

# LOUIE'S PIZZA AND PRAYER, INC. 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

*"We are firm believers that we are all just one prayer away from a great transformation in each of our lives"*



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## The Beginning of it all...

In 2015, Louis and Michele Smith, founders of Louie's Pizza and Prayer, Inc., began to have the burning desire in their hearts to just get out and touch people with great-tasting food (mainly pizza) along with the opportunity to be available to pray for those who so desired it. What began as a small vision with a small meager set-up, turned into what you see today following a pending job layoff for Louis in the oil field. We now have a ministry whose goal is to be available to feed people following a natural disaster, show appreciation to veterans, police officers, fire fighters for their service with a free pizza lunch, feed campers at non-profit camps for children, partner with churches for outreaches to their communities, among other events. We are grateful for Louie's Pizza, LLC for their donation of the use of their food trailer and other equipment that enables us to offer these free pizza events!

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## 2017 Accomplishments...

- We participated in our very first disaster relief event in Mott, LA on January 25 following the tornado that hit that area just a few days before. We were so blessed to have the cooperation of the Northeast Bossier Fire Chief/District as they allowed us to set up our food trailer on their premises. We were in awe of how many tornado victims we were able to bless with free pizza and beverages. From the time we arrived, we were busy making fresh pizza for the sweet people of that area following a devastating event. Thank you to our volunteers (pictured below) who traveled up to the Mott area to help: T.C and Sharon Outhouse, Jeanette Golden, Sandy Purvis, and Linda Thompson.
- On Friday, March 24, we had the privilege of holding "A Slice of Thanks" for the teachers and staff of Negreet Schools. What a joy it was to prepare and serve lots of fresh pizza, beverages, and a beautiful cake to show our appreciation for all that these special people do to train the next generation of leaders. Thank you to our volunteers (see photo below): Trey, Kelly, and Reese Smith, T.C. and Sharon Outhouse, Sandy Purvis, and Jeanette Golden.
- On Saturday, March 25, we held our first "A Slice of Thanks" event to honor veterans, police officers/law enforcement officers, and fire fighters in Sabine Parish with a free pizza lunch. We appreciate the financial support from Thrivent Financial Action Team Program and the support of our very own volunteers from our local church, Word of Truth Family Church in Many, LA (see photo below). We were also honored to partner again with a local ministry, Psalm Shield 91, started by Kaylei Chavez with the desire to hand out prayer bracelets to police officers along with prayer cards printed with Psalm 91 scriptures to let these public servants know that the Psalm 91 scriptures are being prayed over them.
- We held our second annual event, "A Slice of Thanks" for the Natchitoches Parish veterans, active duty personnel, police officers/law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and first responders. In addition to this event, we also held our very first, "Banners of Love" event which enabled all of these public servants the opportunity to place their names in a drawing for free prizes, including a large wooden flag specific to each of their lines of duty. Four large wooden flags were given out that day along with other small prizes. We were grateful for some additional funding that was provided by Thrivent Financial Action Teams, along with the many volunteers that came out to help - Tina and Wayne Ragan and the Natchitoches Lions Club, Craig Leitz and Jeanette Golden - our prayer team, Sandy Purvis and Jeanie Guidry - our pizza prep team, and Beth Boyens - representing Psalm Shield 91 Ministries. This event was once again a huge success and many were blessed by the appreciation and prayer support we showed them.



## Thank You to Our Supporters

Without the support of some important people in our lives, we could not have carried out the dream that was birthed in our hearts. Our thanks again goes to the following:

- Craig and Suzanne Leitz, Board Members and friends - thank you for allowing us to dream big and for challenging us to live our lives as if we did not have tomorrow. Thank you for your undying support when we call on you for help and prayer!
- Jeanette Golden, Board Member and friend - the fire in your heart and the passion you allow to pour out of your life is contagious. Thank you for letting it rub off on us and for always backing up your words of encouragement with action as you walk alongside us at multiple events.
- Tina and Wayne Ragan - thank you both for being examples of what it means to lay down your life daily for others in the spirit of excellence and servanthood. As we have watched you in your various charity events fueled by your love for people, you have been an example of what it means to put your whole heart into a dream. We appreciate all your words of encouragement and the time you have donated to our cause by serving alongside us.
- Word of Truth Family Church, Many, LA. Thank you Pastors Frank and Nelda Ebarb for your undying support for this ministry through prayer and financial support. Thank you to the many special friends at our local church who have volunteered and served with us at various events. We would not be who we are today without your constant encouragement and fellowship!
- Thank you Sandy Purvis, Sharon and T.C. Outhouse, and Jeanie Guidry for your constant support at multiple events as we prepare the food we love to share with others.
- Psalm Shield 91 Ministry, Many, LA. Thank you Kaylei Chavez for your example of what it means to put your desire and passion to action. Thank you for partnering with us at various events and for sharing your passion for prayer for our most treasured public servants.

### Our Leadership

#### Board of Directors

**President/Director:** Louis Smith

**Treasurer/Director:** Michele Smith

**Secretary/Director:** Suzanne Leitz

**Director:** Craig Leitz

**Director:** Jeanette Golden

For more information on what we are about, please check us out on our website at:

[www.louiespizzaandprayer.com](http://www.louiespizzaandprayer.com)

*Thank you for your interest in  
Louie's Pizza and Prayer!*

### Our Financials

You can request a copy of our 2017 Financial Report by contacting us by email at: [louiespizzala@gmail.com](mailto:louiespizzala@gmail.com)

*Statement of Activity:*

Total Revenue: \$1,917.95

Total Expenditures: \$463.55

Net Operating Revenue: 1,454.00

Our website is up and running with a way to donate to our organization through a link under our "Donate" page.

All of our beginning expenditures were funded by Louis and Michele Smith personally in 2016, but our hope is that as more funding comes in, that will help take care of some of the future costs for running charity events. If you would like to be a part of what we are doing, please know we first and foremost covet your prayers. If you would like to support us financially, please feel free to do so on our website as stated above.