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SUMMER 2019

LET'S GET READY TO SHUFFLE!

By Teri Brickey, Maplewood Shuffle Event Chair

How would you like to get your friends together to roam downtown Maplewood, competing in games of skill and trivia, for great prizes? Oh, and did we mention it all benefits Joe's Place?

The Maplewood Shuffle on Saturday, June 22, is the most fun you can have at a fundraiser! We set up venues along Manchester and Sutton, staffed with volunteers. You and your team go to each venue and complete the challenge there. We rarely repeat a challenge, so if you've played in the past, be ready for new adventures! Some past challenges have included water bottle flipping, dog treat tasting, paper airplane throwing, and many different categories of trivia. We are hard at work creating this year's fun activities, and we invite you to join us!

Teams can be 2 to 8 players, and all must be over 21. Check out the Joe's Place website for registration details.

If you're more of a staffer than a player, we also need plenty of volunteer help to pull this off. Contact Teri Brickey, the Maplewood Shuffle Event Chair at brickey.t@gmail.com if you or your group are interested in volunteering. Volunteers can be adults or teens.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We offer four Sponsorship levels:

- Platinum:** \$1,000. Includes prominent logo placement on our website, Facebook page, and all print materials. In addition, this level comes with a team registration so you can bring your friends, family, and staff members to enjoy the fun!
- Gold:** \$500. Includes logo placement on our website, shout-out on our Facebook page, and recognition in all print materials.
- Silver:** \$250. Includes company name placement on our web and all print materials.
- Round:** \$100. Includes a gratitude statement on a game or trivia round at the event.

Other ways to participate:

- Donate a prize:** We award prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams, and we hold a raffle for smaller prizes.
- Past team prizes have included restaurant gift certificates, sports tickets, and other group prizes, typically valued at \$200-\$300.
 - Raffle prizes can be of any value, and often include gift cards and baskets from local businesses.

Donate through PayPal or contact Teri Brickey at (314) 374-8742 or brickey.t@gmail.com

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Heath Moylan
President

In December, we presented the 10 Year Anniversary update to the Joe's Place Documentary at the MRH High School Theater, and it was a fantastic and very impactful event. The highlight for me was seeing current Joe's Place residents interact with their alumni counterparts during the panel discussion - all of the young men up there made us proud with their poise, courage, and eloquence as they shared their personal experiences with an engaged audience. The "old meets new" theme was not just playing out on the stage, however. The audience was also a collection of long-time supporters mixed with many new faces.

We saw a similar mix of old and new faces in March when a few MRH dads, Facundo Oyenard and Matt McGaughey, along with the support of a few friends, hosted a "Party for Joe's Place" featuring food, friends, and live music. We were thrilled to see so many people both within and around the MRH community rally in support of Joe's Place

We hope this trend continues with our upcoming Mapewood Shuffle on June 22! Registration will be opening soon on our website, and we'd love to see many of our repeat participants along with some new competitors. If you've never been to the Shuffle, you're missing out, so come out and enjoy all that downtown Mapewood has to offer and support a great cause at the same time!

SPOTLIGHT: VINCE ESTRADA

By Ed Rich, MRH Director of Communications

It takes a lot of moving parts to keep Joe's Place operating as it should. Vince Estrada never stops moving . . . whether it's at JP board meetings or behind the scenes. As Director of Student Services at Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, Vince cares deeply about the wellbeing of every student in every building. That level of compassion carries over into his many roles at Joe's Place. Simply put, Vince is responsible for identifying and working with all homeless students in the MRH School District. That puts him in constant contact with those students eligible for Joe's Place. He also facilitates the intake process, working with potential students on all aspects including tours for the students and/or the parents and guardians. He talks them through the process for overnight visits and admissions paperwork, among many other services. As the Director of Student Services, he also serves as the Program Committee chair. That committee acts as a conduit between the house parents, residents, school staff, and the JP Board of Directors. Vince is heavily involved in clinical services, too. He works alongside the therapist assigned to Joe's Place to assist the residents on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Tapping into his unmatched years of experience at Joe's Place, Vince meets with outside groups interested in touring JP and replicating all or part of this program model. Joe's Place wouldn't be the same without the tireless and devoted Vince Estrada.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: JP HOUSE PARENTS ON THE MOVE

By Ed Rich, MRH Director of Communications



We have been blessed to entrust our young men at Joe's Place with house parents Chris and Lainey Ruth. So it is with mixed feelings that we announce the Ruths will be moving on after the school year wraps up. They'll be relocating to the Kansas City area to be closer to Lainey's family. A posting in search of new house parents will be available very soon.

In a letter to the Joe's Place Board of Directors, the Ruths wrote "This year has been a gift to us. To share our lives with incredible young men has been an honor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity as JP house parents. We learned so much, felt so much, cared so much; the memories compiled this year will never leave us. We offer a special word of thanks to those on the board who made our transition to JP so smooth. Many of you labored to help us settle in. We were welcomed at JP with open arms and we hope to help offer that welcome to the next set of house parents."

Please join us in wishing Chris and Lainey all the best in the next chapters of their lives.



GIVE STL DAY - MAY 1, 2018

Your Chance to Give in Your Community

Once again, Wednesday, May 1, is your chance to celebrate Joe's Place. Every gift made on Give STL Day will help

How can you join the movement and participate? Visit www.givestl.org to make an online gift through PayPal.

THANK YOU MATT MCGAUGHEY, FACUNDO OYENARD, AND EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED OUR REMAX GOLD PARTY!



JOE'S PLACE IS CHARITY OF THE WEEK AT TAPPED

We are excited once again to partner this summer with Tapped and their "Charity of the Week" program! We are so fortunate to have a restaurant that cares about causes and community. Their program supports many local non-profits and continues to grow in popularity every year. Tapped pays their associates a living wage, so tips can be donated to the Charity of the Week. In 2018, more than 44 charities benefited. This summer you can help Joe's Place just by enjoying a visit at Tapped starting **August 20 through August 25**. All tips will go directly to Joe's Place. To view their extensive menu and beers on tap, or make a reservation, visit www.tappedstl.com.



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BOARD UPDATE



Leslie Rigsby

After serving many years as a member and Vice President of the board, Leslie Rigsby is stepping down. Leslie, a Director of Development at Washington University, has been instrumental in development and growth for the organization. In 2013, Leslie created the Maplewood Shuffle, an event now well known as our annual community fundraiser. The board, MRH staff, and community are grateful for her years of service.

Elections and New Member

At our recent annual meeting, the following members were elected and welcomed.

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visit www.joesplacestl.org on May 1 before midnight and click on Give STL Day to



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Our Mission: Joe's Place offers homeless teenage boys in the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District a caring home environment that supports them in graduating from high school and creating positive futures.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT JOE'S PLACE



Give STL Day

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
All Day Online



2019 Maplewood Shuffle Event

Saturday, June 22, 2019
6th Annual Event



Charity of the Week : Joe's Place

August 20-25, 2019