



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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Giving thanks for **YOU**

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how your support
changed his life!



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Giving thanks for YOU this fall



A Message from DAVE SCOTT

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors the Market Street Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Craig, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our

recovery program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 31,000 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Market Street Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

G. David Scott
CEO/Executive Director

⇒ OCTOBER 26, 2024 ⇒



It's fun for the whole family! Join us on October 26th to run, walk or volunteer in support of the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, our Mission location in Asbury Park, and help us save and transform the lives of those in need. All are welcome.

♥ Visit JerseyShoreRescue.org/5K ♥
for all the details.



Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

31,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.82, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:


Safe, welcoming shelter


Warm clothing, coats & shoes


Classes & job training


God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at MarketStreet.org.



Scan to see how you can help this fall!

“I’M GETTING BETTER EVERY DAY.”



“I felt like I didn’t deserve to be on this earth, because I was here with no purpose. I was just out there destroying my life.”

Craig grew up without a father. His mother worked hard to provide for the family, but that meant Craig was often left alone.

To find company, he turned to the streets – but over the years, life went downhill. He began selling and using drugs, and fines and jail time followed. His family relationships struggled as well: “I tried not to be like my father and leave my kids, but I also didn’t know how to be a man,” he says.

Throughout his years of addiction, Craig also experienced homelessness, sometimes staying as an overnight shelter guest at our Market Street Mission – Jersey Shore location in Asbury Park.

Street life took a heavy toll on him, and he knew he needed to change. **One day, he felt God telling him, “I’m going to give you another chance.”**

He went back to Jersey Shore – but this time, he decided to join our addiction recovery Life Change Program to find the healing he needed. “They showed me love and open arms,” he says.

After completing the first program phase at Jersey

Shore, Craig transferred up to our Market Street Mission location in Morristown to participate in counseling and life-skills classes.

Our Learning Center was especially impactful: “Without drinking and drugs, I can focus better,” he says. “I started from the third-grade level of everything and went up as far as I could.”

With a renewed sense of hope, Craig is now learning that God has a purpose for his life.

“I’m trying to do the right thing, and I’m getting better every day,” he says.

Now, he serves as a program intern at Jersey Shore, and he finds meaning in giving back.

“When I came to the Mission, I was addicted to drugs and had nowhere to go. Today, I’m an intern, and I just took my Certified Peer Recovery Specialist training. **I am so blessed that I came to this program and God gave me a chance to get my life back. I have my family back today, and my grandkids – I’m so grateful.**”

Scan to read the rest
of Craig’s story.



THANKS TO YOUR PRAYERS AND GENEROSITY, CRAIG GRADUATED FROM OUR PROGRAM! YOU HELPED HIM FIND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, AND HE COULD NOT BE MORE THANKFUL.



Same Mission. New Name.

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 (JSRM) in 2007, the board at Market Street wanted to localize this new Mission to make the most impact in the Shore community, and so gave it its own Jersey Shore brand identity. Despite its distinct name, JSRM has always been part of the Market Street family, using Market Street admin as well as core Market Street methods. Presenting as one unified Mission helps us better steward our donors' gifts. For the sake of familiarity and trust, our goal is to consistently identify all sites as part of the Market Street Mission family for the benefit of our overnight guests, clients and community relationships. For this reason, all our locations will share the Market Street Mission name and logo.

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 clothing, furniture and other essentials at low prices 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!



Our Thrift Store offers hidden treasures and great bargains!

Thousands of square feet of new and used furniture, clothing, housewares, appliances, sporting goods, office furniture and more – all at bargain prices.

Best of all, by donating and shopping at our Thrift Store, you're helping to support our Mission services – like meals, shelter and addiction recovery – that help change lives!

**For more information,
please call (973) 538-0427.**

LOCATION:

25 George Street, Morristown, New Jersey

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DONATION DROP-OFF:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.