

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

We've been given the greatest gift on earth with the birth of Jesus. Through His birth, God showed the extent of His love for us, a love that is sacrificial, present, and life-giving. Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with us. He meets us where we're at and doesn't leave us there. Life with Him would not be possible without His first sacrifice to dwell among us. Christmas is a season that repeatedly serves as a reminder of God's greatest gift in Jesus.

As Christmas approaches we are gearing up for a season of remembering the impact of Christ's birth in all of our ministry programs. The Christmas parties for our kids and teens consist of serving a special meal, doing a Christmas activity, hearing the good news of Jesus, receiving a New Testament Bible from the Gideon's, and receiving a gift. At SOS, we are on mission to extend the love of God in tangible ways. We plan to provide gifts for entire families who wouldn't be able to experience it otherwise. This is done through the generosity of our community and ministry supporters.

We are continuously challenged through our ministry to extend the love of God in tangible and sacrificial ways during these times and we ask that you join us! We cannot do this without the generous stewardship of our community and supporters. Would you consider partnering with us this Christmas season? Details for how you can do so can be found on the insert. Thank you for extending God's love towards the kids, teens, and families in our ministry!

## "FAITH IN ACTION!"

MASON HOLMES

God has blessed us abundantly with willing, servant-hearted, and devoted volunteers. Mason Holmes was one of those volunteers for 4 faithful years. Mason's older brother, Welsey Holmes, who also volunteered with us in college. Both were on staff with our After School Program and served the same age group together. Each year at our Volunteer Banquet, we have two volunteers share about their experience and how God has grown them through serving here at SOS. This is what Mason shared with us:

"My brother learned so much through serving at SOS. I just want to thank everyone involved here, from the staff, volunteer, everyone. Through your investment in my brother, I was able to gain a closer relationship with him. These kids have taught me to have a childlike faith. To take a step back and realize the simplicity of the Gospel. This experience has challenged me to think in different ways and live in different ways. Leaving this place is so difficult, but I do know one thing- that prayer is powerful. I have never prayed for a group or city like I have this one. Coming to SOS taught me to be uncomfortable in my prayer life, to seek Jesus in ways I did not think were possible. The heart of this place is filled with love and has a goal of rescuing, restoring, and redeeming those they serve and that is beautiful. I am so beyond blessed to have the Lord open my heart to this place. Not only was I able to serve, but I made the best friends and had amazing

influences in my life from SOS. The way David and Allison care for us is insane. They have their own two children, but they show us love and care for us so much and it does not go unnoticed. I am blessed by their wisdom." As Mason's time serving came to a close, he told us "My heart will always be in this place. Every volunteer is a better follower of Jesus because of this place and what God is doing here."

God continues to use the lessons learned while serving, in Mason's life after graduation. "My time volunteering with SOS Ministries during my college years had a profound impact on my life, and its influence continues to shape me even now. Working alongside the incredible team at SOS and connecting with kids in the After School Program taught me invaluable lessons about fellowship, community, and the power of faith in action. The core values I gained from SOS stay with me. Whether it's through

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how I engage with my new community, my work, or how I live out my faith, SOS's vision of spiritual and community transformation continues to guide me. They don't just serve those in need; it transforms everyone involved. Their mission remains a part of my story, reminding me that, no matter where life leads, I will carry forward the impact of serving others and helping to Save Our Streets. Just as it says in Galatians 6:9 'So let us not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.'"



Mason Holmes



Mason Holmes



Teen Takeover 2024



Teen Night Prayer Tunnel



# Arise

## Conference 2024

An Arise Conference attendee said with tears in her eyes, "I have had an estranged relationship with my mom as long as I can remember. When I heard Peggy and Jessica's testimonies, there arose a renewed hope and desire to pray that GOD would restore my relationship with my mom as He had done for them!" Another woman also shared with us "Personally I hold back on anything that might make me stand out especially in front of others that I'm unfamiliar with. The testimonies of what God has done for these women was incredible to hear. Following Miss Marlyn Rojas's words & light shined on every woman that day. God spoke through her to me and called me back to Him that day. It was an unreal experience. I not only was sobbing but reaching my hands out to

the Lord and felt zero pressure or embarrassment like I did before. I want to thank you & everyone who helped with this conference. It was life changing & a day I'll never forget." Our annual Women's Ministry's "Arise" Conference this past September was an incredible reminder of God's transforming power that can heal and deliver all who would draw near! Nearly 150 women received a fresh Word from God & outpouring of His Spirit! We witnessed so many women come forward for salvation and coming home to the Father's heart as they were led to the truth and encouraged to "Arise" & allow God's glory to shine upon them!

We thank God for our incredible speaker, Marlyn Rojas, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and our 45 volunteers who helped make Arise 2024 possible! Thank you for your faithful YES to JESUS that gives us the power to share His love with women and their families in our community!

Ladies, we invite you to come join us every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at SOS for our women's Bible Study, as we journey through God's Word to experience Him! We hope to see you at our Women's Bible Study on Tuesday nights, and yes, we provide childcare!

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." -Isaiah 60:1



## DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, as a part of SOS Ministries' annual giving of Christmas gifts, **OVER 500** kids, teens and their families received presents! It is because of the generous donations of people like you that we are able to be the tangible expression of the gift of Christ.



## CHAMPIONS OF HOPE

SOS MINISTRIES MONTHLY DONOR SOCIETY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov  
16

Heavenly Market

Nov  
18-21

Ministry Programs  
Thanksgiving Parties

Nov  
22

Volunteer Banquet

Dec  
4-10

Ministry Programs Christmas Parties

Dec  
5

After School Program Showcase



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