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# FALL 2018

## THE 2018 MAPLEWOOD SHUFFLE

*By Teri Brickey, Maplewood Shuffle Event Chair*

We had our share of adventures at this year's Maplewood Shuffle. It was a beautiful summer day, perfect for roaming downtown Maplewood.

In this unique event, teams compete for prizes in our signature combination of a pub crawl, trivia night, and contests of skill. It is the most fun you can have at a fundraiser!



Many thanks to all of our venues: The Post, Airedale Antics, The Book House, Scheidt True Value Hardware, The Maya Café, Side Project Cellar and The Crow's Nest.

Our final stop this year was the Closing Party at Immaculate Conception gym, where we had our fill of food, donated by Raising Cane's and other anonymous donors, and plenty of beverages donated by Major Brands and Schlafly. The closing party included a raffle and live auction for prizes generously donated by local businesses. We appreciate all of your support.



Congratulations to all of our winning teams! We hope to see you all at the 2019 Maplewood Shuffle. Mark your calendars for June 22nd, 2019.

We are supremely grateful for all of our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible.



And last but not least, THANK YOU to our planning committee and all of our volunteers! We could not do this without you! Special thanks to Cindy Crader, Stacy Dick, and Sandy Richason.

*Photos by Chris Gawat*



## LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Heath Moylan  
President

Throughout the constant evolution of Joe's Place, I continue to be amazed and humbled by the steadfast support we receive from individuals and groups in our community year over year. One of the best parts about my role is meeting and hearing the stories of people who have been pouring their hearts into the success of our ever-growing family over the years, making a difference in whatever way they are able whether it's providing home-cooked meals, funding scholarships, or simply keeping us in their giving plans year after year. We are only able to deliver on our mission because of this dedication and generosity from our community, and for that we are tremendously grateful.

Whether you are new to the Joe's Place community or have been with us for years, we invite everyone to join us on in the MRH High School Theater on Dec 12 where we will be unveiling powerful new footage showing the impact our program - and our entire community - has made in the lives of these young men. Keep reading for details, and we hope to see you there!

## "TELLE" THE VAN JOINS JOE'S PLACE FAMILY

Recently Aaron Telle, Joe's Place Board Member and Owner of Telle Tire & Auto Centers, had his team of mechanics repair and fix up a van owned by MRH School District. After repairs were made, the van was donated to Joe's Place. The Ruth's have named the newest four-wheeled family member "Telle". Having a van for our house parents will enable them to travel with the boys in one car, making it easier for family outings. The Ruths, the boys, and board members are grateful for Aaron's generosity.



Aaron Telle, Owner  
Telle Tire & Auto Center

## BUZZ AROUND TOWN

Once again, we are truly grateful to those that go out of their way for Joe's Place. This year many individuals and local companies performed a small act of kindness that made a huge difference for our boys. The following are this year's highlights.

Beginning in January, **Catherine Maloney** teamed up with **Maplewood Bedding Company** when she heard the boys needed new mattresses for their beds. Whereas **Beverly Tronicek** donated profits from a dance event with her friends at **The Rueda Dance Group**. To round out the winter, **Angel Goldberg** prepared her annual and festive Mardi Gras dinner for the boys.

In the spring **Levi Shafer** was seen at the Joe's Place house working in the garden for his Bar Mitzvah project while his cousin **Sophia Chrysler**, was shopping for back to school clothes for the boys through her **Clothes4Confidence** project. Buzzing around Maplewood gathering donations were **Cindy Crader** and **Stacy Dick** all to help board member **Teri Brickey** prep for the annual **Maplewood Shuffle**. And last, former JP Board Member **Julie Pole** organized a farewell party hosted at **Clarity Realty** for our beloved house parents of 4 years - **Rachel** and **Jeremy Mapp**.

This summer, two of our JP boys attended out-of-state outdoor summer camps courtesy of **Jennifer & Nicholas Tompras** and **Kierstin & Sander Coovert**. Then **Lindsay Reel**, co-owner of Tapped donated a weeks' worth of tips - a grand total of **\$1635.98**. To welcome our new house parents **Lainey** and **Chris Ruth**, local volunteer **Leslie Fortner** and her team of cooks began providing meals through their Meal Train project. The family will also continue to receive monthly meal donations through the **Church of the Annunziata - St.Vincent De Paul Society**. Also in August, the boys were spotted at a St. Louis Cardinals game courtesy of **Tammy Witzig**.

Starting in the fall, **Ellen Sherman** began providing bagels from **St. Louis Bread Co.** And former Joe's Place board member, **Jerry Rosenblum**, facilitated a connection for a \$10,000 donation from **America's Center** on behalf of **Taylor Swift**. Special thank you to **Jerry**, **Matthew Dewey** of **America's Center Convention Complex** and **Kathleen "Kitty" Ratcliff** of **Explore St. Louis**.

Thank you to everyone that made a difference this year!

If you or someone you know has an idea, gift or connection to help us, please call or email anytime at 314-446-1776 or joesplacestl@gmail.com.

## LEVI SHAFER KNOWS THE POWER OF A

This past year we received an email from MRH parent, Tali Light, explaining to us her son, Levi, wanted to conduct a project that benefited our community. That project was for Joe's Place.

After a few discussions and planning, 8th grader, Levi Shafer set out to complete his Bar Mitzvah by weeding and planting in the garden beds at the house. Second, he informed guests at his party and asked them to make a donation. He raised a total of \$503.

