



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



*Transforming lives for over 30 years*



**VANN ELLISON**  
**President and CEO**



Watch an introduction to  
St. Matthew's House online:  
[www.stmatthewshouse.org/intro](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org/intro)

As we celebrate three decades of ministering in Southwest Florida, it's a natural time to reflect. When we look back at all of the amazing blessings God has bestowed upon St. Matthew's House, how great a privilege it is to be a part of God's work. It has been our joy to be the hands and the feet of the living God.

As we celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness and transformational power, it is also a good time to look toward the future. We are so excited about all of the opportunities to help lift people out of poverty, hunger, drug addiction and homelessness. We're excited to see our women's program grow. We're excited to see more men, women, and families be restored through Justin's Place. And we look forward to serving the individuals in our programs and our community by offering dignified work in local small businesses, restaurants, and other vocations leading to independence.

If you look at the bottom of this page you'll see a very simple declarative statement, "WE TRANSFORM LIVES." That statement summarizes much of what we strive to do while recognizing our strength and power comes first and foremost from God. We thank God for raising up prayer partners, volunteers, and donors and we look forward to many more years of being a part of God's work in us, in individuals, and in the community.

# MISSION

The mission of St. Matthew’s House is based on the principle, “to impact the lives of the least of these in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined.” It all started in 1987 when a group of Naples parishioners followed a calling to bring food to a homeless population living in a nearby wooded area.

The “Task Force for the Homeless” began gathering contributions of both food and clothing, establishing the mission’s food pantry. Throughout the years, community support has helped grow the small mission into a multi-faceted organization focused on spiritual change.

As a 501(c)(3), our 100% donation model allows all of our administrative expenses to be covered by unique social enterprises – which enable us to direct 100% of all public donations toward our life-changing programs that continue to enrich countless lives in our community.

**100%**  
**of every donated dollar  
goes to programs**

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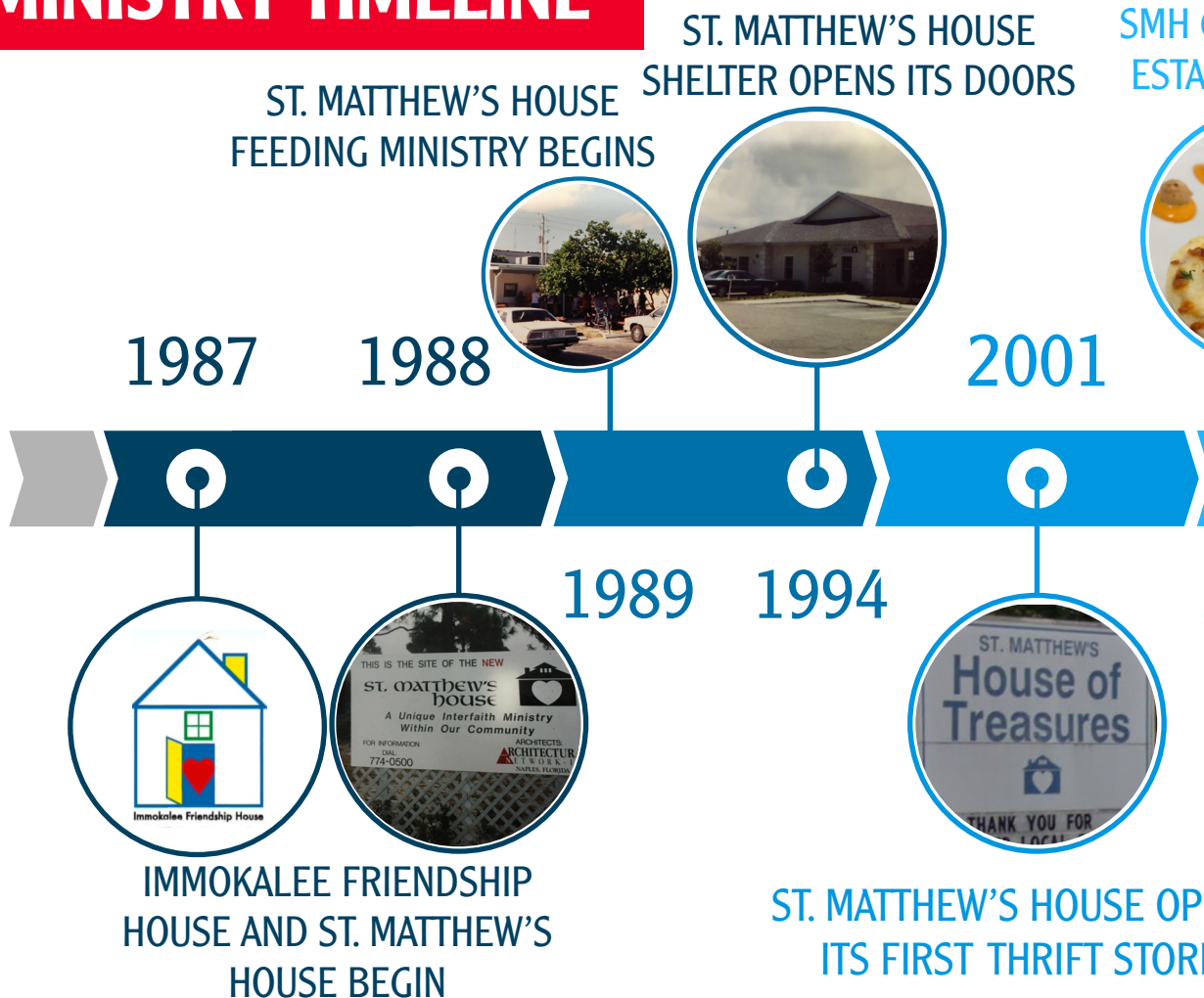
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# MINISTRY TIMELINE



