

Inaugural Mini Golf Tournament

for Port in the Storm a Huge success

Many thanks to the people who played, sponsored, donated and supported in any way the inaugural Port in the Storm Mini Golf Tournament. The winner of the traveling trophy was Coldwell Banker Premier Properties. But the real winners are the youth at Port in the Storm. Golf, lunch and a lot of laughs were part of the incredible event.

Special thanks to Fiesta Falls for hosting this tournament and our major sponsor Coldwell Banker Premier Properties. Sponsors and donors include: PIP Printing, TRYP Hotel, Beaver Toyota, Joe Boles, The Network Operations Co, Pop A Lock, Annie Mac Mortgage, Land Title of

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If you are interested in being part of this fun event in 2021, contact Joyce Duffy at joyce.duffy@stfrancissshelter.org.



St. Francis House & Port in the Storm Wish List

Until further notice we are only accepting food donations. – Food is gratefully accepted at Port in the Storm, 1375 Arapaho Ave, Monday – Friday 8 am to 4 pm and St. Francis House, 70 Washington St, anytime. Should a critical need for something come up it will be posted on our Facebook page.

Questions? Contact Robert Harris, Marketing/volunteer Coordinator at Robert.harris@stfrancissshelter.org



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PORT IN THE STORM HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER

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Through Our Door

Compassion
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Lives can change quickly...

Who would have thought a month ago that we would be sheltering in our homes in response to a pandemic?

But here we are. The coronavirus has

changed our lives. Some will

say that it is an overreaction.

Others believe that we should

have been prepared for this.

I don't have the answer.

Whatever your thoughts, we

hope that you and your

families are safe.

What I DO know is that

YOU will do what is best

for everyone. I know that

YOU are always thinking of those who are less fortunate...always doing whatever is in your power to help those who are suffering. Your help is needed today!

YOU were there when the hurricanes struck.

YOU were there to open Port in the Storm for our homeless youth and you are always there when those in crisis cry out for help! Thank you.

As you hunker down at home, please remember those who do not have a home or safe place to go. Remember those in our shelter who have no home of their own and are counting on YOU to keep them safe. Remember those who are losing jobs and may need our services when they lose their homes because of this virus.

Stay home and stay safe. Because of YOUR gifts, we will continue to care for those in crisis.

Please send your gift today!

Visit our website at stfrancissshelter.org

**St. Francis Housing
Crisis Center**

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**Port in the Storm Homeless Youth
Center and Administrative Offices**

1375 Arapaho Ave.
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St. Johns County's only comprehensive housing crisis and homeless youth center. Providing housing-focused solutions for homeless men, women, children and youth in St. Johns County.

YOUR impact is REAL!

Each time you make a gift you receive a thank you letter. We tell you what your gift has done and will do. But do you really know the incredible impact your gifts are making in the lives of families, youth and individuals? Although it is difficult to put into words how you are changing lives, here are some statistics that might help.

In 2019, YOU ...

Sheltered 107 children and 470 adults at **St. Francis House & St. Francis Family House**.

- 41% exited to appropriate housing (assisted living, permanent housing, transitional housing or natural support-family friends (national average - 30%))

- 62% exited shelter with dependable income

YOU ...

- Provided services to 998 people at our **Advocacy & Referral Center**
- Provided 51,323 meals to the hungry and homeless

YOU ...

Reached 257 adults and 59 youth through **Street Outreach Services**

- 30% of adults entered permanent housing from the streets

- 47% of youth were permanently housed with family/friends or in their own apartment

85% of every dollar you give directly impacts the lives of those in need.

65% of our funding for St. Francis House and St. Francis Family House comes from YOU – individuals, businesses, churches, organizations and private and corporate foundation grants

YOU ...

- Assisted 84 different youth at **Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center** from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

- Saved several young people from committing suicide

St Johns County has the **highest rate of successful suicide** in Florida for youth 18–24

Our homeless youth are at the highest risk to become part of this statistic

YOU ...

Opened the only safe shelter in St. Johns County for male and female unaccompanied homeless youth

Port in the Storm was established and is presently 100% funded through YOUR generosity!

But these are only numbers. Each number is a name, a face and a story. They represent a person, youth or family who would not have had access to help if it was not for your generosity. Please keep up the good work.

Your gift is desperately needed today to continue working miracles.



Crystal came to Port in the Storm

yesterday. The staff are thrilled. Crystal is 18 going on 30. She has seen and experienced way too much trauma and pain in her short life. She has been selling herself to survive. A friend told her about Port in the Storm. She is here and she is safe. Right now, she will get a shower with nice smelling body wash, clean clothes, a warm meal and no questions. That will come later. But right now....she is safe.

Your gift can help Crystal and others like her.

Please give today!



We are bracing for families like Tonya's who are being affected by the devastation of the coronavirus.

PLEASE help them with your gift today!

A Story of Determination

It's no secret. Families are messy. Things don't always go the way we wish. For young adults with minimal education the options are few. It takes determination to make it.

Tonya and her husband James entered the Family Shelter weeks ago. She has a little girl and is 6 months pregnant. Her life is a history of family trauma and personal bad choices. But she is dedicated to making a better life for her and her children. Tonya finished her GED. She and James are working and after MONTHS of searching, and working, they found a place to call home.

This family is successfully housed and waiting for their son's arrival. Thanks to YOU they had a place to go to help them get on their feet and start a new life.

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

Brad returned to the place he knew when he became homeless – St. Francis House. He spent time in St. Francis House with his mom as a child. She struggled with substance abuse much of her life and was never able to get it under control no matter how many programs she completed. Now as a young adult he finds homelessness taking over his life as well. For Brad, this is normal. But he is determined that this will not define his life. With the help of the St. Francis House case managers and housing-focused programs, Brad will stop the cycle of homelessness in his life. Your gifts for these programs make these life changing success stories possible. Brad will make it, thanks to you. But your gifts are needed to touch the lives of many more who need your help.

YOU can help make a meaningful difference in lives. You can "teach them to fish". Send your gift today.



We have all heard the Chinese proverb "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.

Teach him to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." St. Francis House, St. Francis Family House AND Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center TEACH and support our clients as they create and implement a plan to overcome their challenges and become and stay housed.