The word Mitzvah means "good deed". When we asked Levi why he picked Joe's Place to do his Bar Mitzvah, he said he wanted to feel good to know that I helped my community and my school. It was also fun to do yard work and have others to be involved in a positive way. My cousin, Sophia Chrysler, started an organization called "Levi's Place" at my Bar Mitzvah. Even though my Bar Mitzvah is over, I would like to continue to



# HELP JOE'S PLACE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY SUPPORTING THE 2018 ANNUAL FUND

On behalf of Joe's Place Board of Directors, we invite you to join us as we kickoff this year's annual campaign. A donation to Joe's Place Annual Fund will help us continue our mission to help those in our program and achieve our goal to support those that have graduated.

Now more than ever, Joe's Place needs your support as homelessness of our youth is on the rise. According to the Missouri Department of Secondary Education, there are an estimated 36,800 homeless students in the State of Missouri. Within this population, these students are 75% more likely to drop out of school, which strongly correlates with a lifetime of disadvantages. This statistic is reflected even within our small community, as each year we find again and again homeless, at-risk youth between the ages of 14 and 19 within MRH School District. That is why having a program like Joe's Place in our community is crucial. Our program offers teenage boys what every kid should be able to expect from life: a warm place to sleep, regular meals, someone to provide guidance and affection, and quality education to ensure their positive future.

A donation to our Annual Fund would help us supply:

- regular meals
- clothing
- tutoring
- professional counseling
- transportation
- academic support for high school graduation
- testing and professional guidance for college and career readiness, and
- as needed post-graduation support for those in our program.

By providing a donation to this year's Annual Fund, Joe's Place residents will no longer have fears of missing school and concerns about where to find their next meal or bed. Instead, they can focus on homework, school activities, friendships, graduating high school, and developing positive plans for their future.

So this holiday season, please consider supporting Joe's Place. All you need to do is complete and mail your donation in the envelope provided. Any gift you can make is greatly appreciated.

## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Join our monthly donor program. A small monthly gift of \$10, \$15, \$20 or more, makes a significant impact over time.
- Prepare meals for the family by visiting Time for Dinner.
- Donate your personal unused gift cards this holiday season.
- Write us a letter or quote of support we can share with foundations and corporations.
- Donate tickets for the house parents and boys to use, i.e. Cardinal tickets, Blues tickets, concert or movie tickets.
- Tell others about us and share our future posts and announcements on your social media pages.
- Ask your employer's Human Resources Department about their employee matching gift program. Then just send in your donation with the matching gift form.

## A GOOD DEED

In preparation for his Bar Mitzvah, wanted to

Bar Mitzvah project. First, he volunteered his time for his Bar Mitzvah about Joe's Place and then

to do a good deed, he said the following. "It made me work at someone else's house. It also inspired me to start Clothes4Confidence after learning about how to help out in my community whenever I can."



*Thank you Levi for your good deed and for making a difference in our community.*

## GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is quickly approaching. Coming soon on Tuesday, November 27 you can join this global movement by donating to one of your preferred nonprofits. This year we ask for that preferred nonprofit to be Joe's Place. This is an exciting time to support us. This past year we celebrated securing new house parents, expanding our mission to support our graduates, rebranding our logo and look in the community, and fostering new relationships with supporting organizations for the boys. As you participate, please remember you are the most important part of making this movement a reality. Every dollar of your generosity counts. To participate, look for posts on November 27 on our Facebook and Twitter pages, find us through [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org), or visit us at [joesplacestl.org](http://joesplacestl.org). Thank you

Time for Dinner

Home cooking  
made easy!

This winter, cooking with friends or family to benefit a good cause can be just the thing to do to warm your heart when it's cold outside. You can do just that by experiencing an evening at Time for Dinner. Assembling dishes helps not only your family but also the family at Joe's Place. The meals you create can be easily packaged, stored and frozen. (Groups of 9 or more receive bonuses.) So this winter please remember, Joe's Place is in need of meals January through March. To participate, send an email to [joesplacestl@gmail.com](mailto:joesplacestl@gmail.com).



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**Joe's Place offers homeless teenage boys in the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District a caring home environment that supports them for high school graduation, self-sufficiency, and positive transitions into their adult lives.**

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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT JOE'S PLACE**

**#GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**Giving Tuesday**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 | All Day Online



CROSSROADS PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

**Maplewood Gingerbread House Competition**

Friday, December 7, 2018 | 6:00pm to 9:00pm

This event will be held during The Maplewood Christmas Tree Walk. To enter, sign up at [www.MaplewoodGingerbread.com](http://www.MaplewoodGingerbread.com). Individuals of all ages, families, and businesses are invited to participate. Entry deadline is Sunday December 2, 2018. For more information visit the website, Facebook, or Instagram (@MaplewoodGingerbread). Joe's Place table and donation box will be featured at this event.



MRH SCHOOL DISTRICT & JOE'S PLACE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

**An Evening with Joe's Place**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | 7:00pm

In 2011, the MRH community got a firsthand look at the plight of homeless teenage boys through the Joe's Place Documentary.

Join us on December 12 in the MRH High School theater as we reveal powerful new footage that tracks the progress and struggles of these young men following their High School graduation, and interact with a panel of former Joe's Place residents, board members and staff. Don't miss this opportunity to get an inside look at this groundbreaking program and learn about the great work that is being powered by the MRH community and other friends of Joe's Place.