



# ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

*Touching Hearts. Transforming Lives.*

As we celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness and transformational power, it is also a good time to look toward the future. We are so excited about all of the opportunities to help lift people out of poverty, hunger, drug addiction and homelessness. We're excited to see our women's program grow. We're excited to see more men, women, and families be restored through Justin's Place. And we look forward to serving the individuals in our programs and our community by offering dignified work in local small businesses, restaurants, and other vocations leading to independence.



**VANN ELLISON**  
President and CEO

By using the profits from our social enterprises (six thrift stores, two cafés, a catering business, a hotel and conference center, and a car wash), we are able to cover 100% of the administrative costs for the organization.

Our social enterprises are the key to our donation model that is committed to using every donated dollar to combat hunger, homelessness, and addiction in Southwest Florida.

The mission of St. Matthew's House is based on the principle, "to impact the lives of the least of these in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined." It all started in 1987 when a group of Naples parishioners followed a calling to bring food to a homeless population living in a nearby wooded area. That group began gathering contributions of both food and clothing, establishing the mission's food pantry. Throughout the years, community support has helped grow the small mission into a multi-faceted organization focused on spiritual change.

As a 501(c)(3), our 100% donation model allows all of our administrative expenses to be covered by unique social enterprises – which enable us to direct 100% of all public donations toward our life-changing programs that continue to enrich countless lives in our community.



Watch an introduction to  
St. Matthew's House online:  
[www.stmatthewshouse.org/intro](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org/intro)

## FAST FACTS



87%

of residents who have been at our shelter 30 days or longer are employed



513,249

hot meals served in 2016



1,447

current volunteers

85%

who complete the Justin's Place Recovery Program are sober two years after graduation



6,970

bags of groceries distributed



22,500 stops a year  
10 trucks

170 dispatch calls daily



For 30 years St. Matthew's House has provided

**innovative solutions**

to fight

**homelessness, hunger,  
substance abuse, and  
poverty.**

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**doesn't rely on  
government funding,**

and our 100% donation model allows  
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social enterprises.**

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