

# From the Community...

"Feast Fit For a King was such a blessing"

"My kids love attending VBS at Striving"

"I know I can count on Synergy for at least one meal during the week"

"The 3-in-1 was so helpful to my family"

"If it wasn't for the weekly food pantry offered at Striving Synergy, my children would go hungry"

"Without S4P Synergy, my children would not have anything for Christmas"

"I had nothing in my pantry but Synergy helped me out"

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S4P Synergy, Inc.

"Working Together  
To Build A Stronger  
Community"

**S4P**  
**SYNERGY, Inc.**  
Church, Community, & Commerce

**S4P Synergy, Inc. 501(c)(3)**

A Community Development  
Corporation

**Church - Community - Commerce**

**Working Together To Build a Stronger  
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***"To Provide Hope To Those In Need"***

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# Our History

Established in 2000, S4P Synergy, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Community Development Corporation and the “Outreach Arm” of Striving for Perfection Ministries (S4PM).

Our vision is to make God’s love visible through the improvement and enhancement of the lives of children, families and senior citizens in our community through Life Enrichment, Education, and Benevolence programs.

Since 2000, S4P Synergy, Inc. has on a weekly and monthly basis, provided greatly needed services including

Food programs (a weekly food pantry and hot meal assistance, and a monthly mass food giveaway), as well as mentor training and recruitment for the Okaloosa County

School district and Parental Involvement programs,

Scholarships and Life enrichment events which **annually provide varied assistance to over 16,000 residents a year!**

# Our Mission

To Improve and Enhance the lives of children, families and senior citizens through Education, Benevolence and Life Enrichment programs.

## Mission Goals

**Education:** Assist Students Achieve Academic Excellence Through Mentoring, Parental Involvement and Scholarships.

**Benevolence:** Provide Low - income and Homeless with Weekly Meal Programs, Food Pantry, and Monthly USDA Food Giveaway.

**Life Enrichment:** Life Enrichment programs to enhance and bring comfort to the lives of under-privileged Children and Senior Citizens.



## BENEVOLENCE

S4P Synergy, Inc. provides a **Weekly Hot Meal** on every Thursday to local VA, homeless, disabled, senior citizens and home-bound low income families. These meals are served at SFPM and delivered to families that are in need. Meals served 11am - 12pm.

Every Wednesday and Thursday our **Food Pantry** is open from 1pm – 4pm to provide bags of food to local families. Through USDA we provide meats, breads, canned goods, dairy, grains, pastries, fresh fruits & vegetables. This service provides on average to 70 households a week.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 10am – 12pm, the **USDA Food Distribution** is held at SFPM. We provide over 8,000 lbs. of Food to 175 Households to include meats, breads, canned goods, dairy, grains, pastries, fresh fruits & vegetables.

### **VOAD: (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster)**

- ◇ We are one of three South County Point of Distribution (POD) for the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center. This POD is **capable of distributing food and supplies to 5,000 people in our community after a disaster.**
- ◇ We currently have a team set to ride out the disaster and also set up our POD right after the disaster.
- ◇ We have a walk-in freezer and large Food Pantry connected to our Generac generator.
- ◇ Aside from rations and supplies from American Red Cross during a disaster, we can also get food from Bay Area Food Bank.

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

- ◇ **Striving for Perfection Ministries**
- ◇ **Feeding the Gulf Coast/USDA**
- ◇ **Farm Share**
- ◇ **Combined Federal Campaign**  
**(CFC# 18565)**
- ◇ **BBVA Bank**
- ◇ **Midsouth Bank**
- ◇ **Jenett D. Boldin Foundation**
- ◇ **Okaloosa County Sheriff Office**
- ◇ **Walmart and Kohl's Corporation**
- ◇ **Sam's Clubs**
- ◇ **Personal Donations**
- ◇ **Staywell - A Wellcare Company**
- ◇ **Cox Communications**



## **LIFE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

Our **Life Enrichment** programs improved the lives of over 2,000 underprivileged children and over 500 senior citizens by annually funding/sponsoring programs (3-in-1 Back to School Community Festival, Vacation Bible Study, Feast Fit For A King Banquet, Farm Share and Youth Christmas Program) which enhance and bring comfort to their lives. We are also one of three Okaloosa County VOAD (Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster) Point of Distribution (POD) for the County Emergency Operations Center. This POD can distribute food and supplies to 5,000 people in our community after a disaster.

**IMPACT:** Access to opportunities and events for under-privileged children and senior citizens right in the neighborhood where they live.

- ◇ Average 450 children participate in events
- ◇ Average 500 senior citizens participate in Thanksgiving Feast

### **Likeminded Organizations we support:**

We regularly provide assistance/in-kind to the following organizations: RGD, Youth Village, American Cancer Society, Youth Super Day, World's Greatest Baby Shower, No Child w/o Healthcare Fair, ActSo, Homeless & Housing Alliance, and Okaloosa/Walton Veterans Stand Down.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

- ◇ **Feeding the Gulf Coast/USDA**
- ◇ **Farm Share**
- ◇ **Okaloosa County School District**
- ◇ **Mentoring/Parental Involvement Programs**
- ◇ **Destin Harvest (Food Supplies)**
- ◇ **Crestview – No Child Without Healthcare Fair**
- ◇ **Santa Rosa Mall**
- ◇ **Publix**
- ◇ **Homeless & Housing Alliance**
- ◇ **Okaloosa/Walton Veterans Stand Down**
- ◇ **United Way**
- ◇ **Amazon Smile:**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3676322>

# EDUCATION

**Scholarships:** S4p Synergy, Inc. has established scholarship endowments with North West State College Scholarship Foundation and technical scholarships at Choice High School and Technical Center. Over the years, we have awarded **25** scholarships to NWFSC and **10** at Choice High School and Technical Center.

