

## Holiday Wish List



The best things we could wish for this time of the year are \$10 gift cards to Walmart and Target. They allow our staff to buy special and specific items for the clients staying with us over the holidays and make sure that last minute arrivals at the shelter are not missed.

We are always in need of the following.

- Cool Weather needs: Socks, Gloves, Beanie, Light Jackets, Hoodies
- Non-perishable food
- Travel-sized hygiene items
- Bike Locks, Lights, Pumps

# 2nd Annual Festival of Trees

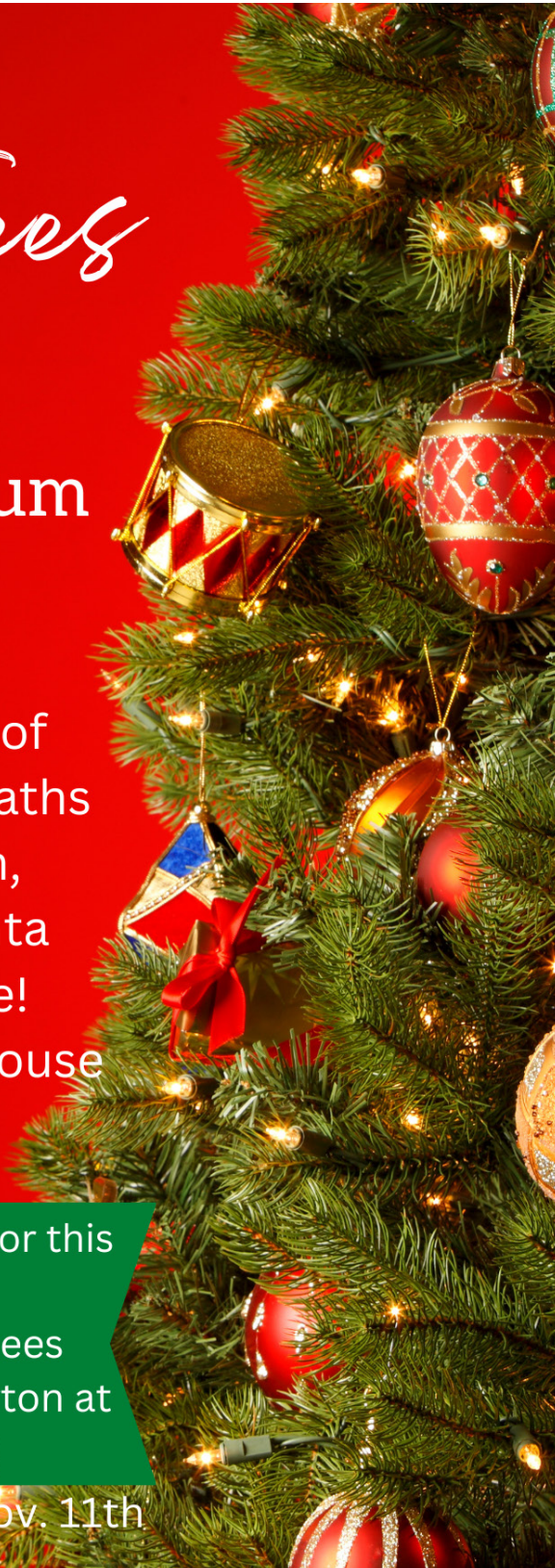
December 5th - 8th  
at The Lightner Museum  
74 King Street, St Augustine

Join Us for a Beautiful Display of  
Theme Decorated Trees and Wreaths  
all available for Silent Auction,  
Holiday Music, a Letters to Santa  
Mailbox, Door Prizes and more!  
All funds raised help St Francis House  
and Port in the Storm

To sponsor a tree or wreath or to sponsor this  
event, visit:

[HTTPS://bidpal.net/2022festivaloftrees](https://bidpal.net/2022festivaloftrees)  
For more information, contact Joy Burton at  
[joy.burton@stfrancissshelter.org](mailto:joy.burton@stfrancissshelter.org)

Last day to purchase tree/wreath is Nov. 11th



# GLIMPSE Through Our Door

Compassion  
Shelter  
Opportunity



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

WINTER 2022

## IMAGINE Christmas without a Home

A million lights are twinkling throughout St. Augustine and St. Johns County heralding the holiday season. Christmas is a magical time of year for children. For most it is a time of wishes, hope and wonder.

But what if your view of the lights is through the window of the car you are living in?

For James and Katlyn this is the view they have. They sit in the car in the restaurant parking lot while their mom works, and at night in a lot near her friend's apartment. Her friend lets them shower there and eat there sometimes. But they cannot stay with her so they "live" in their car nearby. Thankfully James and Katlyn can catch the bus to school from there, just as if it was where they lived.

