

ON THE STREET

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MADE FOR MORE 23RD ANNUAL SOS BANQUET

OCTOBER 1ST// 6:30 P.M.

We are excited to announce this year's 23rd Annual Banquet, "MADE FOR MORE", will be held at our SOS Ministries Center on Tuesday, October 1st, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM! Join us as we celebrate over 30 years of ministry and praise Jesus that we were MADE FOR MORE! We will enjoy fellowship with one another, share a delicious catered meal, and hear encouraging stories of God performing miracles in the lives of those in our community.

In 1993, God gave our founder & director,
J.J. Ramirez, ex-drug dealer and addict, a
vision of SOS Ministries and what God could
accomplish through this ministry; how it
could be a place of hope to Rescue, Restore,
and Release those who are surrounded by
poverty, abuse, and violence. With your faithful
partnership, we have seen God transform
thousands of lives through high-impact
discipleship programs, vocational training, life
skills education, and neighborhood outreaches,
all purposed to share the Gospel in culturally
relevant ways to the whole family, from child to
grandparent.

For sponsorship and ticketing information, see the insert or visit our website:saveourstreetsministries.org/MADEFORMORE. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions: (979) 775-5357. We look forward to celebrating together.

"The meaning of life is to discover one's gift. The purpose of life is to use that gift to serve others. For such a time as this we were Made for More." -JJ Ramirez





"Walk it But"

Retreat 2024

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Women's Ministry

This year's Women's Ministry Retreat was one to remember! We had over 60 women who came together in beautiful Round Top, TX for an entire weekend of fellowship and mighty encounters with God! The Theme of the retreat was "Walk it Out" based on Ephesians 5:1-2. Our speaker, Anna Biswell, challenged us walk out our faith, and lay down our own desires each day! Through teaching, prayer, and ministry time, the women were challenged to arise and bring the fire of God to their sisterhood, families, and the world, even when their light is going out.

The women enjoyed different sessions and fun activities provided at the retreat, and many received the transforming truth & hope of Christ through the teaching. Tasha shared, "As a mother,

grandmother, & business manager, the days on the go can take a toll on you physically and mentally. We can tend to forget to cast down those fiery darts of the enemy. Thus, pairing them with emotion into false reality. I went into this much needed retreat feeling

depleted, drained, and really stuck spiritually. As soon as I walked into the beautiful home I was welcomed with a warm meal and broke bread with true family. A group of women worshipping and sharing with one another really refreshed my soul. I began to realize I wasn't depleted, I was desperate for Jesus, and he did meet me there and filled my cup. I realized that when we seek Him, we always find him and sometimes we just must be prepared to walk into our next season. We laughed, cried, and were reminded that we have

the victory and fellowship with one another is a beautiful gift. I can not wait until next year!"

The women were also given intentional time to strengthen their sisterhood in Christ. Peggy shared, "the road I've traveled before now had not been easy, but I am still here because I have Jesus fully into my soul. I can honestly say this retreat touched me in many different ways and I felt God continuing to lead me into where He wants me to be. I invited a dear friend and I am so grateful she said yes to attending the retreat. I could feel the presence of God when I was with her and talking to her. I tried to comfort her with words on how Jesus has been so good to me, and I know God was speaking through me. God used me to take her where she needed to be. She accepted Jesus

into her life and I cannot wait to see her grow more and more in His presence. These women are the reason I am who I am today. Without their prayers and Jesus, I'd be nothing."

A HUGE thank you to our incredible speaker Anna Biswell,

the Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and our amazing team of volunteers who helped organize this event! We are so grateful to see women experience freedom & healing from past pain, fellowship with loving community, and growth in their faith in Jesus. In the words of Mary, one of our Women's Ministry attendees: "Every week these ladies are ready to pray, motivate, and be here for each other! I am so thankful for them and their fire for God! We are here every Tuesday at 7 PM, so come as you are!"

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SOS kids going to Stoney Creek Ranch



SOS kids at Stoney Creek Ranch

ON LOCATION

Every summer, volunteers join together for the SOS Summer Children's Outreach Program, On Location, to go into neighborhoods to share the hope that is found in Jesus! This summer, nearly 40 volunteers went to 4 local neighborhoods to share the love of Jesus through Bible studies, crafts, games, & delicious meals. We served over 150 kids during the month, built relationships & shared the truth of God's Word! This year's theme was Into the Fearless: Because God is Faithful based on Joshua 1:9 that says, priesthood, "Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." We spent 4 incredible weeks learning how to walk fearless in all situations because of God's faithfulness! We saw God bring healing & salvation to many kids and their families and are continuing to hear stories of how God transformed hearts. Thank you for being a part in reaching the next generation with the power of the Gospel!









DID VOU KNOW?

SOS provided \$90 worth of clothing & supplies for **nearly 50 Teens** this school year!

A HUGE thank you to all our generous donors, volunteers, and the kind staff at Walmart for helping these teens as they prepare for a new school year!



IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION

The heart of this capital campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love. We are excited to announce we have raised \$620,000 towards the Challenge Grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation! We need your help to raise the remaining \$270,000 before THIS October to FINISH the campaign! Visit SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9

Plumbing Class Begins

Sept 14 Women's Ministry Arise Conference

Sept 16

After School Program Resumes

Sept 26

Teen Ministry "TEEN TAKEOVER"

Oct

"MADE FOR MORE" Banquet











