

GROUNDBREAKING!

Two and a half years ago, we announced the Ignite the Next Generation Campaign. The heart of the campaign was simple: enable more women, men, and children for generations to come experience the strength and love of God through the vision and ministry of SOS. We are so excited to share what God has done! We have finished the Ignite Campaign and have raised the money needed to start construction! Our goal was to raise \$7.3M over two years to expand our programs and facilities to widen our reach and deepen our impact for Jesus in the community. We are thrilled to announce we have raised \$7.3M with the help of our amazing donors and the Mabee Foundation. The Mabee foundation graciously gave a challenge grant of \$1.45 million, which required us to raise \$890,000 to meet the challenge. Recently, at our 23rd Annual Banquet, "Made for More", we had the privilege of announcing we had met the challenge!

This past week, we were able to gather, celebrate, and break ground for our new facilities! This project will allow us to continue to serve our community in so many ways.

Building a much needed 11,000 sq. ft. Administration Building and Vocational Training facility, as well as an 11,000 sq. ft. classroom expansion. In addition to these facilities, we are building a prayer garden inspired by Carmen, our Assistant Director to continually provide praise and seek strength from the source of our Hope.

We are so grateful for this gift and every other gift to SOS Ministries that God has trusted us with. THANK YOU to everyone who prayed, donated, and supported. We are thrilled to see what God continues to do through SOS Ministries!

"MADE FOR MORE"

23RD ANNUAL BANQUET

This year's banquet, "MADE FOR MORE", was an evening to remember! We celebrated all God has done through SOS 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 has made us for more. It is in the DNA of SOS to "Rescue, Restore, and Release" those we serve, and share the hope, faith, and truth that we were MADE FOR MORE. We are so thankful to God and this community that allowed us to raise approximately \$180,000 at the Banquet this year!

SOS has a front row seat in seeing God raise up sons and daughters, teaching them they are made for more and transforming the hearts of His people, young and old alike. We were blessed to hear personal stories of God's saving power. Marshall, one of our Men's Home residents, shared: "By the age of 21 I realized I was well addicted to drugs and always searching for something. Everywhere I went, there I was. I couldn't get away from my addictions. I called Rick at SOS and told him I was done with that life. When I first got to SOS I heard JJ say, your success is in your surrender. Something right then clicked in me. I thought okay that's what I have to do! I have to lay it all down. SOS is a family to me, and I know God has brought me here to help others. The most important part is having that relationship with Jesus in your heart because you can go anywhere and do anything with Him." Vivian, who started coming when she was 10 years old, shared her experience of being changed and transformed by Jesus: "When I returned to SOS after years of being

away and running from God because of what my Dad had done to me, Carmen invited me to a women's retreat and the speakers had both experienced sexual abuse. I saw how they had forgiven those people who had done that to them and learned that I could forgive my dad and prayed for him for the first time. I am forever grateful to SOS, Carmen, JJ, all of them."

Founder & Director, JJ Ramirez, encouraged the Body of Christ to stand firm in the truth of who God has made us to be and the purpose He has given us. JJ reminded the crowd that God is pleased when we preach (1 Corinthians 1 & 2). "When we pray, things happen and those who pray do more than fight. God reminds us in Romas 8:37 that we are more than conquerors. It is time for us to pray, wake up, and stand up because we were made for more! God told me to get up and preach and every time we obey Him, it pleases Him. We don't need an act of Congress;

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we need a move of God. The very thing that changed me is going to change this country. We must guard our hearts, the enemy wants to distract, but He who began a good work in you will complete it in Christ Jesus, because we were Made for More!"

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 \$180,000 in sponsorships, raffle, donations, & pledges. Thank you for your prayers and support over the years! God is so faithful, and we are excited for His good plans for our community and upcoming years of ministry!



23rd Annual Banquet-MADE FOR MORE



Groundbreaking 2024



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**BRAZOS
VALLEY
GIVES on
OCTOBER
15th**

Brazos Valley Gives is an online giving day on Tuesday, October 15th, 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 excited to participate in Brazos Valley Gives again this year, and we need YOUR help to raise \$15,000 towards the purchase of a newer, more reliable van! Each week, over 150 children, teens, women, and men rely on our transportation to attend life-changing programs that Rescue, Restore, and Release lives impacted by hardship in the Brazos Valley. Our vans are fully utilized for weekly programs including Monday night Children’s Ministry, Thursday night Teen Ministry, and Friday night Worship Services, and our Ted Wyatt Residential Discipleship Men’s Home Program. They also transport families to special events, camps, retreats, and outreach programs like On Location Children’s Ministry, impacting over 200 children and their families in Bryan, College Station, and Hearne.

With your support, a new van will help us continue to transport families to our life-changing programs, outreaches, and events, ensuring no one is left behind due to unreliable transportation. Let’s rally together to meet this need and continue investing in the lives of over 200 children, teens, and adults! Your gift will make a HUGE impact. To partner with us, visit www.brazosvalleygives.org and search for “SOS MINISTRIES” to give today!

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NOV
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NOV
18-21

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NOV
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