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The League Club presents \$15,000 grant to St. Matthew's House

Grant will help senior women experiencing homelessness

Naples, FL – April 22, 2024 – The League Club has awarded \$15,000 to support St. Matthew's House and its efforts to care for senior women experiencing homelessness. St. Matthew's House operates the only two homeless shelters in Collier County, the Campbell Lodge and Immokalee Friendship House, which have seen a rising number of seniors in recent years.

According to The League Club President Mary Ann Lillie, "For over 37 years, The League Club has honored its Commitment to Community by raising funds and distributing them through grants made to carefully vetted nonprofit agencies throughout Collier and Lee counties. These grants address the needs of at-risk children, families, the elderly and veterans. To date, The League Club has awarded over \$7.3 million dollars to deserving grant applicants. The League Club is proud of our Commitment to Community and our ability to assist agencies dealing with food scarcity, housing, education, physical and mental health, and the arts. While fulfilling our mission, we are helping to fill the critical human needs that exist in our communities. This mission is truly the heart and soul of The League Club."

St. Matthew's House shelters 400 men, women and children every night. In addition, St. Matthew's House operates soup kitchens, mobile food pantries, transitional and permanent supportive housing facilities, substance abuse recovery programs, and employment training initiatives.



“With this grant we will be able to provide case management and wraparound services for senior women residing in our shelters,” notes St. Matthew’s House CEO Steve Brooder. “This funding will not only help meet their immediate needs for safe and stable housing but also empower them to rebuild their lives with dignity and independence. We are committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of these vulnerable individuals. This grant brings us one step closer to achieving our mission of helping all who come to us journey from crisis to contributor.”

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Hillary LeMaster, Mary Ann Lillie

About The League Club

The League Club, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) organization comprised of women who are current or former members of a Junior League affiliated with The Association of Junior Leagues International. The mission of our organization is to strengthen our communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism, and philanthropy.

About St. Matthew's House

St. Matthew’s House is a faith-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that, for 35 years, has provided innovative solutions to help those experiencing homelessness, hunger, substance abuse, and poverty in Southwest Florida. St. Matthew’s House has developed a unique social enterprise model that helps cover administrative expenses so that donations go toward programs and services to help those in need to realize fuller and more productive lives. The organization operates a Food Assistance Program; two homeless shelters; two temporary housing facilities; eight thrift stores; an award-winning commercial catering team, and LuLu's Kitchen, a full-service restaurant that is open to the public. For more information, visit online at www.stmatthewshouse.org, call 239-774-0500 or follow the organization's social media and YouTube pages.