His



name is Jesus. SOS staff and volunteers get to teach them next steps of being a Christ follower and what it means to be a new creation in Him. 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. 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 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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 19

Neighborhood Outreach

Apr 26

Neighborhood Block Party

Apr 27

SOS BBQ Outreach

Apr 29

SOS Online Auction Closes

May

After School Program Showcase