While most children wish for the

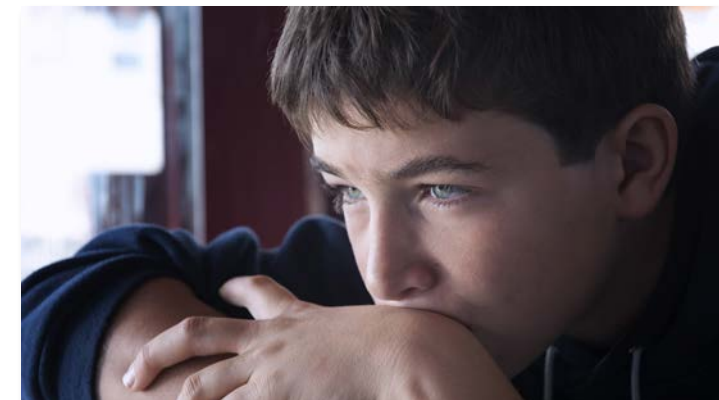
latest video game, phone, robot or doll, James and Katlyn wish for a home of their own.

Imagine Christmas as a child without a home. YOU can help! Your gift will provide the stability they need now and access to programs that can help make their wishes come true.

Without your help, breaking the cycle of homelessness will be difficult if not impossible

Please help answer the Christmas wish of James, Katlyn and children like them with your gift today!

Give online at [www.stfrancissshelter.org](http://www.stfrancissshelter.org) or send your gift today!



Visit our website at [stfrancissshelter.org](http://stfrancissshelter.org)

St. Francis Housing  
Crisis Center

70 Washington Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

904-829-8937

Port in the Storm Homeless Youth  
Center and Administrative Offices

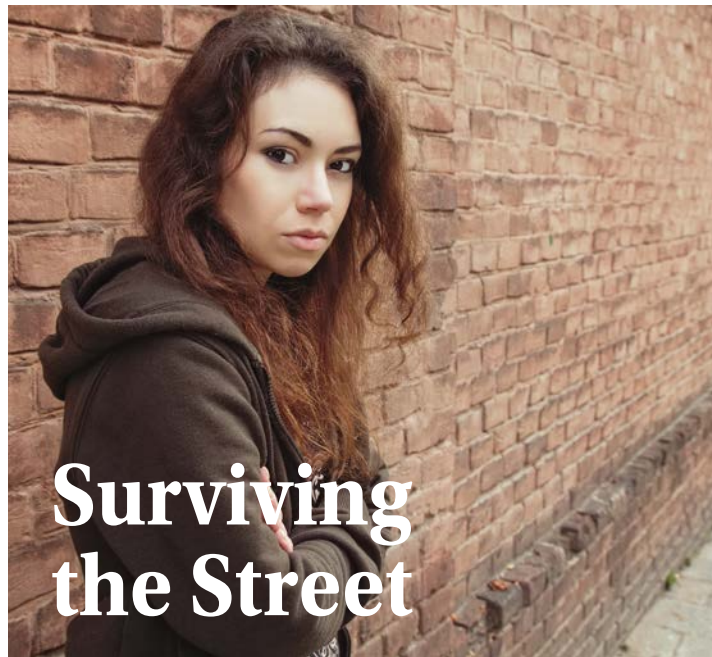
1375 Arapaho Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084

904-824-8987

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.







The streets are a lonely and dangerous place for homeless youth. Jessie has been on the street since her mom lost their apartment. Her mom was having a hard time just taking care of herself. Taking care of a teen was just more than she could handle.

What happens when a youth ends up on the street? Nothing good. To be safe and survive they will do most anything and befriend the very people who will take advantage of them.

**YOU can save the life of Jessie and youth like her through your gift to Port in the Storm. But without YOUR help there is no hope for Jessie. Without YOUR help there is just another night on someone's couch and no end to the pain and heartache. Someone has to care! Will it be you?**

Your gift to this holiday season will help save youth like Jessie. Make your gift online at [www.stfrancishelter.org](http://www.stfrancishelter.org) and click on the donate button. Our youth need your help today!

## SOS – Street Outreach to the Rescue!!!



Many of us remember the line “Superman to the rescue” from the Superman comics and cartoons. In real life most of us have had the privilege to know a real superman or superwoman. **Our community is full of them!!**

If you are reading this, YOU are one of them. YOU make it possible for the SOS-Street Outreach Services to bring help to those who are lost and homeless on our streets. The members of our SOS – Street Outreach Services Team may not leap tall buildings or fly. But to those who are homeless they are the next best thing.

