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6TH ANNUAL MAPLEWOOD SHUFFLE - RAISES MORE THAN \$12,000

Thank you to everyone that attended the 6th Annual Maplewood Shuffle! This year's event raised more than \$12,000 for our programs. We could not do the work we do without the support of all of you!

The cooperating weather made for a picture-perfect day enjoyed by 23 competing teams - all with a purpose to have fun while raising money for Joe's Place. This year we added a new twist by having our closing celebration at **Citizens National Bank Park**. Everyone enjoyed music by **Tommy Halloran** on the Maplewood City stage and many attendees won fabulous raffle prizes which included gift certificates and items from local businesses, and Blues tickets donated by **Stephen** and **Andrea Sukanek**. Congratulations to all our winning teams and raffle prize winners!

Thank you to the following generous venues, sponsors, and donors for making this year's Shuffle a success!

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Special thank you to Marty Corcoran, Laura Miller at Maplewood City Hall, Tommy Halloran, Matt McGaughey, Jonathan Schaffner, Ed Rich, and Mike Dittrich. We could not have done this without you!

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe that over a year has passed since we expanded our mission to look beyond high school graduation for our residents to promote "positive transitions into their adult lives."

The Joe's Place Board has put a great deal of care and effort into this change, which involved a comprehensive needs assessment conducted by the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, as well as learning about trauma-informed practices and the effects of childhood trauma on our residents.

We are beyond excited about the next step in this journey, and that is hiring a caseworker to work directly with the boys to help develop and pursue their individual post-graduation goals.

We expect to have this position filled by the end of the calendar year and we can't wait to see how this reshapes our program and the impact it makes on the lives of these young men.

On a different note, my term as the Board President will draw to a close in January, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my fellow board members, past and present. I have been continuously impressed with the level of dedication, professionalism and wisdom displayed by our board, and it has been a true honor to serve with you all. I would also like to express my deep appreciation for the MRH staff members who work tirelessly and selflessly in support of Joe's Place, particularly Vince Estrada, Kat Norton, Amber Silver, and Ed Rich. I also owe a debt of gratitude - and a portion of my personal sanity - to our Development Coordinator, Sandra Richason. Finally, thank you to all of our supporters in the community. Meeting all of you and learning about your stories has been a personal highlight and a source of inspiration for me during my tenure.

All the best,
Heath Moylan

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SUPPORTING BUSINESSES & FOUNDATION PARTNERS

The board members and staff of Joe's Place salute our supporting businesses and foundation partners for their generosity and financial support of our programs and mission during 2019. Special thank you to Ashley Metcalf, Jerry Rosenblum, and Kitty Ratcliffe for serving as ambassadors of our organization.



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HELPING ONE MONTH AT A TIME

There's a growing list of families in our area that are determined to make a difference in the lives of young men in our community experiencing homelessness. The families we speak of are passionate, Joe's Place monthly donors! They know a gift as small as \$10, \$15, or \$20 a month, makes an impact on our budget for school supplies, weekly groceries, and clothing for our current residents and graduates.

For a small nonprofit like ours, monthly donors create lasting impact from day to day needs and ensure our mission and programs continue from year to year. It's more than just giving once a month - it's also making a tangible connection and difference in our community. As a monthly donor of Joe's Place, we want you to feel connected to our goals for the boys and excited about your role in making them attainable.

When you join as a monthly donor, you will:

- Increase impact through sustainable funding
- Rest easy knowing that four homeless boys in our area can succeed in life because of your generosity
- Continue to help graduates of our program reach their career goals
- Unite with our community of givers dedicated to ending the homeless crisis of more than 33,000 children in the State of Missouri
- Ensure that a child experiencing homelessness in our community has a regular meal, a bed to sleep in, a desk to do homework, clothes to wear, counseling and guidance, and goals for their future

It's easy to sign up. Just indicate on the envelope provided or visit our website at www.joesplacestl.org - select "Donate with PayPal", enter your preferred amount, then select "Make this a monthly donation". It's that simple. Monthly donors also enjoy hassle-free automatic donation payments conveniently made via PayPal. Please know an annual statement will be provided for tax purposes and you can change or suspend your donation at any time. As a monthly donor, you will help save young men in our program from a lifelong struggle of problems that correlate from not graduating high school. So this holiday season, we ask you to consider becoming one of these exceptional individual donors. Thank you!

2019 END OF THE YEAR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE - MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season we invite you to share in the spirit of giving for Joe's Place through our Annual Fund.

