



ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



BIG YEAR YIELDS BIG RESULTS

2015 has been a record breaking year for St. Matthew’s House. We were blessed to be able to do all that is included in this report while maintaining our **100% Donor Commitment Model** and without relying on government funding! Through our innovative use of Social Enterprises, we were able to cover all of our administrative costs. **This means that 100% of every dollar that you donated in 2015 went directly to supporting our life saving programs!**

Because of your support, we’ve been able to combat hunger, homelessness, and addiction on a larger scale than ever before. In 2015 we served over 512,000 hot meals, housed an average of 300 individuals a night, and saw our 228th graduate move on to recovery for life! We track every graduate and we are thrilled to report that two years after graduation, 80% are sober and leading productive lives.

Our social enterprises also saw significant growth in 2015. We added a 6th thrift store in Ft. Myers, opened two Café M25’s that Proudly Serve Starbucks Coffee, and implemented training programs in all of our social enterprises to help equip men and women with valuable skills so they can return to the work force.

Thank you for continuing to support the work we are doing in SW Florida. As a volunteer, donor, or community supporter, you are the real heart to what we are able to do. Your personal investment in the St. Matthew’s House mission has transformed the lives of real people like Kyle (pg. 4) and Ivonne (pg. 14). Thank you for making this year one to remember!

Blessings,



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FINANCIALS

 **100%** OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED
IN 2015 WENT DIRECTLY TO
OUR LIFE SAVING PROGRAMS

\$5,554,110

• TOTAL •
**CONTRIBUTIONS
RECEIVED**
IN 2015

• TOTAL •
**SPENT ON
PROGRAMS**
IN 2015

\$5,829,583

Through the success of our social enterprises, we were able to cover all of our administrative costs and contribute over \$200,000 to our various programs.

VOLUNTEERS

 **1,457** VOLUNTEERS
IN 2015

Our volunteers are the backbone of St. Matthew's House. Over the past year, 1,457 volunteers selflessly gave more than 34,612 hours of their time. In total, the value of the time they donated was well over \$766,000. Thank you! We couldn't do this without you.

**For more financial information, please see our 990 online at www.guidestar.org.*



Testimony: **Kyle**

"I get a second chance..."

"I grew up really fast, a little too fast. I started hanging around with the wrong crowd in high school and I was introduced to drugs. My life spiraled out of control as I spent the next few years in and out of jail. The lowest point in my life was the day they took my daughter away from me. Thankfully, I found St. Matthew's House soon after. The past months at Justin's Place have truly been life changing. The program has brought me freedom through Christ, has shown me how to be a man, and most importantly has given me the tools to be a great father to Lucy. **God has done an amazing thing in my life through St. Matthew's House.** It is truly a miracle that I get a second chance to be Lucy's father."



228

**MEN & WOMEN
HAVE GRADUATED
FROM JUSTIN'S PLACE**



5,942

BAGS OF GROCERIES



512,489

HOT MEALS SERVED



300 **individuals
(on average)**

CALLED SMH HOME EVERY NIGHT



100%

**OF EVERY DOLLAR
DONATED WENT DIRECTLY
TO OUR PROGRAMS**



1,457

VOLUNTEERS IN 2015

We have continued to grow our partnerships with other organizations to serve SW Florida to the best of our ability without duplicating services. We would like to say thank you to the following:

- Neighborhood Health Clinic
- David Lawrence Center
- Early Learning Coalition
- Lorenzo Walker Technical College
- Career Source
- Hunger and Homeless Coalition
- Harry Chapin Food Bank

Do not
open
windows



EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, FEEDING MINISTRIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



300 individuals
(on average)
CALLED SMH HOME EVERY NIGHT

We operate a 104-bed shelter in Naples and a 44-bed shelter in Immokalee that serve men, women, and families. All of our facilities use a structured program that requires residents to adhere to guidelines that prohibit drug or alcohol use, to work with case managers on plans for transition to independence, and to complete daily chores.



**DURING THE
PAST 12 MONTHS
OVER 1,611
INDIVIDUALS
HAVE BEEN HOUSED**

WOLFE APARTMENTS

The 46-unit transitional housing complex provides a drug and alcohol-free structured community with guidance and support by on-site staff. Wolfe Apartments promotes growth in spirituality, recovery, and financial stability. We now have a portion of the property dedicated to single men and women with children.



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MEN, WOMEN, & CHILDREN
LIVED AT WOLFE APARTMENTS IN 2015**

Wolfe Apartments continues to serve as a residence for the Justin's Place Recovery Program for Men clients, as well as those who have graduated for up to two years. With participation in our Justin's Place Recovery Program, Wolfe Apartments has over an 80% success rate in returning men and women to a self-sufficient lifestyle.

FEEDING MINISTRIES

Our ability to serve over 512,000 meals was made possible by our generous donors. We particularly appreciate the multiple donations made weekly by Trader Joe's, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Publix, Whole Foods Market, Winn-Dixie Supermarkets, The Fresh Market, Chipotle, Olive Garden, and the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.



512,489

HOT MEALS SERVED

Our Direct Assistance Program offers emergency groceries up to twice a month for families at or below the poverty line with small children, the elderly, or infirmed in the household. Last year, we were able to provide groceries to an average of 55 families every month.