*But what do they do, you ask?* Each day the members of the SOS Street Outreach team travel throughout our county to interact and engage with those on the streets. Some have just recently become homeless and have no idea where to go for help. Others are reluctant to go to a shelter and are trying to find their way without help and still others have been on the streets for years and need special assistance. Outreach strives to help all of them. YOUR support of SOS helped 33 people leave the streets during the first 6 months of this year.

Street Outreach goes into camps and to the beach. They walk along St. George Street and other parts of the city. They bring food and hygiene items, but most of all they bring solutions.



Tim's story.....

Outreach worked with Tim for several years on and off to help him get off the streets. He lived outside in a tent, fighting alcohol addiction. He had heart problems and landed in the hospital. Tim finally came to St. Francis House and was waiting for space at



EPIC detox. But as the time went by with no opening, he went back to the streets. On the streets he fought to stay sober and finally contacted Outreach for help. The Team leaped into action and located a camper for Tim to live in. Tim was finally home! But that was not the end for Tim or Outreach. On a regular follow-up check, Tim answered the door with bare feet, saying it's the first time he has been able to go barefoot in 18 YEARS!!!

Street Outreach is hard work. But if you ask anyone on the team, they will say that nothing can compare to the joy of seeing someone finally escape homelessness.

**But without YOU Street Outreach has no power.** YOUR gifts are the power of Street Outreach and YOUR gifts help end the cycle of homelessness for those on the street. Everyday we see the homeless on the streets. YOU can help!

As Superman once said, “Do good to others and every man can be a Superman.”

Visit [www.stfrancishelter.org](http://www.stfrancishelter.org) to donate and be a Superman...or Superwoman!

## Balloon Glow Gala 3rd Annual Gala Exceeds Expectation

Under the light of a full moon, a lighted hot air balloon and the space x launch almost 200 people danced, ate and played the night away at the 3rd Annual Balloon Glow Gala on October 8th at Tringali Barn. More than \$84,000 was raised to assist homeless individuals, families and youth in our community.

Guests were treated to live music by the popular Skillzmatic Band out of Orlando, heavy hors d'oeuvres by Hurricane Patty's and Late risers, two signature cocktails, axe throwing, a photo booth, silent auction and more. The beautiful sky of a perfect fall evening was accented by a rising full moon and the SpaceX launch.

Former St. Augustine Mayor Joe Boles conducted the annual “Star Auction” where gala-goers were given the opportunity to “be a star” by sponsoring homeless families, individuals and youth.

Balloon Glow Gala was sponsored by: Fiesta Falls Miniature Golf, Care Connect+, Marsh Creek Women's Association, Ameris Bank, Harbour Island Tennis Centre, Dr Quelch & Dr Gendizer, Troy Usina Enterprises, Donovan/Superior Service, Florida Health Care Plans, Superior Real Estate Services, Doug Gibson, Solar Stik, The Kesley Group, Ruby Raley & Tom Jacob, Bryan the Builder, RockIT Solutions, Colden Company, Herbie Wiles Insurance, Pelican Pub, Craig Funeral Home, Silver Feather Jewelry & Gifts and Anastasia Law.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, guests and volunteers who made this gala the best one yet!



## You Can Be a STAR

Star Donors shined bright at the Balloon Glow Gala with more than \$34,000 donated to sponsor homeless families, individuals and youth. The total was matched by an anonymous donor. But YOU still have the opportunity to be a Star Donor.

We all want to be a star in someone's life. One of the things many people hope for is the opportunity to impact the lives of others. This is YOUR opportunity.

This holiday you can touch the life of an individual, a family or a youth facing homelessness. Your gift will open the door to hope and housing by providing stability, support and programs that can propel them into housing.

Visit [www.stfrancishelter.org](http://www.stfrancishelter.org) and click on the donate button. You can be a star in the life of a family, an individual or a youth and give the gift of hope this Christmas!



Do you need a gift for someone special? No need to worry about size or style or color. A gift that will not only bring a smile to the recipient but will give hope to a homeless youth. Who wouldn't want to help a homeless youth?

Purchase a personalized brick for Port in the Storm Rotary Outdoor Learning Center patio at Port in the Storm. Your gift brick will be engraved and placed in the patio creating a lasting legacy for the recipient. A card will be provided or sent to the recipient of the gift brick to let them know of the gift in their honor.

Do something different! Do something amazing. But a Brick – Save a Youth.

Deadline to purchase to ensure recipient notification is December 15th.

Visit [www.stfrancishelter.org](http://www.stfrancishelter.org) and click on the “Buy a Brick” button or contact Karen Correale at [karen.correale@stfrancishelter.org](mailto:karen.correale@stfrancishelter.org) to make an impact in the life of a homeless youth.