Unbeknownst to most families celebrating the holidays this year, there are more than 33,000 homeless students attending Missouri Public Schools. The ongoing crisis that exists throughout our state also spans across the country. This year alone, Joe's Place received phone calls from school districts as far away as Montana, asking for guidance and information on how they too can help their homeless students. The board, staff, and MRH School District have become experts and leaders of battling teen homelessness and the trauma that follows it. However, we couldn't excel at what we do without funds from supporters like you. Your past donations to our Annual Fund help us supply:

- Regular snacks and meals
- Clothing, including winter coats, shoes, and clothes for special occasion like prom and graduation
- Tutoring and testing, and professional guidance for college and career readiness
- Professional counseling for mental health
- Transportation for doctor and dental visits, and family outings
- Outdoor, experiential and educational summer expeditions
- Post-graduation support for those in our program

Furthermore, because of your donations in the past, much has been accomplished by the board and staff. Some of our accomplishments for this past year include:

1. Hiring new house parents
2. One of our boys graduated and is now enrolled in college
3. Providing outdoor summer expeditions for the boys in our program
4. Securing funding for our case worker position, which we are in the process of hiring and training
5. The house is once again operating at full capacity with 4 boys and 2 house parents

Nevertheless, there are still more goals we wish to accomplish this coming year with our revised strategic plan and new case worker for the boys. So this holiday season, please consider supporting Joe's Place. To make your gift today, you may use the enclosed envelope, or you may donate online through our website at www.joesplacestl.org. Any gift you can make is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Joe's Place Celebrates a Week at Tapped

Thank you to everyone that attended our week-long celebration as "Charity of the Week" at Tapped. Every night during our special week in August tips were collected in honor of Joe's Place. By the end of the week, more than \$1,500 was raised. Special thank you to Tapped owners, **Lindsay** and **Ryan Reel**, staff member, **Natalie Gaviria**, and community volunteer, **Megan Moylan**, for rallying many families in the neighborhood to spend their evening at Tapped.



TAPPED

Volkstoberfest 2019 Car Show Honors Joe's Place

Once again, Air Cooled Antiques selected Joe's Place as their favorite nonprofit at this year's Volkstoberfest 2019 car show. As hundreds of Volkswagen enthusiasts filled the parking lot at Schlafly Bottleworks, owners and organizers of the group, **Jody Grone** and **Russell Gelbach**, raised more than \$1,400 from raffle prizes and individual donors for our programs. Thank you to the **members of Air Cooled Antiques**, **Jody Grone** and **Russell Gelbach**, and a special thank you to donors, **Marilyn** and **Nicholas Williams**, for their generosity and support.





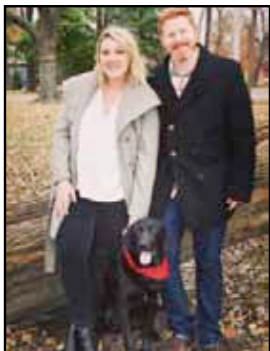
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A NOTE FROM OUR NEW HOUSEPARENTS



Amber and I have been house parents for about three months now and I have to say, it's been one of the most rewarding things we have done. Our parenting style involves a lot of respect and support. The boys have been very receptive to it and all have been excelling since being a part of Joe's. At the moment, we have four boys at the house; Josh, Richard, Davion, and KK. We have come to love them all in the few months that we have spent with them. Each boy is unique and contributes something different to the house. KK's light and funny personality always keeps everyone in a great mood. Josh's hard work and passion in cross country and academics inspires the other boys to excel. Richard is kind and is always willing to help us or the other boys in any way we need, he also has a keen sense when someone is struggling and steps in to help. Davion is new, but he already fits in like one of the family. He is kind, respectful, and extremely responsible. Since being at Joe's his teachers say he has been relaxed and focused in school and shooting beyond their expectations. We expect great things from this group!

Christmas is coming up and all the boys are excited. Each boy has already mentioned something that they need/want. All the boys could use winter clothes including socks, jackets, coats, hoodies, hats, and gloves. Josh loves nutrition and enjoys making his own smoothies, a Nutribullet was his wish this year. Richard enjoys playing video games and has mentioned that he would like NBA 2K20 for PS4. KK enjoys games as well, but or his Nintendo DS. Davion loves music and is rarely seen without his worn out headphones. A new pair of nice, over-ear headphones would be a great gift for him. If you would like to help us grant one of their holiday wishes, please contact us at joesplacestl@gmail.com or call 314-446-1776. Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!

JOE'S PLACE BOARD UPDATE

Joe's Place welcomes new board member Facundo Oyenard of Bayer Crop Science. Oyenard, a resident of Maplewood, has been a supporter and volunteer for Joe's Place the past two years. We are grateful for his willingness to serve on the board.