

Darrin Took “the Long, Hard Route...”

“God Has Taken Dirt and Made It Into a Man”

Darrin graduated from our Life Change Program in 1996. Then, he started in an internship program at the Mission. And volunteered for the whole year. And then, was named Alumni of the Year!

You’d think the family of a man with all these accomplishments would be overjoyed to see their son and father make such extraordinary changes in his life.

But there was no family at Darrin’s graduation. No wife. No kids. No loved ones. “I remember the party after the ceremony, seeing everyone else’s family and friends. I walked outside and looked up at the cross and finally realized **it was just between me and God.**”

Darrin had been in detox several times. And he’d heard about the Market Street Mission. But he decided “praying all the time

and going to Bible study” wasn’t for him. But no other program had room for him. It had to be the Market Street Mission.

“**I told them when I came that I would be gone in two weeks** to go to another program that would be open then,” Darrin says with a grin. “And I remember them coming to me and saying, ‘Are you ready to leave?’ And I said, ‘I think I’m gonna give it a try.’ God works in mysterious ways!”

Every morning and every evening, Darrin would read Psalm 91: “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” “I came into this program alone, but that verse gave me inspiration...promises about how God would protect me.”

After graduation, Darrin began working toward his CDA (Chemical Dependency Associates Degree) to become a counselor. Working part-time at a local grocery store, he managed to complete his degree in a year while volunteering here at the Mission and at a local mental health clinic.

By the time Darrin received his bachelor’s degree from Kean University, **everyone was there for his graduation** – his family, friends from the Mission and members of the congregation from St. Luke Baptist Church where he’s an important member! “This was God’s gift to



me,” Darrin says emphatically.

Darrin continued the work he was called to do: being Christ-like and touching people’s lives. He became part of a domestic violence response team in Paterson, NJ; he started speaking at churches about addiction treatment and working with parents whose children were at risk.

Darrin went on to do private counseling here at the same Mission he didn’t want to come to nearly 15 years ago. “I started off here as a client and now, I’m one of the instructors. I started off sleeping on the floor, and now, I have a place of my own. God has taken the dirt and made it into a man!”

Update: Darrin recently received his master’s degree from Fordham University! Praise God!

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A Personal Word from the Executive Director



“The Greatest Gift...”

That first Christmas, the greatest gift of all was given. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son...”

While Christ was still a babe, the wise men opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Through the centuries, Christians have continued to honor God’s gift by sharing His love for us with others. Not just at Christmas, but throughout the year, we demonstrate our care and compassion through the giving of gifts.

I want to thank you for being one of those generous people who help the men and women, boys and girls in our community who are hurting, hungry and homeless. Thank you for demonstrating your love and kindness by giving gifts to those you have never even met!

May you and your loved ones be truly blessed as we celebrate His birth.


G. David Scott
Executive Director

Day of Caring

We want to thank all of the groups and organizations who are willing to share their time and effort to help out at the Mission. Without volunteers like you, we would not be able to reach the thousands of people who seek our help each year.

Recently, a group from Janssen Pharmaceutica joined us for a Day of Caring to help out at the thrift store



and take a tour of the Mission.

Their efforts went a long way to bless our guests and thrift store shoppers!

If your group is interested in volunteering for a Day of Caring during the holidays or in the new year, call Nancy at (973) 538-6337 or visit www.marketstreet.org for more information.

Mission Volunteers Go International

Over the summer, Market Street Mission volunteers Antonio Monasterio and Courtney Chamberlain, both from Mendham, traveled with Beyond the Walls to the community surrounding the Guatemala City garbage dump to build block homes for scavenger families who rely on the dump for



sustenance.

We want to thank them for having such a heart for the homeless and needy, not only in their own community, but throughout the world.



For more information on how you can become a volunteer at the Mission, call Nancy at (973) 538-6337 or visit www.marketstreet.org.

Rebuilding After Irene

In late August, Hurricane Irene hit the East Coast with a vengeance.

Thankfully, the Mission was not harmed. However, the Mission’s thrift store suffered more than \$75,000 in damage, and the transitional houses were damaged severely. Now, after several weeks of hard work and clean-up efforts from



volunteers, including a group from Bethlehem Church in Randolph, NJ, the thrift store has reopened, and the transitional homes are being rebuilt!

Praise God for blessing us with such dedicated volunteers and for enabling us to rebuild and replace the things that were lost.

If your group would like to volunteer, or to make a donation, please visit www.marketstreet.org.

“The Very Best Christmas...”

What is the very best gift you can give someone who is hungry or homeless?

Here at the Mission, there are as many ways to help as there are people in need.

Volunteer. Serve a meal. Help at the thrift store. Lend a hand at one of our special events like the Christmas Toy Shoppe. Call (973) 538-6337 or e-mail nchanna@marketstreet.org for more information.

Donate. Bring new or gently used items to our thrift store. Our clothing room needs clothing, bedding, towels

and toiletries. The kitchen could use ground coffee, canned and dry goods, powdered drink mixes and paper supplies. Drop items off at **9 Market Street, Morristown.**

Give a gift. Use the enclosed envelope to send a gift to provide meals and more. Donate by check, credit card or online at marketstreet.org.

Pray. Pray for this ministry and the men, women and children who come here during their time of greatest need.

Thank you for helping make this the very best Christmas!

Warm Coats, Warm Hearts



We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and donated new and gently used coats to our annual Coat Giveaway! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to distribute thousands of coats and other winter clothing to the neediest in our community.

Once they have a warm coat, the people we serve can learn about other Mission services that offer whole life change to get them off the streets and out of poverty. Thank you again for making this event such a success!

For more information on this annual Mission event, call **(973) 993-2871** or visit **www.marketstreet.org**.

A Special Evening to Benefit the Mission

Bestselling author and lecturer, Janet Pfeiffer, teamed with the Market



Street Mission to host a fundraiser dinner to benefit the Mission on Thurs., Nov. 10 at the Best Western in Morristown.

After dinner, Janet shared excerpts and thoughts on her book *The Secret Side of Anger* and gave away free copies of her book in addition to door prizes. This was a very powerful evening for everyone who attended.

To learn more about Mission events, visit marketstreet.org, or to purchase a copy of Janet's book or schedule a lecture, visit www.PfeifferPowerSeminars.com.

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Christmas Toy Shoppe

On Fri., Dec. 16, we will hold our annual **Christmas Toy Shoppe**. We will transform the chapel into a Christmas store where the men in our program can select gifts for their children.

In addition to collecting gifts for children, we are collecting small personal items to give away to our residents.

Christmas Toy Shoppe Gifts

Board games
Educational toys
Trucks/cars
Art supplies
Books
G-rated DVDs
Dolls
Push/pull toys
Stuffed animals
Balls

Residents' Gifts

Winter hats
Socks
Sweatpants
Underwear
Dress shirts
Gloves
Towels & washcloths
Daily devotional books
Phone cards



Calling All Holiday Elves!

The holidays are just around the corner and we need your help to get ready!

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve Thanksgiving and Christmas season meals, set up, clean up, distribute food boxes, collect donations, wrap gifts,

hold toy drives, donate gifts for children and adults for our Christmas Toy Shoppe and make financial donations.

For more information, call Nancy at (973) 538-6337 or visit www.marketstreet.org.