CATERING  
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ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE AND  
IMMOKALEE FRIENDSHIP  
HOUSE MERGE



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JUSTIN'S PLACE RECOVERY  
PROGRAM STARTS

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# Justin's Place Recovery Program

## MEN AND WOMEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM

In 2016, we celebrated the twentieth Justin's Place Recovery Program graduation, seeing thirteen men and twelve women walk the stage to receive their diplomas. Joining us for the evening were over 100 Justin's Place alumni, and with this last graduation, we now have over 300 graduates from the recovery program.



# 300

Over 300 men and women have graduated from Justin's Place Recovery program since 2010.

Graduates of Justin's Place have been restored to their families, attend college, seek advanced degrees, contribute to society, and continue with a positive life that gives back to the community. Amidst a national drug epidemic with people dying in record numbers and incarceration levels increasing, Justin's Place continues to provide the community a program with proven results in helping people escape chronic poverty, homelessness, lack of education, and substance abuse.

# 85%

who complete the program are sober two years after graduation.







*Thank you to everyone  
who has been a part of  
my recovery - you have  
saved my life!*

## TESTIMONY - Amanda

“ My journey began as a child of addicts. At the age of 18, I found myself on a one-way road to destruction. By the age of 25, I was in and out of four detox programs. I soon after gave birth to a wonderful little girl. As I held my newborn daughter in the hospital, I cried out for help. I was so scared of what was to come and I knew I needed help. St. Matthew's House and Justin's Place was the answer to my delivery room prayer.

As time passed in the program, I slowly began to find myself again. I put in the hard work everyday—I became completely focused on getting better for my daughter. I renewed my relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today, I have been reunited with my daughter and we have such an incredible bond. I am determined to be a hardworking mom and productive member of society. I am so thankful God has shown me the beauty of life.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my recovery - you have saved my life!

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# Emergency and Transitional Housing

NAPLES SHELTER, IMMOKALEE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE, AND WOLFE APARTMENTS

 **300** men, women, and children call  
St. Matthew's House home every night

We operate a 104-bed shelter and a 46-unit transitional housing complex 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.

## Feeding Ministries

 **513,249** hot meals served

Our ability to serve 513,249 meals and distribute over 6,970 bags of groceries in 2016 was made possible by our volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We particularly appreciate the multiple donations made weekly by Aldi, 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.

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**6,970** bags of groceries distributed







*St. Matthew's House  
and God did for me  
what I couldn't do for  
myself.*

## TESTIMONY - Stan

“ Hello, my name is Stan, and I have battled with drugs and alcohol my entire life. I grew up in a home where my mother and father were divorced. It was a time when divorce was uncommon and from that point I began to develop a fear of being alone. To find acceptance, I started to hang out with people older than me. The older crowd was drinking and using drugs, and to make myself a part of that group, I did the same. After years of drug and alcohol use, my fast lifestyle came to a crashing halt when my body broke down and my kidneys began to fail. Because of my addiction, I also suffered from depression and suicidal thoughts.

When I was hopeless with no place to go, my sister-in-law recommended Justin's Place. I had decided to only stay for 90 days, but as I continued with the program, I realized how much I had to work on myself. I knew I had to change. With God's grace and the support of my family and the St. Matthew's House community, I am a new creation in Christ. St. Matthew's House and God did for me what I couldn't do for myself. I am now able to be the man and father I was created to be. I am currently a case manager at Justin's Place, helping men transform their lives.



# Social Enterprises

# 100%

**of every donated dollar  
goes to programs**

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

## THRIFT STORES

With six locations serving Southwest Florida, no matter how you decide to get involved, you're helping transform lives every day. It's shopping with a purpose!

As one of our social enterprises, the thrift store operation helps us cover all of our overhead costs, meaning we can then focus every dollar and donated item you give toward our neighbors in need.



**ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE  
THRIFT STORES**

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**LOCATIONS**

**25091 Bernwood Drive | 2601 Airport Road South | 1115 Airport Road South  
1520 Lake Trafford Road | 630 West Main Street | 3954 Broadway**



## 22,500 stops a year

## 10 trucks

## 170 dispatch calls daily

### **A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT**

Our thrift store operation provide dozens of jobs to each location's unique community. If you donate items to our thrift stores, you're helping create opportunities for individuals, including graduates of Justin's Place Recovery Program, to find a job, build work skills and history, and support their family.

