

Society of St. Stephen Tennis Tournament “Nets” Dollars for Area Kids School Supplies

The Twelfth Annual Society of St. Stephen Charity Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday May 12th, 2020 at Kingwood Country Club. With your support, we can all be a part of making this year’s event a resounding success in the effort to help area families and children with much needed school supplies to start off the school year on the right foot, as well as assist with the Margaret S. White Scholarship Fund for area graduating seniors. The twelve 2019 MSW scholarship recipients came from Kingwood Park HS, Quest HS, Humble HS, Summer Creek HS, New Caney HS and Splendora HS.

One hundred area women will register to play in this charity tournament, SOSS’s only fundraising event. Even if you don’t play tennis, you can help! Updated forms will soon be available on the SOSS tennis website at <http://soss-tennis.kingwoodgolf.online/> for court sponsorship and/ or to donate an item to the raffle or silent auction. The general public is also invited to attend the tournament and participate in the silent auction and raffle.

Whether you are able to participate as a player, a volunteer or a donor, SOSS thanks you for your generous support. Thanks to the fabulous tennis committee, under the leadership of tournament coordinator Steve Brown, for planning another outstanding fundraiser event. The tennis committee wishes to extend gratitude to the Kingwood UMC family and our generous community for their ongoing support in providing for those in need in our area.

Last year’s school supplies, backpacks and gift cards for new shoes cost an estimated \$60,000.00 for nearly 1000 registered children. In addition, hundreds of gift cards for new shoes were distributed to area school counselors to distribute with additional funds raised from the tournament. For the majority of the clients we serve at Society of St Stephen, they can hardly afford food and daily living expenses, much less school supplies for their children. Grade level school supply packs in the local grocery stores can average \$30-40 per child, an impossible cost for families in great financial need. But nothing is impossible for our God combined with your generosity and heart for His children.

Supplies, backpacks and shoe vouchers will be given out on Friday July 31st in the KUMC GYM, just in time for the start of school. Can you just imagine their faces when they go to pick out that pair of shoes for school? Can you remember what it was like to get all those new supplies for school? Can’t you just see them with new crayons and pencils, notebooks and rulers? We hope you can remember and that you’ll be generous in supporting this back-to-school fundraiser. Please prayerfully consider making a difference in a child’s life by making a donation to this important ministry.

Society of St. Stephen is a community outreach agency serving people living in the Kingwood, Atascocita, Porter, New Caney, Splendora, Cleveland and Huffman area. We are a 100% volunteer organization helping more than 100 families each week with food, clothing and assistance with utility payments and prescriptions. As you can imagine, the cost of these ongoing services and special events could be overwhelming without community donations and support from individuals and organizations. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about our services, please contact Patty Carter, SOSS Director, at 281-358-7722 or pccskippy@aol.com.