



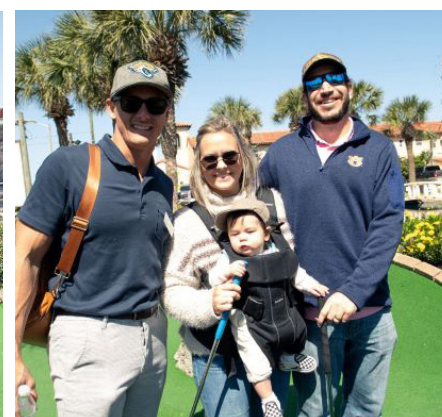
2021 Mini Golf Tournament – Double the FUN!

Our first mini-golf tournament was so successful that the committee pledged to double the impact in 2021. And they did! Not only did our 2021 Mini Golf tournament have twice the participants, but it made twice the money - making an impact of more than \$30,000 for Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center.

144 players played in 2 flights. The winner from flight 1, HW Roofing played the winners of flight 2, Scott Beavers St. Johns County Sheriff's Office team, in a sudden death play off won by HW Roofing.

The tournament was sponsored by Coldwell Banker Premier Properties, Schmidt Realty and the Grand Champion sponsor was Flagler Health. Other sponsors included Beaver Toyota, Silver Feather Jewelry & Gifts, R. Dean Scott, Architect, RockIT Solutions, Drs. Quelch & Gendzier, Fast Signs of St. Augustine. Justin Snavelly Photography, Burkhardt Distributors and Fiesta Falls Mini Putt. In addition, local business sponsored all 18 holes, donated food, drinks and silent auction items.

Plans are already in motion for even more fun in 2022. Contact Joyce Duffy, Events Coordinator at joyce.duffy@stfrancissshelter.org to get on the list for 2022.



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ST. FRANCIS HOUSING CRISIS CENTER and
PORT IN THE STORM HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER
Programs of St. Augustine Society

Who would have thought ...

Last year at this time I started this newsletter with “who would have thought a month ago that we would be sheltering in our homes in response to a pandemic?”

Well, who would have thought that a year later we would still be dealing with it? So many people have been affected in so many different ways. Family members lost. Jobs and business lost. The financial and personal loss is devastating. One of the hardest things for everyone has been the inability to share grief and pain, and comfort those who need it. I find that especially true for this community. You are a caring and compassionate lot.

But even a pandemic did not keep you from caring and reaching out to support others.

Thanks to YOU, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm continue to provide shelter and support to those facing homelessness. Thanks to YOU, families and youth are safe from the streets.

Unfortunately, the war is not over. As we move out of the pandemic, more people will come to the end of their rope and find themselves homeless. The work is not done.

YOU are the heart. We are your hands, and we are honored to carry out your acts of compassion.

Your gift today will help the most vulnerable in our community survive this crisis.

PLEASE send your gift today!



LOOK at what YOU have done!

2020 was a unique year. Families, youth and individuals, who could not find relatives or friends to stay with, stayed at our shelters longer and needed more support. It is difficult to express in thank you letters the incredible impact your gifts have on real people. Here are some numbers that might help.

In 2020, these are the lives YOU touched.

You ...

- Sheltered 544 people at St. Francis House
- Kept 29 families and 51 children safe at St. Francis Family House
- Helped 167 people exit to permanent appropriate housing.

You ...

- Provided a safe place of the streets for 113 homeless youth at Port in the Storm
- Kept young people out of the hands of human traffickers
- Intervened when a youth was contemplating suicide

You ...

- Reached 158 adults through Street Outreach Services

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A Night at Port in the Storm

The doorbell rings. It's late....after curfew. Whoever is staying the night is in bed. After staff checks to see who is there, the door is opened. A young girl stands at the door. She is no more than 18; skinny and undernourished, messy with straggly dirty hair. But remarkably defiant when staff ask her to empty her pockets and purse to check for contraband – safety is the rule. Tammy, her name, is given something to eat. The food and the loving acceptance of staff seem to melt her barriers as her story of being trafficked comes out. She takes a shower and goes to bed. The staff shed their silent tears when she is safe in her room. Trafficking is real. Even in St. Johns County. Our homeless youth are prime targets for traffickers. You can get young people off the streets.

Please, please send your gift to provide safe shelter for youth like Tammy today!



Tammy



Sherry

St. Francis House

Sherry showed up at St. Francis House in the middle of the pandemic with her son in tow. She had lost her housing through no fault of her own. Sherry had a job. She was part of the working homeless. Like most mom's, her son was the most important thing in the world to her and she would do anything to provide for him. She had never been homeless. She was devastated and ashamed. But compassionate staff at St. Francis House, her own determination and strong collaborative effort with local agencies we were able to help her find affordable housing.

What would she have done if St. Francis House had not been there? Without YOUR help, Sherry would have been on the streets. Her son would not have been in pre-K and their future would have been bleak.

Right now, our shelter is home to Erica and her children and Art and his family and other families in crisis. Your support will give them safe shelter now and a path to a better life. Support these families today!

Donate online at www.stfrancisshelter.org or send your gift today.

SOS – Street Outreach Services

Sam is a veteran. He lived on a queen-sized mattress under a tarp in the woods. He wheeled himself from Jacksonville to St Augustine to be close to his family. But, they didn't want to help him. Unable to care for himself, he endured danger and trauma in the woods. Not right for a man who defended his county. Our Street Outreach team encountered him on one of their trips in the woods and set out to change the direction of his life.

Street Outreach is the closest thing to a life-line that many unsheltered homeless have. Because of YOUR support, they engage veterans and others like Sam and get them the help they need. Sam faced addiction and health issues. It was not easy. But Sam was finally moved to an Assisted Living Program for veterans. A happy ending for a man who deserved nothing less.

What would have happened if Street Outreach had not found him. The thought of it makes me shudder.

YOUR continued support saves lives!



Sam



How can you help?

Contact SOS – Street Outreach Services!

We often get questions about what to do if you see someone who seems to be homeless and may need help.

Question: “I saw someone that I think was homeless that needs help. Should I bring them to the shelter?

Answer: Thank you for recognizing someone in need. We do not recommend transporting people from the streets. You do not know anything about this person or their mental or physical situation that might put you in personal danger. PLEASE call our Street Outreach team at 904-293-3161. Sometimes people just want to be left alone. Our Street Outreach team is trained to assist people on the streets and can connect them directly to the right services.

Do you shop on Amazon?

Did you know that every purchase can help homeless individuals, families and youth? Here's how you do it! Go to smile.amazon.com instead of Amazon.com. Select **St. Augustine Society, Inc.** as the organization you want to support. (this is our legal name recognized by the IRS). Then shop as usual and a donation for every purchase will come to us. Thanks for shopping!



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Snack bags of chips

Brown lunch bags

Ziplock bags

Sandwich makings



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