



Market Street Mission

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A Message from G. David Scott

Healing broken lives is like baking a very complicated cake. You need exactly the right ingredients. You must mix them in a very specific order. Then, you have to allow time for them to bake at the proper temperature.

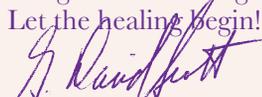
Miss a step or omit a vital ingredient and you're risking disaster.

Here at the Mission, we're not just healing lives: we're healing minds and bodies destroyed by alcohol, addiction and neglect. We're restoring souls wounded by abuse and abandonment. The ingredients are not complicated: food, shelter, time, encouragement, counseling, care and a huge helping of God's love.

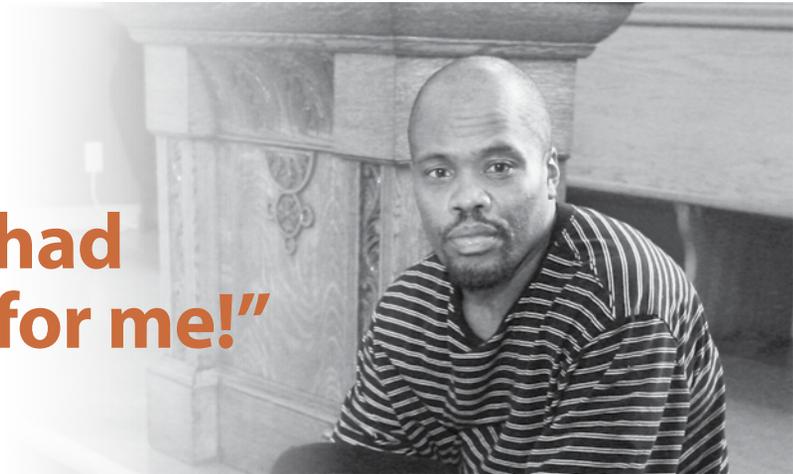
But there are no short cuts, no substitutions.

This Thanksgiving season, many broken bodies and souls will come here to the Mission. Whether you volunteer your time, take part in a special event, donate food or send a gift, you play a vital role in making them whole again.

Let the healing begin!



G. David Scott
Executive Director



"God had plans for me!"

Eric's mother raised him to "do the right thing." That's why he had "seven great kids and a good work history" before he began using hardcore drugs like heroin when he was 35. And that's when life started going "downhill."

In 2008, Eric got clean and didn't use again until **his mother died of lung cancer** in 2011. After that, Eric was "on the run," in and out of detox centers until two years ago when he came to the Market Street Mission.

"I knew it was a good program," Eric says. "But I was still struggling with the death of my mom." Eric dropped out of our Life Change Program for three months, but came back to the Mission and graduated the following September.

He found job doing landscaping, and even had enough money saved to live on when the job stopped because of

the weather. With plenty of money but no work, **Eric was very tempted to begin using drugs again.** Instead, he called one of the chaplains he knew at the Mission who was working at our sister Mission in Asbury Park.

Eric had considered applying for our Leadership Program when he graduated in 2013. But now, the opportunity presented itself again.

Today, Eric is leading by example. He supervises the kitchen and work shifts. "We're here to serve," he says. "Some days can be rough, because **I see myself in these guys...**I ate in soup kitchens, stayed in shelters, slept outside and in abandoned houses...I hit rock bottom."

Eric welcomes the men at the Mission to chapel services, teaches them praise and worship songs, and shares his story with them. And he tells them **God has plans for them, too!**

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146: 7

This season, thank you for providing:

- 22,500 meals
- 7,500 nights of shelter

Your gifts are the fuel that enables us to bring hope and help to hungry and homeless neighbors.

"Day of Beauty" Benefits Mission



Special thanks to the Artistic Academy, a DePasquale Company that raised over \$8,500 for our ministry by holding a beauty-a-thon. Artistic Academy is a Cosmetology and Aesthetics School located in Morris Plains, NJ. A fun day was had by all as haircuts, facials, manicures and pedicures were expertly done by the students with half of the proceeds going to support the Mission. The other half was given to Little Vikings Football of Parsippany. Check out the academy at www.artisticacademy.com.

Thank you to A Slice of Hope!

For the fourth consecutive year, the non-profit organization A Slice of Hope selected the Market Street Mission as the recipient of a special celebration. Hundreds of men, women and children enjoyed Domino's Pizza, live entertainment and fellowship.



Our residents and guests were truly blessed by this outpouring of love. A special thanks to A Slice of Hope sponsor EyeBLINK and all those who made this event possible.

Tell a friend about...

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

We are grateful that you work with us to end hunger and homelessness year round!

So Nov. 15-23 is a great time to encourage others – friends, family and coworkers – to join you, and help fix the problems that cause hunger and homelessness by



volunteering, organizing a clothing or food drive, or making a special donation to the Mission.

If you're on Facebook or Twitter, please, urge friends to help. You can even give them our website address, marketstreet.org, as a place to get more information. THANKS!

Thanksgiving Shopping List

It would be a tremendous blessing if you could buy one or more of the items on this list and donate them to the Mission. Thank you!

Donations can be dropped off at the Mission at 9 Market Street in Morristown. For more information, call (973) 993-2871 or visit www.marketstreet.org.



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Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at www.marketstreet.org.

Breakfast, Lunch or Thanksgiving Dinner – Still Just \$2.82!

Some of us still remember when a soda was 5¢. Or a time when you could get a burger for a quarter. These days, a plain cup of coffee can set you back \$2 or more!

But here at the Market Street Mission, you can still provide a hot, wholesome, home-cooked meal for just \$2.82.

We'll be serving a lot of those great meals this Thanksgiving season, including hundreds of festive Thanksgiving Dinners with turkey and all the trimmings!

Your \$2.82 gift can provide a meal that's a turning point in the life of a

person who's lost all hope, along with the care and counseling that helps end homelessness and addiction.



If you think that's amazing, imagine what a gift of \$25 or \$50 or even \$100 can do!

Please share your blessings by making a special gift today to feed and begin to change the lives

of as many people as possible. Use the enclosed envelope, or make a safe, secure donation at marketstreet.org. THANK YOU!