

## SOS Membership Information

### Membership Details and Dues Info

- Any St. B Youth Group member can join SOS **at any time** during the school year.
- SOS is a servant-leadership group that trains our members to attain empathy, organization, and leadership skills while they volunteer to serve the needy.
- Membership in SOS allows students to participate in SOS throughout school year. Dues are the life-blood of what pays for our ability to conduct events that help the needy and build empathy in our members.
- All new & members from previous year(s) are required to pay annual dues. **(part 1 of registration for SOS)**
- *One member dues = \$20 annually*
- *Two members in same family dues = \$35 annually*
- *Three + members from family dues = \$50 annually*
- Select **“financial hardship”** when asked during online registration to reduce required dues
- Visit SOS site to buy SOS gear. **(part 2)**
- Visit SOS site to sign up for Re-mind.com text blasts to stay up to date with details of SOS events and needs of souls in crisis in the community. **(part 3)**
- Visit SOS site to complete online registration **(part 4 of registration for SOS)**

## SOS Awards and Recognition

- ◆ \$10,000 grant from Spitzer Toyota to aid our mission to serve the needy
- ◆ 2016 Jefferson Award for Excellence in Volunteerism. The 2016 award was presented to Executive Director and Founder of SOS. SOS was awarded \$1000 from the Jefferson Awards since Mr. Cooley was a finalist for Western PA.
- ◆ 2015 Jefferson Award for Excellence in Volunteerism. The 2015 award was presented to SOS for the mission of SOS and our success in helping the needy.
- ◆ \$1,000 grant from Dominion Resources Services, Inc. to aid in our mission to serve the needy.
- ◆ Serving Other Souls received a Meritorious Citation from the Mayor of Murrysville, Mr. Robert Brooks.
- ◆ Founder of SOS received the Excellence Award from Franklin Regional School District . The highest award that FRSD offers a teacher was in part due to the success of SOS.



SOS trains students in servant-leadership skills that increase empathy and decrease apathy by serving the needy in our community.



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## The Mission of Serving Other Souls

Serving Other Souls is a servant-leadership group built to create leaders through service based initiatives.

Members of SOS are 7th – 12th grade students of St. Bernadette’s Youth Group. SOS members offer their time, talent, or treasure to our service projects that



SOS members have a foam snowball battle with children who are living in the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) while they receive life-saving medical treatment at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. 2-3 times a year, SOS purchases, cooks, and serves meals for these families living at RMH as their children receive medical treatment.

serve the needy.. The overall objective of SOS is to increase empathy, organization,

and leadership in our members while we serve the needy.

## The History of Serving Other Souls

The founding opportunity for SOS came in the wake of the tornadoes that struck many homes and schools in Hempfield & the Japanese tsunami in the Spring of 2011. FRMS students collaborated together to create an in

& out-of-school project. 50 students traveled to the Westmoreland Co. Salvation Army (WCSA)



Members of SOS attending a Spirit Night at Chic-Fil-A as a fundraiser for our Annual Miles of Smiles 5K. The Miles of Smiles 5K annually gives away between \$20,000 and \$40,000 to families with a family member suffering from various forms of cancer. Since 2013, the Miles of Smiles 5K has given out over \$120,000 in funds to help families fight various forms of cancer.

to organize donations to be given to those affected by the tornado. 49 of the 50 stated they had never volunteered before, and all 50 stated they would love to do again. These responses became the genesis of SOS.

## The Financial Impact Of SOS

Since the inception of SOS in 2011, we have handed out over \$300,000 in monies, clothing, food, and gift cards that have benefitted the needy of our community.



SOS members and their family members or friends set up a mobile store front with donations of coats, boots, gloves, hats, sweatshirts, and other cold weather gear. The homeless of Pittsburgh visit these store fronts set up at Shepherd’s Heart Mission and Light of Life Mission annually on Christmas Eve morning.

For every \$1 donated to SOS, we are able to convert that into \$1.11 donated to the needy in the form of money, clothing, food, or gift cards.



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