

Hope, Compassion, Strength and Faith



A Helping Hand

Who do you turn to when you need assistance? Where would you go to seek a hot meal or a warm smile? Is there such a place in Bay County that assists those that feel lost or broken, unable to possibly help themselves? Fortunately, there is a place that people can turn to that assist those that may have lost their way in life due to drug addiction, alcohol addiction, or have no place or no one to ask for help – The Panama City Rescue Mission (Mission).



The Mission has been a local nonprofit organization in the Bay community since 1972, helping others gain their confidence to become independent and contributing members to the community. Their programs assist those in our community that believe they are lost and help them find their way back to a happy and healthy lifestyle. And The St. Joe Community Foundation is a proud sponsor and has funded the Mission and their faith based Recovery and Restoration Programs to help those in our community that need assistance rebuilding their lives.

With a community of licensed and caring individuals who work at the Mission, they are able to provide assistance to those individuals in our community who need immediate and long-term care. The Mission has various residential and non-residential programs such as emergency and residential shelters, nutritious meals, clinical and behavioral healthcare services, life-care skills and career advancement, just to name a few.



The St. Joe Community Foundation began funding the Mission several years ago for their annual “Klothes for Kids” campaign. Each summer the Mission accepts gently used clothing, as well as new clothing, for their annual back-to-school shopping day for area children. Eligible children are able to



participate by choosing a few new outfits to begin the new school year in. This heartfelt effort by the Mission allows almost 1,000 area students the opportunity to shine in their new outfits on the first day of school.

More about The St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation began its funding of local nonprofits about 16 years ago hoping to help those in need in the Northwest Florida area who work, live and play in our beautiful surroundings. Since then, the Foundation has provided over \$18 Million to help improve our environment, assist with educational needs, help fund area healthcare needs, as well as promote and support the arts and cultural events.

The Foundation was founded as a way to give back to Northwest Florida by The St. Joe Company. What began as an idea to help provide needed funding to a few local nonprofits has grown to a large contributor of grants to over 250 nonprofits in our area.



The Foundation has not stopped in its quest to help make this area a great place to call home or to visit. In 2015, the Foundation funded a total of 74 nonprofits providing over \$1.1 Million to community programs in Northwest Florida.



For more information about the Foundation, to see recent contributions and/or recent check presentations, visit www.Joefoundation.com. Executive Director Janet Greeno can be contacted at 850-231-7402 regarding a grant application or can assist with any other questions you may have about the Foundation.



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