

Back-to-School Clothing and Supplies

As summer winds down, the time has come for children and teenagers to prepare to head back to school, which also means parents must begin the task of gathering school supplies and clothes for a new school year. Preparing to go back to school can be a financial challenge, leaving many children and teens to attend their first day of school without the necessary supplies to have a successful year. At SOS, we strive to eliminate the stress of the season by doing our best to assist as many families as possible with their back-to-school needs. Each summer before school starts, we take families shopping for free school clothes and supplies, so they feel prepared to begin the school year. Whether it is purchasing new school clothes or essential school supplies, we hope to bless as many of our kids and teens as possible. SOS is committed and willing to go to great lengths to see the children and teens that we serve succeed. We believe that if we can help the children of SOS prepare for school, we are better equipping them to be a light for Jesus to their classmates. Would you consider partnering with us to help us provide back to school clothes and supplies for the kids and teens at SOS? To be a part of helping our kids and teens prepare for school this August, see the insert or visit our website at: www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give

Thank you for partnering with SOS to help our children and teens start the school year with all the supplies they need! Your faithful "YES" gives us the power to reach out and be a tangible expression of the love of Christ to the families throughout the Brazos Valley!

Rescued and Restored A WOMEN'S MINISTRY TESTIMONY

DRD ON THE STREET

God has blessed us abundantly with wonderful experiences of His love and kindness. Meet Sharita, a woman in our Women's Ministry. God has written an incredible story of redemption, revival, healing, & transformation in her life displaying His love and grace.

"My father was never there for me, and I

longed for a fathers love. I looked for this love in the arms of a man- any man- that would love me. Through this desperate searching I ended up in an abusive relationship. For 3 years it was like Hell on earth. I became someone's prisoner.

I lived in total darkness, and in this place I lost everything.

In my desperation I began to cry out to God. I asked him to help me and give me strength, because I was not strong enough to leave on my own. A week later as I prayed again that I would become strong enough to leave, and God answered my prayer. He took me out of that awful situation.

Once I got away, I started attending SOS Ministries. The first time I visited, I gave my heart to Jesus. I have peace now! I do not have to worry about being abused; I am free. I am free from the sinful lifestyle that trapped me.

I hold my head up high now and God has given me back my self- confidence. I pray and read my bible every day. I know that Jesus brought Mrs. Carmen, the Women's Ministry Leader, into my life for a reason. I have become part of the women's class and part of the teen girls

> class and made many positive friendships. I want to help anyone who comes from a situation like mine, because I know God can lead them out of it. I want them to see by my example that if I can come out

and make it, so can they."

Sharita's story is just one powerful example of how faithful God is to rescue and restore us from our pasts. We are privileged to continually witness stories like these unfolding at SOS!

Are you interested in being a part of what God is doing in the lives of ladies in our Women's Ministry? You can support women like Sharita by visiting: <u>www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give</u> and selecting "Women's Ministry" as the area to donate to. Thank you for your faithful partnership in helping us positively impact the lives our women and their families in our community!



Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Giant Garage Sale



Back to School Shopping



On Location

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Women's Giant Garage Sale

God moved in miraculous ways through our Women's Garage Sale! Time and time again He reveals His provision, sovereignty, and grace through this event, and we are grateful to witness it. Through God's mercy and kindness, we were able to raise over \$23,000 to help send 70 women to our Women's Retreat! Patricia Sims, our dedicated volunteer, shared this story with us from this year's Garage Sale.

"This year's garage sale was amazing to be a part of! People came from all over our community and beyond to shop and support SOS and our mission to spread the gospel. One group of ladies even traveled from San Antonio! This is their second year visiting us, and they plan to return next year as well. It was so much more than a garage sale-- it's truly a ministry time. No matter the chaos, the focus was on Jesus. We were able to pray with people who came through the doors feeling lost, sick, and out of place. Two people gave their lives to Jesus! It's hard work putting together this event, but the relationships we build year after year and the smiles we see when people walk through the door are priceless."

We are so grateful for National Charity League and all our volunteers who spent countless hours preparing, picking up items, and ministering to all those who attended. We would not have been able to make this happen without their hard work and faithfulness!



DID YOU KNOY? God blessed our Women's Ministry GIANT Garage Sale with **OVER \$23,000** this year! A huge THANK YOU to National Charity League Inc., Aggieland Chapter, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and all the servant hearts who came to volunteer, donate items, shop, and help with this event!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



First Friday Worship Returns



Women's Retreat



On Location (Mondays: July 14, 21, & 28)



First Friday Worship



Annual Banquet





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