



The Heart of a Samaritan

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I am delighted to introduce John Stokes Springs for the distinguished 2015 Heart of a Samaritan Award. John, a devoted husband and father, was born in Marion, S.C., grew up in Myrtle Beach, and now lives in Murrells Inlet with his wife of thirty seven years, Ann Reed. John is a graduate of Myrtle Beach High School and Wofford College. John's father the late, Dr. Holmes B. Springs, also grew up in Myrtle Beach. Dr. H.B. Springs' family has been lifelong members of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Springs and his wife, Shirley, raised five children in Myrtle Beach and are dedicated members of the First United Methodist Church. John learned from a young age the importance of faith, family, and church from his loving parents. Serving others and working towards making a difference is a family legacy passed down to John and one he has proudly passed on to his daughters.

John and Ann Reed have two daughters and one son-in-law. Lauren Springs lives in Charleston, S.C. Mary Alice and Eric Salzer live in Chesterbrook, PA. John is the general manager of Caledonia Golf and Fish Club, as well as the general manager of True Blue Golf Plantation in Pawley's Island. John has served on and chaired many local golf boards including Golf Holiday. His leadership and dedication to improving and promoting the Myrtle Beach Golf Industry has enriched the community.

John, a faithful and dedicated member of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, has graciously served on many committees at Belin and chaired the Staff Parish Committee. John also served and chaired the Marion District Superintendent's Council of the Methodist Church in Marion, S.C. Many years ago a fond and long friendship began at the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center. John was proud to serve the Center for twelve years and honored to be the committee chair nine of those twelve years. John believes that the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center makes our community, our churches, and our families stronger. Along with its countless blessings, lives have been changed and families have been healed. John has always been extremely proud of the dedication and commitment of all those who work and serve the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center. He believes their compassion, their desire to touch lives, and heal families has made the counseling center a remarkably valuable service to our community.

When Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan, he described the neglect of religious leaders and others who passed by an injured Samaritan because they were too busy to become involved with someone in need. It took the compassion of one Samaritan towards an injured stranger displaying God's mercy and grace to show the depth of God's amazing love. The

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Good Samaritan, taking time to bind the injured man's wounds, providing him shelter, and the care needed until he was healed, revealed God's love found in our midst. The message of God's faithfulness, His incredible love, grace, and mercy, and the extraordinary ways He chooses to love us through the compassion of others provides miracles every day. Our lives, our families, and our communities are stronger because of the care, compassion, and service of others.

I could not be more proud of John's many accomplishments and the way he has made a difference in our community and in the lives of families served by the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center. It is my pleasure to present my husband, John Springs, the 2015 Heart of a Samaritan Award Recipient.



Congratulations
John Stokes Springs
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