



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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GIVING IT ALL TO
GOD

Robert returned to the man
he was meant to be.

BECAUSE OF YOU, CHALLENGES BECOME
CHANGED LIVES THROUGH GOD'S LOVE.

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“God has been absolutely wonderful to me.”

Robert had finally had enough. Embarrassed by his behavior and filled with grief about the man he had become, he knew he needed help. He says, “**I was at my wit’s end with alcohol, and things were starting to spiral out of control.** It was interfering with my choices in life. It was totally destroying my character and the very essence of who I really am.”

When he realized the effect his drinking was having on the people he loved, Robert decided enough was enough. After an intervention by his children, siblings and other family members, Robert made the decision to seek help at the Market Street Mission. His brother-in-law is a graduate of the program and is doing well, so Robert knew this was his best option. “**I wanted to return to the person I was – someone raised with dignity, honesty, integrity.**”

Robert was nervous and hesitant about the program during his first few weeks at the Mission, but the daily routine and lessons he learned soon soothed his soul. He immersed himself in studying the Bible and rededicated his life to Christ. He even began mentoring some of the

younger guys in the program to help share his experiences and give them guidance.

“**I started to come back to the person that I was raised to be through my parents and my grandparents.**”

“I felt the change. I started to grow in spirit, in my faith in Christ.”

Today, Robert is employed at a local hospital and is taking continuing education classes. “**God has been absolutely wonderful to me.** I have a church that I am a full member of, and I’m just looking to grow more. My family is absolutely amazed, so proud of me. They’ve been in my corner for a long time.”

Because of your generous support, men like Robert are facing their challenges and being transformed by God’s love here at the Mission. “I say to people now, if you give the Market Street Mission a chance, not only will it change your life, but it will make a difference.”



Help support Project Backpack!

Imagine children starting school this fall without the supplies they need. This is an all-too-real situation for thousands of kids from low-income families throughout Northern New Jersey.

Now, imagine the look on those children’s faces when they receive backpacks filled with everything they need for a successful school year. Through Project Backpack, you can help us make this a happy reality for them.

MARKET STREET MISSION PROJECT BACKPACK

Here’s how:

It’s easier than ever before! Simply send a gift in the envelope provided, and we’ll buy and fill a backpack for you. Remember, because of the Matching Challenge, your gift received before May 31 will have **DOUBLE** the impact!

- Kit of school supplies - \$13.75
- Elementary school bag + supplies - \$19.60
- Middle school bag + supplies - \$21.60
- High school bag + supplies - \$27

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT

A TIMELESS CHALLENGE



We first opened our doors in 1889. By 1932, the gifts of generous friends made it possible to serve 50 meals each day to Northern New Jersey's homeless and hungry.

Today, over 125 years later, your gifts make it possible to serve nearly 220 meals daily,

in addition to providing shelter, clothing, counseling, job training, and more services and programs than our founders ever imagined.

Yet more local people find themselves in need – and that's the challenge we face each day. Feeding them. Sheltering them. Caring for their immediate and long-term needs. Sharing God's love with them.

Here's a great way to help them right now: a generous anonymous donor is challenging you to match their \$50,000 gift with an additional \$50,000. That means this entire month, your gift and the gifts of others will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, to provide double the help for those in need.

I hope when you read Robert's story (*on page 3*), you'll see how tremendously his life has been changed by gifts like yours. **Now just imagine doubling that impact to touch the lives of others who are hurting and homeless.**

The Market Street Mission has always existed to help people facing huge challenges in their lives. I thank you for your faithful support and pray you'll continue to provide help and hope for those who come here – today, tomorrow and beyond.

G. David Scott
Executive Director

Your Invitation

Schedule a tour of the Mission...
see the impact of your gifts!

Contact Mary Kate Kelly

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Please RSVP!

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK MAY 2018



6,667
meals served



2,500
nights of shelter



50
men in our Life
Change recovery
program on
average



2,400
Chapel
attendances



42
hours of education
& counseling per
resident

THANK YOU
FOR CHANGING LIVES
WITH YOUR GENEROSITY



SHARE YOUR SUNSHINE!

97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Sunny summer days are here...
but many in our community are
experiencing dark and troubled
times.

**This Memorial Day,
our 97-day Summer
Campaign to care for our
community's homeless and
hungry begins.**



**YOUR GIFT
TODAY...**

\$50

\$100

\$150



**HAS TWICE
THE IMPACT!**

\$100

\$200

\$300

DEADLINE TO GIVE: MAY 31

Your most generous gift and the gifts of others will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000 because of a matching grant from an anonymous donor... your gift today doubles to help raise a total of \$100,000 to feed and shelter our community's homeless.

- ☑ Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.
- ☑ Give securely online at MarketStreetMission.org.

**Thank you for helping to meet
this tremendous challenge!**

VISIT US ONLINE to read stories of lives you've touched, get involved & securely donate anytime.

MarketStreetMission.org

Let's be friends!



LEAVE A LEGACY THAT

Shines On

You are the reason struggling people can turn to the Market Street Mission to overcome poverty, addiction and homelessness. Your generous gifts help provide the programs and services these men and women need to turn their lives around completely. But did you know there's another way you can leave a lasting legacy of support that will shine on for years to come?

When you include the Mission in your estate planning, your incredible generosity will continue to help transform lives long after you're gone.

You can choose how you wish to give: cash, real estate, property or stocks. It's easy to update your wishes at any time.

Have you already mentioned the Market Street Mission in your estate plans? Or are you interested in learning about how to do that?

Please contact Phil Parsels, our Director of Development, who would love to thank you for including the Mission in your will or answer your questions about leaving a legacy gift.

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