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## **ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE THANKS TASTE OF COLLIER VOLUNTEERS**

St. Matthew's House (SMH) would like to thank all those who volunteered on its behalf for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Collier held on May 3rd, 2009. All 170 volunteers who gave of their time allowed SMH to receive \$15,000 toward providing for the less fortunate in our community! St. Matthew's House thanks Taste of Collier for this generous award. Volunteers were a fundamental part to the success of this year's event, providing help in all areas including admission, ticket sales, setup, and breakdown. St. Matthew's House Director of Development Lisa Ellison extends a special hand of gratitude to SMH Volunteer Coordinator Kerri Plogher for her outstanding effort in gathering and organizing everyone who volunteered on behalf of SMH. SMH Catering, a full-service catering company operated by St. Matthew's House, was also a Taste of Collier participant, enjoying brisk sales of signature cilantro chicken wraps and more at its booth throughout the day. For more information about St. Matthew's House, please visit [www.stmatthewshouse.org](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org) or call Julie Clay at 239-298-5026.

### **About St. Matthew's House**

The mission of St. Matthew's House (SMH) is to provide housing for the homeless, food for the needy, and an opportunity to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1988. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, offering 174 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 Naples, as well as operating three thrift stores, Wolfe Apartments transitional affordable housing, and direct assistance to individuals and families in need.

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