◇ Target Area: Underprivileged children in the Robinwood, Chester Pruitt, and Sylvania Heights area

**Impact:** We have funded underprivileged high school and college level youths to further their education or technical skills needed in the community.

S4P Synergy, Inc. has also sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> Lego League Jr through a grant. Over 456 kids in the last 3 years have benefited from this grant.



## July

**VBS (Vacation Bible School)** ~ S4P Synergy, Inc. supports the annual Vacation Bible School by donating funds to our church, Striving for Perfection Ministries. This program serves an average of 120 kids in the community. During the 4-day program we conduct children's activities centered around the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. We also provide a hot meal and snack for each of these children every night. S4P Synergy, Inc. donates \$2,800 and volunteers to support this S4PM-led program.

## August

**3-in-1 Back to School (Health/Back to School/Outreach)** ~ As our largest Outreach program to the Community the 3-in-1 provides various services to Okaloosa School District. We average around 2,100 attendees; 1,040 back packs were given to school children. 96 Med group and other local Physicians provided 400 children's health exams for school and sports. Children's IDs were issued to 231 kids. Local Organizations provided services to the community in partnership with S4P Synergy, Inc. Some of the vendors from the local community included American Cancer Society, Tobacco Cessation, Okaloosa School Health-Dental, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) and Legal Services. Free Helmets were provided to the children by the Pedestrian Bicycle Safety. S4P Synergy, Inc. also provided lunch for the parents and vendors. Total cost for this event for 2019 was \$17,358.00.

## September

**Farm Share** ~ During this annual Outreach Project we partnership with this organization at the Santa Rosa Mall. During this event S4P Synergy, Inc. provides free fresh food, dairy, dry goods, and meats from our local farmers throughout Florida and vendors. These farmers donated fresh fruits and vegetables into the hands of low-income families in need of nutritious food. In 2019, over 33,000 lbs. of food was provided to families in need.

# MENTORSHIP

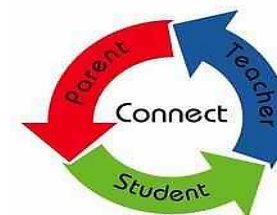
**Mentoring:** S4P Synergy, Inc over the last ten years have supported the Okaloosa School District in the recruiting and training of over **3,400** mentors. The target is retained, at-risk students, grades K- 12(**1,581** retained students). S4P Synergy, Inc. recruited and trained **511** of those mentors.

- ◇ Recruiting: Briefings, newspaper, radio/television ads, and flyers.
- ◇ Training: Weekly mentoring training (SFPM); Monthly training (SFPM)

**Impact:** We have a more informed community using collaboration with the School District, Cox Communications, and the Military. School-age kids have a sponsor that participates in the child's educational development.

**Parental Involvement:** S4P Synergy, Inc. has participated in the Okaloosa County School Board's Parental Involvement Program at Wright Elementary and Kenwood Elementary schools. Teachers and students were provided administrative support (school supplies, etc.) and events.

**Impact:** To build rapport between students, teachers, and the school with the goal of improving student's performance.





# COLLABORATIONS

- ◇ City of Fort Walton Beach (CDBG)
- ◇ Publix
- ◇ Royal Generation Development (RGD)
- ◇ Cox Communications
- ◇ United Way
- ◇ VOAD (Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster)
- ◇ Various Agencies





## October

**Annual Shred-A-Thon** ~ An event that provides members of the community a chance to discard of their paper and other shred items at no cost. S4P Synergy, Inc. partnerships with the Santa Rosa Mall to provide volunteers for this event.

**Veterans Stand Down** ~ S4P Synergy, Inc. provides support and space to the Annual Veterans Stand Down Program. This organization provides legal, health, dental and benefits to our local Veterans Community.

## November

**Feast Fit For a King (FFFK)** ~ Each year S4P Synergy, Inc. host the annual FFFK Thanksgiving Luncheon. Local Nursing and retirement homes (Bob Hope Village, Westwood Nursing, Crestview Manor, Teresa Village, Hawthorn Village, Destin Rehabilitation, and Fort Walton Rehabilitation) are transported to our church for a home cooked meal. We also provide that same service to the local Community in our grand tent located in the parking lot. Gift bags are given to each attendee, and it includes toiletries, a blanket, and socks. Raffles are held for Gift baskets giveaways. The Seniors are entertained by Striving for Perfection's children to including singing and dancing. We serve over 500 Seniors and over 350 Community people attending this luncheon. Total budget for this event is around \$17,000.

## December

**Children's Christmas Program** ~ During the month of December S4P Synergy, Inc. hosts the Annual Children's Christmas Program for the Community. We have an entire program that includes a play, singing and dancing for entertainment. We gave away 36 Bikes & 36 Helmets during a Raffle. Additionally, we gave way 500 books and 900 toys. The highlight of the program are the 450 gift cards given to all children that attend. Total budget for this program is around \$9,500.00.