Our Justin's Place Feeding Ministry has continuously served two meals a day for over a quarter century. On average, we prepared more than 81 hot meals per day. This resulted in 29,667 hot meals being provided to anyone who is homeless and/or hungry.

JUSTIN'S PLACE RECOVERY PROGRAMS

MEN'S PROGRAM

Justin's Place Recovery Program was launched in response to the undeniable need for an affordable, long-term substance abuse recovery program in SW Florida. For the past five years, we have seen countless miracles through our Justin's Place Recovery Program for Men. Hundreds of men have been given a second chance at life because of your faithful support.



228 men and women

have graduated the program since it started in 2010.

WOMEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM

Since its first graduating class in February 2014, the Women's Recovery Program has experienced rapid growth. The program has moved to a new facility, served over 80 women, and continues to bring healing to women of all ages. This program is dedicated to reuniting families and breaking the cycle of addiction.

80% of men and women

that complete the program are sober {TWO YEARS} after graduation.



Testimony: **Kelly**

"I live every day for Him and my family."

"My childhood is not a fond memory of mine. I justified the abuse I received as a child thinking, 'Well, it could be worse.' As an adult, I found myself in an abusive relationship and finally realized that this was not normal. When people around me started to take their own lives I thought that was the answer. Thankfully, God pulled me through. **Ending up in Justin's Place is what literally saved my life.** Now God is my security, not my things, my relationships, or substances. I live every day for Him and my family."



INTRODUCING CAFÉ M25

In 2015 we were blessed with multiple opportunities to expand our social enterprises. By partnering with Catalyst Kitchens, we were given exclusive access to Starbucks products as a nonprofit. Through this partnership, we have opened two Café M25s. These cafés provide a fast paced, unique environment to train men and women for the food service industry. Stop in today!



**2601 AIRPORT ROAD S.
NAPLES, FL 34112**

**3954 BROADWAY
FORT MYERS, FL 33901**



Thanks to the committed support of a few donors, we were gifted the old Miracle Mile Station Post Office. We repurposed the building and turned it into our 2nd Café M25 and 6th thrift store. This new location allowed us to expand our area of impact into Fort Myers.

OUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND THEIR IMPACT

100%

By using the profits from our four social enterprises, we were able to cover 100% of the administrative costs for our organization. Our social enterprises are the key to our donation model that is committed to using 100% of every donated dollar to combat hunger, homelessness, and addiction in SW Florida.

THRIFT STORE OPERATIONS

As our pioneering social enterprise, the Thrift Stores play an integral part of the mission and ministry here at St. Matthew's House. In addition to creating profits that cover our administrative costs, our six stores offer on the job training for residents and program participants as well as full-time employment opportunities.

SMH CATERING

St. Matthew's House Catering provides more than just top-quality food. Our full-service catering company utilizes volunteers and program participants to offer first-class quality to its customers. By partnering with Catalyst Kitchens, SMH Catering is furthering its effort to equip men and women with practical kitchen skills so they can confidently enter the restaurant industry.

PORT LABELLE INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

Purchased in 2014, the Port LaBelle Inn and Conference Center has both social enterprise and program components. Centrally located in historic LaBelle, Florida, the Port LaBelle Inn and Conference Center has been a wonderful addition to St. Matthew's House. The facility provides a perfect environment for families, church groups, business meetings, and conferences. We partner with ECHO to sustainably farm on the property and train service dogs for disabled veterans through the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs program.



Testimony: **Mike**

"I have hope... and a future..."

"Before I found St. Matthew's House, my life was at a dead end. Due to my addiction, it was either death or prison. **St. Matthew's was the last house on the block for me.** After graduating from Justin's Place Recovery Program, I received a full-time position at Café M25. I have hope in Jesus and a future because of St. Matthew's House. I am so proud to be a member of this mission that serves others in need."



Testimony: **Ivonne**

"Forgiveness does exist..."

"Although I had a loving and supporting family, my childhood was far from normal. I did not live with my parents and was sent to Mexico for school. I soon developed many emotional and abandonment issues. No one could find a solution for my worsening symptoms and emotional deterioration. This led to many years of misdiagnosis and different prescription cocktails. By the age of 35, I was a full blown addict. My experience at St. Matthew's House has been beyond anything I can describe. I have learned that Jesus Christ is my savior and that I am loved and accepted just the way God intended. **Being a part of the Justin's Place family has taught me that forgiveness does exist** and that sobriety is possible when I apply the Bible to my everyday life. I am so thankful for everything that St. Matthew's House has done for me."



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OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Matthew's House is to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as provide housing for the homeless and food for the needy.

Since 1987, St. Matthew's House has combatted hunger, homelessness, and addiction in SW Florida. As we enter our 29th year as an organization, we strive to fulfill the call to action in Matthew 25: 35-40 that first started our mission.

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JUSTIN'S PLACE

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239-774-0340

THRIFT STORE LOCATIONS

1115 AIRPORT ROAD, SOUTH
NAPLES, FL 34104
239-774-3315

2601 AIRPORT ROAD, SOUTH
NAPLES, FL 34112

25091 BERNWOOD DRIVE
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34145

1520 LAKE TRAFFORD ROAD
IMMOKALEE, FL 34142

630 WEST MAIN STREET
IMMOKALEE, FL 34142

3954 BROADWAY
FORT MYERS, FL 33901

PORT LABELLE INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

1563 OXBOW DRIVE
LABELLE, FL 33935