



2022 Mini Golf Tournament benefits Port in the Storm

For the 3rd year friends and supporters gathered at Fiesta Falls for the Annual SWING INTO ACTION Mini Golf Tournament sponsored by Coldwell Banker Premier Properties. All proceeds from this event support Port in the Storm Homeless Youth Center.

144 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day and best of all made an impact of more than \$30,000 for Port in the Storm.

Our 1st Round Champion was the St Johns County Sheriff's Office and our 2nd Round Champion was Team Whitesell. In the end, St Johns County Sheriff's Office won the title of Grand Champion! Additional prizes were awarded for Best Dressed Team, Most Team Spirit, Oldest Golfer and Highest Score.

This event would not be possible without the

generous donation of the Fiesta Falls course by Rich & Lauren O'Brien, local business owners and longtime advocates for the needs of those facing homelessness.

Thank you to our sponsors - Silver Feather Jewelry & Gifts, Bozard Ford | Lincoln, Care Connect+, Southern Title, Harbour Island Tennis Centre, Kiwanis Club of Historic St Augustine, R. Dean Scott, Architect, Dr. Quelch & Dr. Gendzier. Special thanks to Burkhardt Sales & Service and many other businesses and individuals for their contributions as well as our Hole Sponsors.

Mark your calendars for March 2023 when we hit the course again to raise money to support our homeless youth. To get on the list for 2023 contact Joy Burton at joy.burton@stfrancissshelter.org.



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What is generosity?

I am currently watching some videos leading up to Easter focused on generosity. They touch on all of the things that generosity is. The videos explore the words that describe generosity. Here are a few of them.

Generosity is ... *beautiful, creative, wise, contagious, grateful, helpful, life-saving, hopeful, visionary, virtuous, courageous, encouraging, optimistic, simple, life-giving, intentional, thoughtful, dynamic and transformative.* I am sure that you can think of others. The list is endless.

In my career I have been a witness to astounding generosity. Not all of it financial generosity. Some very generous people have little financial wealth. But they give freely of themselves and what they do have. All of it inspires me. It gives hope to those who need our help.

After watching over 15 of these videos I think I know what generosity is ...

GENEROSITY IS YOU!

Thank you for being *beautiful, creative, wise, contagious, grateful, helpful, life-saving, hopeful, visionary, virtuous, courageous, encouraging, optimistic, simple, life-giving, intentional, thoughtful, dynamic, transformative and so much more.*

Thank you for your gifts of astounding generosity.



LOOK at what YOU have done!

Numbers are impersonal. Numbers can't really express the personal impact that each gift you give makes in the lives of the homeless men, women, families and youth that you help. But it is important for you to know the numbers as well as the stories.

Just remember, each number is a person – a man, woman, child, family or youth whose life you have touched in a very personal way with your generosity.

In 2021 ...

You ...

- Sheltered 411 people at St. Francis House
- Kept 31 families and 56 children off the streets
- Provided assistance to 581 people through drop-in services
- Helped 106 people transition to permanent housing

You ...

- Provided safe shelter for 66 youth at Port in the Storm
- Assisted 76 youth through day-drop in programs
- Intervened when a youth was contemplating suicide
- Provided a safe place for a young person being trafficked

You ...

- Engaged 238 unsheltered people on the streets through Street Outreach Services
- Helped 93 of them achieve a positive housing situation

Keep up the good work. Touch a life with your gift today. Visit www.stfrancissshelter.org to give online.

Visit our website at stfrancissshelter.org



Jason's Family ... Inflation is Real

Imagine being a family on the edge caught in this ever-rising inflation. Jason, his wife and little boy are such a family.

They both work. They had a place to live. Not the Ritz, but a cozy little apartment. Just after the first of the year their landlord announced a \$200 a month rent increase. They hung on for as long as they could. But now they are homeless. They did everything right. They need help now – safe shelter for them and their little boy so that he does not miss school, regular meals and a place to shower so that they can keep their jobs and help adjusting their budget so that they can be the family they were just a few months ago. Your support will give Jason and his family the support and guidance they need to rebuild their lives.

