




**Market Street Mission**

# Messenger

Changing Lives Since 1889

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“My dream  
as a child  
of God is to  
help others as  
God sees fit.”

Today, Richard is on a path to a new beginning –  
and his heart is filled with gratitude for friends  
like you who are making his journey possible.

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“I didn’t think Jesus would help anyone like me.”

Some days it’s hard for Richard to believe he actually achieved his childhood dream of becoming a professional wrestler.

When he graduated from high school, Richard went to work with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). But when a bad car accident ended his career, Richard turned to pain pills to cope with his feelings of depression and loss. He says, ***“I decided to numb the worries and anxieties and emotional pain. But within a year or two, I was unable to function in society as a normal human being.”***

Alone and broken, Richard cried out to God even though he wasn’t sure he believed. He said, “God, if you’re real, please help me.” His prayer was answered in an unexpected way. Two months later he was sent to jail, where he overcame his addiction and developed a relationship with Christ.

“I remember thanking the Lord saying, ‘You are real.

You love me and I love You and thank You for answering my prayer. You have broken my chains of addiction.”

When Richard got out of jail, he was homeless and turned to the Mission for help so he could remain sober and rebuild his life with God as the foundation. In our care, he has been baptized and graduated from our year-long Life Change Program – during which he attended Bible study, work therapy, counseling and Christ-centered classes.

Richard has seen firsthand how the Mission provides all the resources and support needed to create a God-centered life, and he is committed to helping others in need find healing.

Today, Richard works at a local auto parts store and remains faithful to Christ and grateful to the Mission. He is also thankful for the kindness of friends like you who provided a caring place where he could grow in God’s Word and start a new life. Thank you for your continued generosity.

“GOD ALLOWED ME TO BE HUMBLLED SO I CAN WORK FOR HIM.”



### *A Cup of Coffee Can Make a Difference*

We are proud to partner with Sesso Espresso!

Just like the Mission, Sesso Espresso believes in making a difference in our community. With every purchase of a case of coffee, which includes 8 12-ounce bags, or a case of K-Cups, which includes 72 single servings, Sesso Espresso will make a donation to the Market Street Mission.

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## A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT



### *Your kindness fills hearts with thanksgiving*

Those we care for at the Mission face a multitude of challenges. Like Richard, each person who comes to us has a story of heartbreak and tragedy that is personal and unique.

Yet all of our guests share one thing in common: **deep gratitude for friends like you who are providing a pathway to hope and healing.**

Your generosity lays the financial foundation for our faith-based outreach – from the essentials of food and shelter to our Life Change Program and practical training. Sharing the love of God is at the center of all we do, and we know true and permanent life change is only possible when men and women have invited Him into their hearts.

With you alongside us, **we have the amazing opportunity to accompany homeless and hurting individuals – whom God loves deeply – on their journeys to restoration.**

The Thanksgiving season offers a special opportunity for everyone on our staff – and each man, woman and child in our care – to reflect on the many blessings of your kind compassion. With a heart of gratitude, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent, gifts and prayers to uplift our neighbors in need.

G. David Scott  
Executive Director

### **Open Your Heart... Lend a Hand**

It takes careful planning and organizing – and scores of caring volunteers – to bring a meaningful holiday to hundreds of homeless and hurting people. That's why we're starting NOW, and we hope you'll join us. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Mary Kate Kelly, for opportunities and details.

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### *With Grateful Hearts...*

As you give thanks for your blessings this

Thanksgiving, those in our care will be giving thanks too – for you and for the gifts of comfort, compassion and life-changing opportunity you so generously provide for them.

### *This Thanksgiving Season Alone...*



**22,500**  
Hot Meals



**7,500**  
Safe Beds



**200**  
Turkey Dinners



**Thousands  
of hours**  
of Training,  
Counseling & Prayer

Please continue your heartfelt support with a gift to our *2018 Thanksgiving Campaign*. Because you care, your neighbors in need can overcome their challenges and embrace a new beginning.



*God bless  
you for being  
generous*



Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.



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## So many people joined us at the Race for Recovery this year!



This year we had more than 275 runners and walkers join us at the **4th Annual Race for Recovery 5K** in Central Park of Morris County. It took place on July 4, which was especially moving as we celebrated our nation's independence while helping people in our community break free from poverty, addiction and homelessness.

Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, sponsors, volunteers and participants, the event raised funds which went to work repairing hearts and restoring lives this summer through our Life Change Program.

### Special thanks to this year's sponsors:

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QuickChek  
Madison High School

### Recognition to those who donated goods for the Give Away:

Spavia  
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NY Jets  
NY Giants

Brooklyn Nets  
Somerset Patriots

## Thank you for coming out to Golf for Good!



This year's **7th Annual Golf Tournament** took place on May 7 and raised \$45,000 – which was critically needed to help the Mission provide food and shelter during the busy summer months to those who are struggling with addiction and homelessness.

Special thanks to our fantastic golf committee, volunteers, staff and sponsors who worked tirelessly to organize this event – and everyone who came out and played.

We would also like to recognize this year's honoree, Trish O'Keefe, RN, PhD, President of Morristown Medical Center, for all her hard work at this year's golf outing. Trish is also the Vice President of Atlantic Health System, which raised \$32,000 last year for the Mission to help our neighbors – particularly those who are addicted to opiates – to help stop the opiate crisis that claims far too many lives each year. Her husband, Darren, serves on the golf committee board and has donated countless hours as a volunteer. We are so thankful for Trish and her outstanding dedication to help make our community stronger and healthier.

Thank you to every friend of the Market Street Mission who made this year's tournament a great success!

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**Did You Know?** It costs only **\$2.82** to provide one meal for a hungry person.