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ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE RECEIVES \$30,000 TASTE OF COLLIER AWARD

St. Matthew's House (SMH) would like to thank all those who volunteered on its behalf for the 27th annual Taste of Collier held on May 2nd, 2010. With approximately 200 volunteers giving of their time, SMH was allocated a gift of \$30,000 toward providing for the less fortunate in our community! St. Matthew's House thanks the Taste of Collier organization for this generous gift. Volunteers were a fundamental part to the success of this year's event, providing help in all areas including admission, ticket sales, setup, and breakdown. St. Matthew's House Director of Development Lisa Ellison extends a special hand of gratitude to SMH Volunteer Coordinator Kerri Plogher for her outstanding efforts gathering and organizing everyone who volunteered on behalf of St. Matthew's House. SMH Catering, a full-service catering company operated by St. Matthew's House, was also a Taste of Collier participant, enjoying brisk sales of both tenderloin and salmon wraps at its booth throughout the day. For more information about St. Matthew's House, please visit [St. Matthew's House](http://www.stmatthewshouse.org) or call [Julie Clay](mailto:jclay@stmatthewshouse.org) at 239-298-5026.

About St. Matthew's House

The mission of St. Matthew's House (SMH) is to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as providing housing for the homeless and food for the needy. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1987. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, offering 176 beds for men, women, women with children, and families both in Naples and at Immokalee Friendship House. Serving meals at the Old Firehouse, SMH is the only feeding ministry in Collier County, having served over two million meals since opening in 1988. SMH also operates Wolfe Apartments transitional affordable housing, three thrift stores, a full-service catering company and two food pantries which give out over 6,000 bags of groceries annually to qualifying residents in both Collier and Lee counties.