*Please send your gift today! **YOUR generosity** can make their family whole again. Send your gift today or visit www.stfrancisshelter.org to donate online!*

Jules' Story ... The High Price of Youth Homelessness

Jules is 19 going on 30. She has seen more of life – not the good part – than you would ever want your child to see. She has been on the streets since she left home at 17. Her mom's new boyfriend took a liking to her. But her mom didn't believe her, so she had no choice but to leave. Jules couch-surfed with friends for a while. But she eventually overstayed her welcome. It wasn't really that hard to find other places to crash. But the price she paid was her dignity and her self-esteem – way too high. A kid on the street told her about Port in the Storm. She's going there. Jules wants her life back. YOU and Port in the Storm can make that happen. YOU can give Jules the chance for the life she deserves.

Please send your gift and help Jules today! Visit www.stfrancisshelter.org to give online or send your gift today.

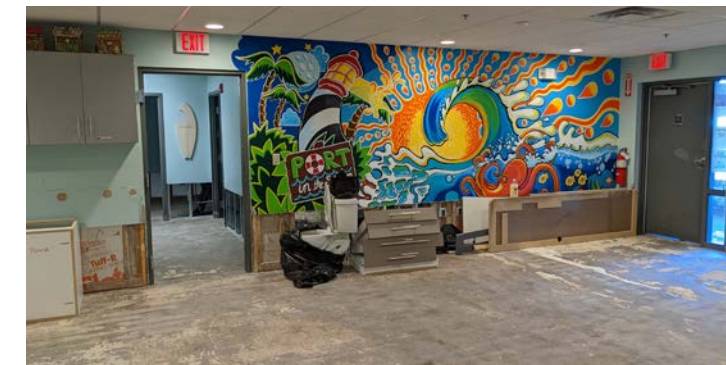


I wish you could see the devastation



Port in the Storm Sustains Damage Before Christmas

By now you have probably heard about the damage at Port in the Storm. A few days before Christmas the kids and staff awoke to a sewer back up in the building. Everyone was evacuated to St. Francis House, and a team was called in to clean up the mess. Of course, with this type of mess it was not an easy clean up. It left our building with floors ripped up, 2 ft of drywall removed, lower cabinets ripped off the walls and furniture



destroyed. It's heart wrenching. As hard as it is for us, imagine how the kids feel. They finally have a place where they feel safe and protected and it is ruined. But that's what we pay insurance for ... right? Not so fast. Apparently, there is a clause in Florida commercial insurance that excludes sewer backups leaving us with over \$200,000 in damages and repairs. Not a good way to start a new year. We have a team of wonderful attorneys fighting for us. But the outlook is doubtful.

Meantime we have a building to fix and kids to bring home. Chris and Brad Shee and his team at Mastercraft Builder Group have taken on the contract to bring Port in the Storm back to life. Repairs are moving forward as soon as the permits are approved. We have no choice. The kids can't wait.

Your help is needed to get the kids back to their home. Please send your gift to Help Port in the Storm today or visit our website at www.stfrancisshelter.org and click on the Help Port in the Storm button.

The kids are counting on YOU!

Visit our website at stfrancisshelter.org

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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.



Port in the Storm 3rd Anniversary Celebration

Join us for a

Casino Night

Saturday Evening, July 9, 2022

At the beautiful **Art in Motion** in downtown St. Augustine. Hosted by St. Augustine's own Scott Lagasse – SLR Racing

Watch our Facebook page and website for details as it comes available or contact joy.burton@stfrancisshelter.org for more information.



Wish List

- Walmart & Target gift cards
- Ponchos
- Bike Lights
- Sandwich makings
- Bottles of Water
- Fruit
- Granola bars
- Snack bags of chips
- Brown lunch bags
- Ziplock bags
- Non-perishable food is always needed.



Questions? Contact Karen Correale, Development/Volunteer Coordinator at karen.correale@stfrancisshelter.org



Watch our Facebook page for emergency critical needs.