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Learn more about our social enterprises online:  
[www.stmatthewshouse.org/socialenterprises](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org/socialenterprises)

## CAFÉ M25

In 2015, by partnering with Catalyst Kitchens, we were given exclusive access to Starbucks products as a nonprofit. Through this partnership, we opened two Café M25 locations - one in Naples and one in Fort Myers. These two cafés provide a fast-paced, unique environment to train men and women for the food service industry.

In addition to serving Starbucks coffee, both cafés offer breakfast and lunch items made fresh daily by SMH Catering.



## CAR WASH AND DETAIL CENTER

Opening in late August of 2016, the St. Matthew's House Car Wash and Detail Center offers auto cleaning and detailing with a hand car wash adjacent to the thrift store at 2601 Airport Road South.

To kickoff the new social enterprise, equipment, cleaning and polishing products, and training were donated by Simoniz. The new car wash allows a thrift store customer to have their car detailed while enjoying a coffee at Café M25 and shopping at the Naples flagship store.



The heart of the mission is helping people who are in poverty get back to a stable, meaningful, and productive life.

Steve Brooder, Vice President, Operations



*Thanks to St. Matthew's House and its kind supporters, I now have a new outlook on life, a wonderful relationship with my family who almost gave up on me, and a hope for a bright future.*



## TESTIMONY – Chad

“ As a child I witnessed my dad abuse my mom. This impacted me greatly. They were divorced when I was four. When I was fourteen my dad left me and that put me over the edge. It was then I started using alcohol, and then later on, drugs, to cope with my emotional pain. This led me to five felonies by the time I was 21. While I was in jail, I had a cellmate who had committed a very violent crime, yet he gave me a Bible. I realized he changed and I thought maybe I could, too.

I started to read about Paul persecuting Christians, and through those writings, I found hope in God that He could forgive me as well. Later, I entered Justin's Place Recovery Program. I've been sober for four years now and living well on my own. Thanks to St. Matthew's House and its kind supporters, I now have a new outlook on life, a wonderful relationship with my family who almost gave up on me, and a hope for a bright future. Thank you for making a difference in my life! ”

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# Social Enterprises

## SMH CATERING

Developed as a social enterprise to support the efforts of St. Matthew's House, SMH Catering provides compelling food and service to its customers. With an award-winning chef leading a professional catering team, our full-service catering is focused on making its clients look good and feel special at backyard barbecues, cocktail receptions, weddings, elegant dinners, themed buffets and luncheons.



When I go on a catering job and the clients say, "I didn't even know you did catering," I get to tell them 'yes' and here's what you are doing - **you're helping men, women, and children who don't have a place to stay tonight.**

Kristofer Jubinville, Executive Chef, SMH Catering



## PORT LABELLE INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Since becoming part of St. Matthew's House in 2014, the Port LaBelle Inn and Conference Center has both social enterprise and program components. Centrally located in historic LaBelle, the Port LaBelle Inn and Conference Center has been a key part of St. Matthew's House. The facility provides a perfect environment for families, church groups, business meetings, and conferences.

**In 2016, 63 men received agriculture and food service job training in LaBelle.**



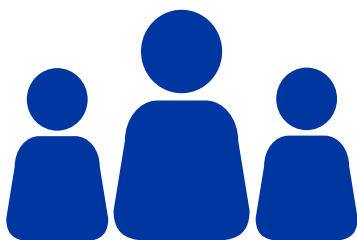
We partner with ECHO to practice sustainable farming on the property and train service dogs for disabled veterans through the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs program.



# Volunteers

## THE BACKBONE OF ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

St. Matthew's House gratefully relies on the volunteers and the thousands of hours they give to make our mission a success. We couldn't do it without these amazing people coming together for a great cause! It is because of the time and care of our supporters we are able to touch so many hearts.



**1,397**  
**volunteers**  
in 2016

# Financials

**EVERY DOLLAR DONATED IN 2016  
WENT TO LIFE SAVING PROGRAMS**



**\$5,042,190**  
total contributions received in 2016

**\$6,204,202**  
total spent on programs in 2016



# TOUR<sup>OF</sup>HOPE

See how lives are transformed at  
St. Matthew's House.

**CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE A TOUR**

**(239) 298-5025**

**2001 Airport Road South, Naples, FL 34112**

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Naples, FL 34112  
(239) 774-0500  
[www.stmatthewshouse.org](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org)

**IMMOKALEE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**

602 West Main Street  
Immokalee, FL 34142  
(239) 657-4090

**JUSTIN'S PLACE  
RECOVERY PROGRAM**

2691 Airport Road South  
Naples, FL 34112  
(239) 774-0340

**THRIFT STORE LOCATIONS**

2601 Airport Road South  
Naples, FL 34112

1115 Airport Road South  
Naples, FL 34104

25091 Bernwood Drive  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

1520 Lake Trafford Road  
Immokalee, FL 34142

630 West Main Street  
Immokalee, FL 34142

3954 Broadway  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**CAFÉ M25 LOCATIONS**

2601 Airport Road South  
Naples, FL 34112

3954 Broadway  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**PORT LABELLE INN AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

1563 Oxbow Drive  
LaBelle, FL 33935  
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