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ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE HONORS GOLF PRO FOR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

St. Matthew's House (SMH) honored Imperial Golf Club head pro John Lee for his fundraising efforts in a special luncheon presentation at Imperial Golf Club Tuesday, May 11th. Mr. Lee has played in every Golfathon since its inception 13 years ago, having raised approximately \$150,000 in his efforts over the years to support the mission of St. Matthew's House. In a heartwarming gesture of goodwill, Imperial Club members embraced the idea of closing both of its 18-hole courses to members in order to host the Golfathon on April 20th. Mr. Lee was supported once again by Imperial members and others financially, raising over \$17,000 for St. Matthew's House just this year alone. For more information about the [Golfathon](#) or [St. Matthew's House](#), please contact [Julie Clay](#) at 239-774-0500.



L-R: SMH President & CEO Vann Ellison, SMH Board Chairman Rick Fumo, Imperial Club President John Heistad, Golfathon creator and Chairman Emeritus Dean Lind, Imperial Head Golf Pro John Lee, Imperial General Manager Greg Hibbard, Golfathon Chairman Ron Pederson, Imperial Club Past President Ed Zewalk)

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 has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1987. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, offering 176 beds for men,

women, women with children, and families both in Naples and at Immokalee Friendship House. Serving meals at the Old Firehouse, SMH is the only feeding ministry in Collier County, having served over two million meals since opening in 1988. SMH also operates Wolfe Apartments transitional affordable housing, three thrift stores, a full-service catering company and two food pantries which give out over 6,000 bags of groceries annually to qualifying residents in both Collier and Lee counties.

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