

Light Up the Night

With the world the way it is right now we could all use something to look forward to and we have just the thing.

On Saturday, November 14th we will Light Up the Night with a Balloon Glow Gala to support St. Francis House and Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center. It will be a night to remember. Tringali Barn is the perfect setting with open spaces, access to outside activities and lots of room to social distance if needed. Registration and sponsorships have already started to roll in. Make your reservations early and don't miss this great opportunity to have fun AND break the cycle of homelessness in our community for men, women, families and youth!



BALLOON GLOW GALA
Light Up the Night
Tringali Barn
St. Augustine
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 6:30-10:30 PM

Help us Light Up the Night and support homeless men, women, families and youth in our community.

- ✕ Live Music
- ✕ Delicious Food and Drinks
- ✕ Indoor/Outdoor Activities
- ✕ Open Venue
- ✕ Axe Throwing
- ✕ Tethered Balloon Photo Opportunities
- ✕ Cigar Bar
- ✕ Casino
- ✕ And more ...

Tickets \$125* per person

We expect this event to sell out quickly so purchase your tickets online today at www.stfrancisshelter.org

For more information contact Joyce Duffy at 904-824-8987 x2 or by email at joyce.duffy@stfrancisshelter.org.

Sponsorships Available.

Proceeds to benefit St. Francis House and Port in the Storm

*Tickets and sponsorships remain valid in the event of a postponement.
**Hot air balloon rides are weather dependent. Rides must be scheduled and are an additional fee.
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Visit <https://www.stfrancisshelter.org/news-events/> for more information or to register online.

St. Francis House & Port in the Storm Wish List

- Bottled Water
- Powdered drink mix (Gatorade/Crystal light, etc)
- Wet Wipes
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen/Sunblock
- Baseball caps
- Travel Size Lotion
- Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen
- Disinfectant Spray

And the Oscar goes to...

Videos celebrate Port in the Storm First Anniversary



Port in the Storm celebrated the first anniversary of our building renovation and the opening of the complete program in June. While covid-19 put a damper on some of the activities, we were fortunate to have several supporters, board members and staff "star" in a series of videos highlighting the program and sharing stories about their passion for the kids and this program.

We would like to thank Maureen and Frank Zygmunt, Chris Shee, Steve Cupolo, Ed Dwyer, Chief Rob Hardwick, Joe Boles and staff members Christine Stuhlmuller, Megan Stanion and Sarahi Luckey for being our stars for this occasion. If you have

not seen the videos you are missing something special. Go to <https://www.stfrancisshelter.org/videos/> to view the videos or just visit www.stfrancisshelter.org and click on about – informational videos.



ST. FRANCIS HOUSING CRISIS CENTER and
PORT IN THE STORM HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER

Programs of St. Augustine Society

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Through Our Door

Compassion
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From the Heart of those you Help Thank You!

You are so faithful and generous with your support. Each day we are honored to receive your gifts and put them to use. We tell you often about the impact of your gifts and what they do for the men, women, families and youth who are experiencing homelessness. But you don't often hear directly from them. Today, we would like to share some expressions of thanks from a few of those YOU have helped.

Unfortunately, there are many more that are counting on you. Please continue to support those who have nowhere else to go. YOU can help end the cycle of homelessness in our community.

Only YOU can do it!
Send your gift today!

How too Save a life
It's done By Helping people like me
out, So for this I just wanted
too say, Thank you

Sincerely,
Jordan

Thank you so much for everything
I am now officially housed. Because
of your contributions I won't
need much to be okay.
Thanks again

- Chante

Visit our website at stfrancisshelter.org

**St. Francis Housing
Crisis Center**

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

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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.

Bracing for the need

Lifting of the eviction moratorium will create a surge of homelessness.

Covid-19 will impact people in ways that in some cases will be more devastating than contracting the virus. Across the country and in St. Johns County we are bracing for the day the eviction moratorium is lifted. Many individuals and families who are already behind in their rent will find themselves homeless. Those working in the service or hospitality industry were already just barely making it before the pandemic. Now, despite their hard work they will be on the streets.

