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MANY HOMELESS CHILDREN CURRENTLY LIVING AT ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE

In response to the recently released study by the National Center of Family Homelessness published in today's edition of the Naples Daily News, St. Matthew's House (SMH) reports 34 children as either past or current residents at their three facilities over the past month. These locations include the main shelter on Airport-Pulling Road in Naples, Wolfe Apartments in the Golden Gate City area of Naples, and Immokalee Friendship House. Out of this group, the highest number is the 16 children currently living at Wolfe Apartments, the transitional affordable housing complex established by SMH in 2003. So far this current fiscal year, 75 children have been residents. For more information and details, please contact SMH President & CEO Vann Ellison, or Julie Clay at 239-774-0500.

About St. Matthew's House

The mission of St. Matthew's House (SMH) is to provide housing for the homeless, food for the needy, and an opportunity to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1988. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, offering 172 beds for men, women, women with children, and families. We are the only feeding ministry in Naples, as well as offering three thrift stores, transitional affordable apartment housing, and direct assistance to individuals and families in need.

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