

Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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God will provide

Every day, I see firsthand the truly miraculous changes that take place in the lives of people like Calvin, whose story I'm sharing with you today.

God has demonstrated His love by taking hold of His children who are suffering from deadly addictions, hunger or homelessness and He's given them the strength to turn their lives around!

He has also seen to our provision through your partnership and invaluable support that provides the food, clothing, shelter, care and counseling that makes these transformations possible.

That's why, in our prayers here at the Mission, we give thanks for God's grace and love, and thanks for you. Because your gifts really do make a difference in the lives of individuals and even families who are without food and shelter or friends and family to help them through difficult times.

Bless you for all you do!



G. David Scott
Executive Director



From
bathroom cleaner
TO
EXECUTIVE CHEF!

Like many who become addicted to drugs or alcohol, Calvin's relationship with addiction was "off and on." He'd be on drugs for a few years, then he'd go into a rehab program and be off for a few years. Back in the 1990's, he was off drugs for nearly five years!

"I thought my life was together. But then I took a job making a pretty substantial amount of money, and that led me back to the bars and the drinking and drugging."

Calvin remembers the very night he decided he needed to get his life back in order. "It was October 12,

1996 – the night the Yankees defeated the Orioles five games to one to move on to the World Series! I went to a detox center and they told me to come back in the morning, so **I kicked in the door – that's how bad I wanted to get my life back together!**"

Calvin was finally admitted, and it was through this center that he learned about the Life Change Program here at the Market Street Mission. "They said it was a Christian program and I'd have to help clean the house. I said I'd even clean the bathrooms – that's how bad I wanted in!"

"The Mission gave me tough love, but it structured me."

Calvin continued >>>

An Enduring Gift

We would like to thank all those who have established legacy gifts to benefit the Mission or have named the Mission in their wills. This enduring support is a true blessing to the Mission, as well as a lifeline for men, women and children throughout Northern New Jersey who are hungry and homeless.

For those who are still considering ways to leave a lasting gift to continue your legacy of care for those in need, our Development Director, Phil Parsels, has some suggestions. Call him at (973) 538-0469. There's no obligation.

5k Run on July 4th!

"Race for Recovery" is our first trail run/walk through Lewis Morris Park in support of those who struggle with addiction and recovery issues. It is a great way to become better educated on the dangers of substance abuse while supporting people in recovery from addiction.

A great morning activity with the family, choose to run or walk the trail or enjoy Kid's Fun with Capture the Flag! (ages 3 to 9).

Out of town on July 4th? Not available on July 4th? No problem! We'd love you to participate in our Freedom Run. Put your "Race for Recovery" tee shirt on and run wherever you are on July 4th. Take a picture and send it to us at msmrace4recovery@gmail.com and you may see yourself in our newsletter or website!

To register or donate online, go to marketstreet.org and click on the 5k logo. Tee shirts are available for the first 250 people to register and there are prizes for the top two male and female participants (by age category). We hope to see you there!

>>> Calvin continued



When Calvin wanted to go to culinary school, the Mission helped him get into Hudson County Community College, where he earned his Associate's Degree. He moved to Parsippany to work, but he still comes back to the Mission, helps in the

kitchen, takes part in Alumni activities and even does chapel now and then.

"I'm a great chef today because of the Market Street Mission," Calvin says. "The Mission taught me to be caring – feeding folks who are less fortunate. It's been a tremendous blessing to me; I wouldn't be who I am today without the help of the Market Street Mission."

Hundreds of kids need your help

Support Project Backpack

There are hundreds, maybe even thousands of school-age kids here in Morristown whose parents can't afford a few pencils, a couple of notebooks, some crayons, a glue stick and a package of colored pencils.

Thank you to Thrivent, a faith based fraternal benefit financial company, for contributing \$250 to Project Backpack!

They're working hard to keep a roof over their children's heads and food on the

table. And when the School Supply list comes home, there's just not enough money to go around – especially if there are several children in the family!

Last year, Project Backpack provided brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies for 1,149 boys and girls, enabling them [and their parents] to start school worry-free.

This year, our goal is to fill 1,200 backpacks.

Here's how you can help:

- Purchase supplies from the shopping list below
- Drop the supplies off at the Mission before July 31

If you're short on time, send a gift in the enclosed envelope and we'll buy and fill a backpack for you. Or make a donation on our secure website at www.marketstreet.org.

Project Backpack Shopping List

2-pocket colored folders
Pencil sharpeners
Glue sticks
Highlighters
Pencil cases
1-subject Spiral notebooks
Flash drives
Packages of 3" x 5" index cards
Boxes of mechanical pencils
Boxes of crayons
Boxes of washable markers
Boxes of colored pencils

Black, blue & red pens
Pencil-top erasers
3" binders
4 oz. bottles of glue
12" rulers
Large erasers
Notebook filler paper
Composition books
1" binders
Small scissors, blunt and sharp tip
5-tab notebook dividers



the Power of 1



How much of a difference can one gift make?

Here at the Market Street Mission, the answer is plenty!

With more than 7,500 monthly meals to prepare and serve, 2,500 nights of shelter to provide and hundreds of hours of care and education to offer, your donations are always welcome, especially during the summer – when needs continue, but giving drops off.

Here's another example of the power of 1: One gift, your gift, can fill a backpack that will send a needy child off

eager to start a new school year!

Every gift you give has the power to change a life. But it doesn't happen overnight.

Long-lasting, permanent change takes food, shelter, care and education to help individuals and families become self-sufficient...able to take care of themselves so they don't have to rely on us.

One gift – your gift – is vital to the continuing success of this ministry and our ability to truly make a difference in the lives of men, women and children in need.