Our youth are another casualty of the pandemic. Most homeless youth have been asked to leave home by their parent or guardian. The impact of Covid-19 will make this even more common. During this crisis when jobs have been lost and people are in survival mode, telling a teen to leave may seem like a way to limit expenses. But the result is devastating to these youth who are not prepared to be independent.

Without your help they don't stand a chance. But thanks to YOUR generosity, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm are here to help them rebuild their lives. Please continue to support those who are being affected by this crisis by sending your gift today.

Visit www.stfrancisshelter.org to donate online.

Can you imagine... being a parent and being homeless?

Imagine wondering where your children will sleep tonight. *Imagine* wondering how you will feed your children or how you are going to work without a shower or clean clothes. And who will watch your children so that you CAN go to work?

More than 600 homeless children were registered for school this year in St. Johns County. 80% of those were part of a family unit.

More than 70% are temporarily sharing a living space with relatives or friends. Staying with family and friends is nice. Until the kids get on their nerves or there is a disagreement about groceries and who is cooking dinner.

But where else can they go? St. Francis House has room for only 4 families. You have heard this before, but help is on the way. We can hardly believe it ourselves. We just received approval from the City of St. Augustine on our permits for the new Family Shelter. The **new Family Shelter will accommodate 8 families with children.** One more meeting and the building will be on its way to becoming a reality!

Only \$125,000 needs to be raised to complete this \$600,000 project. YOU can be a champion to families. Your gift will help families escape homelessness.

Make your gift to the Family Shelter Project today!



Through the eyes of a family.

Read what one family said about St. Francis Family Shelter

To whom it may concern:

I have been asked to write about my experience at St. Francis House. To be quite clear, this is not the St. Francis Barracks or the St. Francis Inn, but instead, a homeless shelter. I make this distinction because while perhaps the Inn and the Barracks have more of a historical value, the St. Francis House provides an invaluable knot of hope for our community versus another museum tour of the city.

I recently filled out a survey that did nothing to convey the gratitude that I feel towards St. Francis House and their staff. It asked; "Were your needs met?" "Do you feel that you were treated well?"

My friends ask questions about the shelter. They ask; "Are you Ok there? What do they give you? How do they help?" Yes, Yes and Yes.

My needs were more than met. I have been treated better than well. However, before I can tell you what the staff at St. Francis House has "given me", I must first tell you what they have taken away. They have taken away my sense of shame that I was unable to provide a roof over my children's heads. They took away the stress of "where will my baby sleep?" and "How will I cook her meals

and take a shower today?" They took away my fear of the callous treatment of my family. And what did St. Francis House provide for me in return for what they had taken away from me?

We had no money, only the clothes on our backs and a box of food purloined from the last of our meager savings. For the first time in almost a year, we had not been told "no" because we "didn't qualify".

St. Francis House gave me hope - and a chance.

This open door was just that – a doorway to something bigger. If I needed information, it was at my fingertips for asking; if I needed a bottle of milk for my baby a gallon was thrust into my hand instead. The kitchen door was always open, the office door was open, and we were never made to feel unworthy.

St. Francis House gave us grace.

Our miracle came through the hands of people who cared about us simply because we existed as human beings.

St. Francis House gave me peace of mind.



There is so much more to being homeless than just needing shelter or food. Desperation haunts you and loneliness surrounds your thoughts and life. You do not "live", and if you do, you are living in anguish and fear. St. Francis House offered my family so much more that I could ever have imagined. I have been treated like family, by not just the staff, but by the brethren homeless that are also residents here. My cup can finally be filled, and I can lay my head down at night knowing that tomorrow if I have a need, they will help me find a solution. I have a door that locks, and a bed to sleep in and soon, with their help, I will not be homeless.

St. Francis House gave me shelter and so much more.

After a few months, BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, this family was able to secure employment and find a new place to live.

Last year 107 children and their parents received shelter and hope at St. Francis House Family Shelter

IMAGINE...how many more families will be saved when the new Family Shelter is complete. Only YOU can keep our families off the streets.

Visit www.stfrancisshelter.org to help or send your gift today.