Market Street Mission Messenger

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Changing Lives Since 1889

# The love YOU share

gives neighbors like J.R. hope for a better life...

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# A meal for \$2.82 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



"As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:34b-35

#### A Message from DAVE SCOTT

#### Thank you for REMEMBERING your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever...

Between work, family and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at the Market Street Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, <u>donations tend</u> <u>to drop off</u>. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help. As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help your neighbors in Northern New Jersey who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

G. David Scott CEO/Executive Director

### MISSION TOURS: A GREAT WAY TO ENGAGE!

Get to know the Mission better by scheduling a tour... you'll get to see our hallways, dining room and most importantly, the impact your support is making in the lives of neighbors from our community.

Come by yourself, with your family and friends, a student group, your church or your company or organization.



You can schedule a tour by contacting Debbie McKenna at dmckenna@marketstreet.org.

Tour the Mission – and see how you help make this lifechanging ministry possible!

### **TRANSFORMING LIVES**

is possible this summer... thanks to YOU!



hearts & rebuild families!

#### Give now! MarketStreet.org

"This program has **everything you need** to get yourself right."



# "I'M A NEW MAN IN CHRIST."

When J.R. was a young adult, he lost his father to cancer. His family was close, and J.R. struggled with the loss.

After his father passed away, J.R. and his mom turned to a life of drinking and partying. "It took a big toll on my mother," he remembers. "Alcohol took her life. With that, my drinking increased."

His brother tried to warn him that his partying was out of hand, but it didn't sink in. It wasn't until his brother started limiting time with his nephew and nieces that J.R. realized he had a problem.

"My drinking was so bad that I was out of places to go," he says. "Then I got the best thing that could ever happen to me: I got pulled over. I had drinks in me, so I submitted myself to the police."

J.R. had already heard about the Market Street Mission, and decided this was the time to go. He started as an overnight guest, but then our staff told him about our Life Change Program.

**"That was the beginning of my new life,"** he says.

It took time to settle in, but J.R. committed himself to recovery and began to heal, finding hope in Bible studies and the testimonies of men around him.

Now J.R. has graduated from our program and serves as an intern in our kitchen! He loves encouraging our residents by sharing the life-changing hope he found in the Lord.

"Before I came to the Mission, I was on a road to destruction. I needed help and guidance, and it couldn't have come at a better time."

J.R.'s family has noticed the change in him too, and his relationship with them is stronger than ever.

Thanks to your prayers and kindhearted support, J.R. has a path forward in life. "The Mission turned my life around 180 degrees. God turned me into somebody I should've been my entire life. I'm a new man in Christ."

Scan to read the rest of J.R.'s story.



## NEW NAME SAME MISSION

*Big news!* Moving forward, our Jersey Shore Rescue Mission location in Asbury Park, will be known as the Market Street Mission - Jersey Shore.

#### Why?

When the Market Street Mission in Morristown launched the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in 2007, we envisioned Jersey Shore being its own organization at some point. However, over time, the decision was made to keep the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission as part of the Market Street family. The change for all our locations to share the Market Street Mission name and logo reflects this commitment to unity, consistency and clarity for our guests and supporters.

#### What will change?

Jersey Shore's services and care will remain exactly the same! Together, we will continue to provide meals, shelter, clothing and addiction recovery to our neighbors in need – just as we always have. Our Asbury Park thrift store will continue to offer great bargains on clothing, furniture and other essentials as well. Jersey Shore's new name and logo will better reflect our identity as a cohesive Market Street Mission.

#### What about the lifeboat?

The "lifeboat of hope" in the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission logo represents the physical, emotional and spiritual care offered to our neighbors in need. While we are updating our logo to be consistent with Market Street as a whole, the lifeboat will always be at the heart of what we do together!



A lifeboat of hope





**5K Race, Family Walk & Kids Fun Run** Thursday, July 4 Central Park of Morris County, Parsippany-Troy Hills

**It's almost here!** Join us on Thursday, July 4, for our annual 5K Race for Recovery.

You can still register to run or walk with your whole family and others from the community – while also supporting a great cause!

#### You can also participate virtually! Join

the race from wherever you are and run/ walk on your own or with a group to support our hurting neighbors with meals, shelter and addiction recovery at the Mission.

Sponsorship & volunteer opportunities are also available!

Learn more or register now at RunSignUp.com/MSM5K.

