



Market Street Mission

Messenger

Changing Lives Since 1889

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to

Beautiful

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Your gifts bring joy to hurting people like Paul at Christmas and all year round.

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“Without the Mission, I’d be dead.”

Paul found salvation in the unlikelyst of places.

After his drug use left him homeless and broke, he was standing on a train platform when he saw the phone number for the Mission. Paul decided to call because he had no place to stay, and that was when everything changed.

“I swore I would never use heroin or hard drugs like that, but after my mom passed away, I went off the deep end. I hurt everyone I ever loved and ruined everything. I got out of prison and was sick, tired and broken. I talked to a Mission intern and he said, ‘Just come in to the Mission.’”

Paul found physical healing from a back injury that plagued him, but more importantly, he found spiritual healing at the Market Street Mission. He enrolled in the year-long Life Change Program and wholeheartedly committed to rebuilding his life on God’s Word. **Here,**

through your gifts, he was blessed with the essentials of safe shelter... nutritious meals... and everything he needed to feel comfortable and at home.

“My journey here has just been amazing. I hadn’t talked to family or friends in over 10 years, but through the Mission, I got friends and family back, my grandchildren, my daughters.”

Paul recently graduated from the program and is looking for transitional housing and a place to live. He hopes that someday he’ll have the opportunity to work at the Mission so he can share his story with others and impart the wisdom he has gained.

This Christmas, as Paul celebrates Christ’s birth, he’ll also celebrate the joyous new life he found inside our doors... because of your kind compassion. ***“The mentors and the relationships that I’ve made through this place are unbelievable. The love, affection and caring that the Mission showed me, I’ll never be able to repay.”***



“I came to the Mission and said, ‘If you put me back out that door, I’m going to die.’ Through the grace of God, they let me in and my heart was wide open from there.”



Your gifts
bring *joy*
to
hurting people.

Your generous contributions are not only blessings in themselves, but they're multiplied exponentially by the countless gifts they allow the Mission to share with those who are hungry, hurting and homeless.

The food, shelter and clothing we provide are gifts that fulfill the most basic human needs. Guidance, education and job training are gifts too – and when accepted with commitment and dedication, they can lead to lives filled with promise and purpose.

Yet the greatest gift we offer inside our doors is the message of God's love and grace, which can transform lives for eternity.

This issue of *Market Street Mission Messenger* is all about sharing gifts – a subject that's especially appropriate during the holiday season as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Yet the Mission is focused on giving all year long, thanks to God's work and our partnership with friends like you!

Of course, none of our ministries would be possible without the gifts you first give to us. And I'm so very grateful for your selfless giving, which brings joy to our hurting guests – at Christmas and every day of the year. God bless you this holiday season and always.


G. David Scott
Executive Director

P.S. Once again we'll be holding our annual Christmas Toy Shop to collect gifts for children in need, and we need volunteers and donations of toys. If you can help, please contact Mary Kate Kelly at **(973) 538-6337**.

end**HUNGER**... offer**HOPE**

7,500 MEALS BY
CHRISTMAS

A single nutritious meal is often the first step toward a new beginning for those who are hungry, homeless and struggling with life's challenges. Most importantly, *it's an opportunity to share God's love – the greatest gift you can give.*

It costs only \$2.82 to provide one meal for a hungry person, at the holidays and all year round.

✉ GIVE NOW using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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



*You Made
the Winter a
LITTLE WARMER*

A great big thank you to everyone who made this year's **Annual Coat Drive** on November 3 a success! We are so grateful for the 130 volunteers who handed out more than 4,000 coats, hats and scarves in our community over the winter. We thank everyone who donated clothing items and financial gifts to make this event possible. Thanks for opening your hearts and sharing the warmth with our neighbors in need.



THE *Blessings* OF
YEAR-END GIVING

Many Mission partners choose to make an extra financial gift by December 31 to maximize their tax deduction for the current calendar year, while helping the Mission assist those in need well into the year ahead. Your generosity will touch countless lives.

💻 Give online at **MarketStreetMission.org**.

✉ Add your special holiday gift to the reply card and send it today!



Ready to Play Secret Santa?

It's Christmas Toy Shop Time!

For kids whose fathers are in our long-term recovery program, it can seem like there isn't much to celebrate during Christmas. But you can help spread joy and cheer this holiday season by becoming a Secret Santa. When you donate new, unwrapped items from the list below, the men in our program will be able to give at least one gift to each of their children through our Christmas Toy Shop. Now that's something to celebrate!

Here are some gift ideas:

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

Please bring all gifts to the Mission at 9 Market Street, Morristown by December 7,

Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call Mary Kate Kelly at (973) 538-6337 or email mkelly@marketstreet.org for more information.

Thank you for making the holidays more magical for children in need!



Select the perfect gift with **#GIVINGTUESDAY™**

Make your **#GivingTuesday** gift now by shopping our Christmas Gift Catalog. It's full of ways to bring the joy of help and hope to people like Paul (see page 3).



\$25
provides
nourishing
meals




\$50
provides
safe shelter



\$100
provides
education
and training

 Shop online at **MarketStreetMission.org/GiftCatalog.**

 Or, add your special holiday gift to the enclosed reply card.

These Christmas gifts are representative of the needs of those we serve. Donations may be used to support the area of our ministry with the greatest need.

