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**COLLIER MOSQUITO CONTROL AND HEALTH DEPT. PARTNER WITH
ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE TO HELP FIGHT ENCEPHALITIS WITH
INSECT REPELLANT GIVEAWAY**

St. Matthew's House is partnering with the Collier Mosquito Control District (CMCD) and the Collier County Health Department to hand out cans of insect repellent containing DEET to the homeless and community in need this Thursday, August 5th at 5:00pm, at the Old Firehouse Feeding Ministry. The Old Firehouse is located at 2691 Airport Road, South in Naples. Sixteen hundred cans of repellent are to be given out, with some already being distributed at the Old Firehouse during mealtimes, where anyone who is hungry is served a free, healthy meal. This summer has proven to be a considerable challenge in the fight against mosquito-borne encephalitis, as four horses in Collier County have already died from the disease, and three human deaths elsewhere in Florida have been reported. CMCD spokesman Adrian Salinas says "Most of us can avoid being bitten by mosquitoes by going inside, the homeless can't." He recommends following the 5D's for preventing mosquito bites: *Dusk & Dawn* - Stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active, *Dress* - Wear clothing that protects the skin from mosquito bites, *DEET* - Use a mosquito repellent that contains the active ingredient DEET, and *Drain* - Empty containers holding water around your home. For more information about St. Matthew's House, please contact Communications and Event Officer [Julie Clay](#) at 239-774-0500.

About St. Matthew's House

The mission of St. Matthew's House (SMH) is to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as providing housing for the homeless and food for the needy. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH, along with Immokalee Friendship House, has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1987. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, offering 174 beds for men, women, and families. Serving meals at the Old Firehouse, SMH is the only feeding ministry in Naples, as well as operating three thrift stores, two food pantries, Wolfe Apartments transitional affordable housing, and a direct assistance program to individuals and families in need.

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