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# Society of Samaritans

Fall 2022

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## KIDSfest

August 2022

On August 1, 2022, over 1,100 individuals attended SOS KIDSfest. With the goal of helping children feel confident prepared and supported, over 750 children from Magnolia ISD received backpacks, school supplies, clothing vouchers and hygiene empowerment bags in preparation for the new school year. Families were also provided with opportunities to visit partnering organizations who provide additional resources throughout our county and community.

Events such as these would not be possible without the love, prayer, support, and volunteer hours that many provide day in and day out with Society of Samaritans Ministries.

This year, The number of children attending KIDSfest 2022 more than doubled from the previous year. We are thankful for the overwhelming love shown to our youngest neighbors in need. Prayers for a safe and joyful school year for all students, teachers, parents, staff and resource officers.



Backpacks and school supplies give out at KIDSfest.



Summer Snack Shack. Top left: Food collected for breakfasts, lunches, and snack. Bottom Left: Food donated. Right: Little boy shopping for his own lunch food.

## Summer Snack Shack

June - August 2022

For breakfast, lunch, and snack foods, over 1700 students and children from Magnolia ISD shopped for themselves last summer. From June 6<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> of 2022, Society of Samaritans had a lineup of food for kids on summer break, who would typically be on free and reduced lunches in the school year.

This last summer, the SOS Summer Snack Shack saw record numbers in just the first 3 weeks of service.

It is because of our local businesses, organizations, partners, and all those who participated that we were able to have a successful Summer Snack Shack.

We are incredibly grateful for the thousands of pounds of food and hundreds of hours donated by the individuals and organizations in our local community of Magnolia.

To see all who donated time, food, supplies, and services, check out our Facebook page @SocietyofSamaritans.

We look forward to the future, excited to see what we can all accomplish together for the SOS Summer Snack Shack in 2023!

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### Our Pantry

31355 Friendship Dr,  
Magnolia, TX 77355

Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm

### The Giving Center

603 Little Twig Ln, Magnolia,  
TX 77354

Saturdays 10am - 2pm

### Our Resale Shop

17665 Farm to Market Rd  
1488, Magnolia, TX 77354

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm,  
Saturdays 10am - 3 p

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meal Boxes

### Registration and pick-up information

SOS is excited to offer holiday meal boxes to our registered clients for their holiday celebrations. For holidays meal boxes, Clients will register for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Holiday Meal Boxes. These boxes will have nonperishables to help families prepare a meal to celebrate the holidays.

The boxes are separate from the 30-day pantry visit policy. They will contain non-perishables to help your family celebrate the holidays. Boxes can be picked up during a pantry visit as long as pantry visit is at same time as box pick-up dates.

Meal box pick up dates are as follows:

Thanksgiving Box Pick up starts Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and goes through Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Box Pick up starts Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and goes through Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



**IMPORTANT:** Clients must be registered to pick up a meal box. Registration deadline for Thanksgiving meal boxes is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline for Christmas meal boxes is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Registration must be done in person.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In past years, we have had holiday meal boxes as a drive through for the community. However, this year, small changes have been made so we can better serve our registered clients.

## Mark your Calendars

### Key Dates and Events

- November 10<sup>th</sup>      Thanksgiving box registration deadline
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>      Thanksgiving box PICK UP
- November 19<sup>th</sup>      Come to SOS for our annual CAREfest from 10am - 1pm, loaded with lots of fun for the whole family!
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>      CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- December 10<sup>th</sup>      Christmas box registration deadline
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>      Christmas box PICK UP
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>      CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## Want more Information?

Want more information about the services we offer?

Check our website! We can be found at [societyofsamaritanstx.org](http://societyofsamaritanstx.org)

Want more frequent updates of events and what we do?

Follow us on Facebook! We can be found at [@Societyofsamaritans](https://www.facebook.com/Societyofsamaritans)



## The Heart behind the Badge

Our New President



Chief Kyle Montgomery

SOS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the newly appointed President of the Society of Samaritans, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Chief Kyle Montgomery of Magnolia PD.

Chief Montgomery has previously served as Vice President of Society of Samaritans since 2020.

Montgomery has been in law enforcement for 17 years and began working with Magnolia Police Department in 2007.

Chief Montgomery has taken an approach in which citizens may see the “heart behind the badge.” Montgomery has found that SOS has been an outlet to do just that as he works together with fellow board members, community business leaders, numerous volunteers and elected officials; to ensure that services are provided to those neighbors in need.

We are grateful to have Chief Kyle Montgomery here at Society of Samaritans and look forward to his leadership as the Ministry continues to grow.

## Meet our Staff!

Here at Society of Samaritans our Volunteers are at the heart of the Ministry. This team of dedicated individuals as well as SOS Ministry Staff work hand in hand in a combined effort to serve others with compassion, love, prayer and guidance.

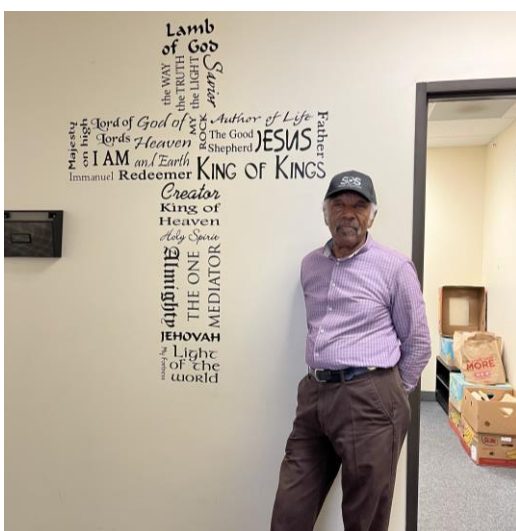


Meet Members of the Society of Samaritans Staff (left to right):

- Lesli Fussell - Operations Bookkeeper,
- Angelica Ortiz - Family Services Receptionist,
- Becky Benham - Executive Director,
- Tammy Teale - Assistant Executive Director

## Volunteer of the Month

Herman Green



Herman Green has been a Volunteer at SOS for 14 years. When he retired, he wanted to do something to help people he said. His wife Inez comes to Volunteer with him sometimes and they have been married for 46 years. They also have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. We are so grateful to him for his many years of dedicated service!

## Want to join us?

Become a Volunteer!

We take people of all skill levels, and we would love to have YOU!

Scan the QR code below to go to our volunteer application or go to our volunteer page on our website!

