



Who are we?

- Society of St. Stephens is the oldest social service agency in the area, founded in November 1981, and we are completely run by community volunteers.

What do we do?

- Society of St. Stephen is a community outreach agency serving people living in the 77327, 77336, 77339, 77345, 77346, 77357, 77365 and 77372 zip code areas.
- We are 100% volunteer- we have no paid employees or positions.
- We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am- 11:30 am or until we have served the first 36 clients and typically are closed on school holidays except for the summer.
- We provide, at no cost to our clients, an average of 400 individuals each week with food, clothing and an average of 25 families a week with limited financial assistance (primarily utility and medication assistance).
- Clients can visit SOSS once every 30 days for food, once every 60 days for clothing and once every 12 months for financial assistance. A typical grocery allotment includes canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, beans or pasta, bread, ½ gallon of milk and cheese. Fresh fruits, vegetables and personal products are given when available. We also supply diapers (as needed), laundry soap, toilet paper and bath soap to all families.
- We have three special projects a year. Our **Back to School Drive** supplies 1000 children each year with school supplies, a shoe voucher for new shoes, new backpacks and Margaret S. White college scholarships. For **Thanksgiving and Christmas**, we provide 500 food baskets for a family holiday dinner and gifts for over 1,000 children age 1-14.

How do we do it?

- We receive donations and monetary gifts from individuals, philanthropic groups, churches, schools, businesses, corporation volunteer grants and our major fundraiser, the SOSS women's tennis tournament held in the spring.
- Our 200+ regular volunteers give an average of 15 hours per month of their valuable time to SOSS.
- In recent months, our disbursements for utilities and medical assistance have averaged \$1,300 per week. Our food costs have averaged \$678 per week, which we supplement with large discounts from the Houston Food Bank and local food drives and/or donations.

How can you help?

- **DONATE!** We always need gently used clothing, linens and small household items (NO furniture or large appliances please) and please use your Kroger share card designated for Society of St. Stephens.
- **VOLUNTEER!** We have a wide variety of places to help, working with clients or working behind the scenes, on a regular basis or on seasonal projects, and flexible scheduling from a couple of hours a month to more.
- **GIVE! Society of St. Stephen is a 501c3 agency.** Financial contributions can be mailed directly to us or made online at www.kingwoodmethodist.org/give Choose "Give Now," then select "SOSS."

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