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NEW RECOVERY CENTER PROGRAM KICKS OFF AT ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

A brand new Recovery Center program for men trying to overcome substance abuse issues will debut at the St. Matthew's House Old Firehouse Feeding Ministry building this Monday, July 19th, 2010. A kick-off celebration and prayer will be held at 9am at the Old Firehouse, located at 2691 Airport Road, South. The Recovery Center is an intensive, nine-month program based on both the traditional Twelve Steps and Celebrate Recovery curriculums. It emphasizes personal responsibility and mutual accountability. The Program will be offered to all male residents of St. Matthew's House and is overseen by Recovery Center Manager Jeff McDowell as well as two peer mentors. Fifty percent of the homeless population suffers from alcoholism or chemical dependency. Addressing these addictions is essential in transitioning people from homelessness to independent, self-supportive members of society once again. For more information about St. Matthew's House and its recovery programs, 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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