



Market Street Mission

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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

John learned that all things are possible with God's grace.

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It was devastating when John's father passed away from a heroin overdose when John was only 9. Constant clashes with his stepfather led John to start using drugs and alcohol at age 14. "I didn't like to listen to my stepfather because, in my eyes, he wasn't really my father," he says. "It was a constant battle. I just wanted to party and hang out with friends."

John spent more than a decade struggling with addiction. But even though he turned away from his family, they never gave up on him or stopped hoping for his recovery. "I was sleeping on a couch at my friend's house, drinking and using drugs, when he called my family saying, 'John really needs help.' My phone blew up with calls from my family saying, 'Please get help, we love you.'"

Their concern touched John's heart and gave him the courage to get help. John had stayed at the Market Street Mission a few nights off and on when he was homeless, but this time he made the year-long commitment to enter our Life Change Recovery Program to get sober and rebuild his life.

"Before, I had an understanding of God but I didn't really believe in God. But here, I went to church one night and it was the first time I felt God's presence and surrendered myself to Him. Since then, I've had a strong belief in Jesus Christ."

"Everybody wants a life that we never thought was possible, and the Mission shows us that it is."

Today, John is part of the internship program at the Mission and is currently serving at a sister Mission in Asbury Park. "I have that drive to help others. Serving others is a big part of my life and I want to show people that, if I can do it, anybody can do it."

This Easter, John and his family will be celebrating the beautiful new beginning in their lives – made possible by your generous support. "Since I came to the Mission, I've gained a lot of hope. Now I know that God's with me 100% on this journey."

"Now I actually have a future."



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PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES!



Runners and walkers of all ages – and skill levels – are invited to join us at the **5th Annual 5K Race for Recovery** on July 4! This exciting event is a great way to have fun with friends and family while supporting the work of the Market Street Mission to help our homeless neighbors.

For more information, visit MarketStreetMission.org and click on "News/Events."

Register today!

Easter 2019

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Here's how your gift
provides comfort & care
over the next month!



6,667 meals to serve



3,370 nights of shelter



50 men to care for in
our recovery program



THOUSANDS of hours of
education & counseling to provide

A Message from DAVE SCOTT

YOU RESTORE Hope

When we pass a homeless person on the street, it's often easier to avert our eyes to our phones rather than engage with that person's very real pain. That way, we don't have to hear their cries... or see how broken their lives are... or feel how much they suffer.

But their pain is real, even if we look away.

On the cross, Jesus didn't look away from suffering, but endured it, fixing His eyes on "the joy set before Him." The glory of the cross is that Jesus boldly engaged with our pain. He experienced our struggles and our cries, and suffered with all of humanity. Jesus took our pain upon Himself and redeemed it.

Easter is our celebration of that new hope.

Your generous gifts demonstrate that you **turn toward** those who are hurting – and want to offer them healing and restoration through Christ's love.



Because of you, people like John are celebrating HUGE changes in their lives. John's story is on page 3, and I hope as you read, you're inspired by how your gifts can turn a life filled with pain into a beautiful new beginning.

By God's grace, and your support, many like John are experiencing hope restored. On behalf of each person in our care, thank you for reaching out to them with the love and kindness that helps restore lives this Easter.

G. David Scott
Executive Director

VISIT MarketStreetMission.org
to read stories of hope, learn more
about our ministry & securely
donate anytime.

Let's be friends!



SAVE THE DATE to GOLF FOR GOOD! 8th Annual Golf Tournament

Now there's a way you can enjoy a great day of golf while helping out our less fortunate neighbors. When you tee off at this year's Annual Golf Tournament, all proceeds raised will go to serve the homeless guests of the Market Street Mission and help transform lives.

This year's event will be run by the friends of the Market Street Mission on Monday, July 15, 2019, at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. This year's honoree is John Franklin, CEO of the United Way of Northern NJ. For more information or to register for this event, go to **MarketStreetMission.org**. And if you can't play, please remember that sponsors and donations are always welcome.

Preparing for Easter...

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Sunday, April 21st Easter Dinner, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Chapel, 6 p.m.

Will you help set more places at our tables for hungry people this Easter?

**Just look at our needs this
Easter season:
6,000+ meals for men,
women & children.**

And there's no way we can serve them without you!

Donate food: Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items by **Friday, April 19:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> BROWN SUGAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> ASSORTED CANDY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LETTUCE/TOSSED SALAD MIX | <input type="checkbox"/> PASTA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED TUNA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS | <input type="checkbox"/> CHEESE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRUIT | <input type="checkbox"/> SHELF-SAFE MILK |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> RICE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD DRESSING |



Drop off donations at the Mission, 9 Market Street in Morristown, 7 days a week. Thank you!

Don't have time to shop?
Donate now!

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GINA HAS A REASON TO CELEBRATE!

Meet Gina! She came to the Mission believing all hope for her life was gone. Your support provided the hot, nourishing meal that changed everything – and gave her hope for a new life in Christ.

Today, you can help more people like Gina with your gift to feed, shelter and share God's love during our Annual Easter Campaign.

A meal is just \$2.82... and the hope it provides in the lives of homeless and hungry people is truly a reason to celebrate.

✉ **GIVE NOW** using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

💻 **GIVE ONLINE** anytime at
MarketStreetMission.org.

Thank you for the new hope you make possible in hurting lives! Happy Easter!



Volunteer: You can help from now until Easter Sunday!
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