



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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JOE HAD A TERRIBLE SECRET, ONE HE KEPT
HIDDEN AWAY FOR A VERY, VERY LONG
TIME. A SECRET THAT LED TO DRUG USE
AND FILLED HIM WITH...

LONELINESS. SHAME. DESPAIR.

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TODAY, THROUGH YOUR GIFTS
AND PRAYERS, JOE HAS A JOYOUS
NEW LIFE AND A HEART OF
THANKSGIVING!

READ HIS MOVING STORY
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“When the change started... it was God’s work!”

Joe’s home life was great. Wonderful parents. Two great sisters.

But there was a darker side to his story... when he was seven or eight, he was molested by another family member.

“I felt like the **power and control were taken away from me**,” he says. “I started smoking marijuana and drinking. I eventually crept into cocaine, and that’s where I found the power and authority I felt had been taken away.”

That secret kept Joe a prisoner for 36 years!

“I was just getting by,” he says. “I sold drugs so I could get high. I never had a job for more than two or three months.”

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I didn’t want to change. I was comfortable in the chaos. But God intervened.
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After an overdose that nearly cost him his life, Joe got into a 30-day rehab program. But when he was ready to leave, there was nowhere to go. **“I was as broke as anyone could be.”**

“I told them, ‘you just tell me what I need to do to get better.’ They gave me a list of places... and Market Street was on the top.”

“The Spirit is in the chapel from the first day you come here,” Joe says with a smile. “You humble yourself, you sleep here and you listen to the preachers. From that day forward, I knew: **Christ is Lord!**”

Joe’s faith deepened through classes and meetings. “I realized I was in a prison of my own making. I was able to understand forgiveness through Christ, but also that forgiving somebody doesn’t make what happened to me right.”

Today, Joe is an Assistant Resident Director and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor helping others uncover the secrets in their hearts!



He is just months away from receiving his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and Christian Counseling. But despite his degrees, Joe still sees himself as “just a link in the fence,” passing on the love of Christ.

With a heart of thanksgiving, Joe shares these words: **“Thank you for giving me a chance to reach the potential that Christ has put in my heart!”**



A Heart of Thanksgiving

Our guests may never meet you, but their hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for the care and opportunities you provide every day!



22,500 MEALS



7,500 BEDS



THOUSANDS OF HOURS
OF TRAINING, COUNSELING & PRAYER

OPEN YOUR HEART THIS THANKSGIVING

FOOD. SHELTER. GUIDANCE. HOPE.
GOD'S LIFE-TRANSFORMING LOVE.

Your **2017 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign** gift will bring a harvest of joy to people in need.



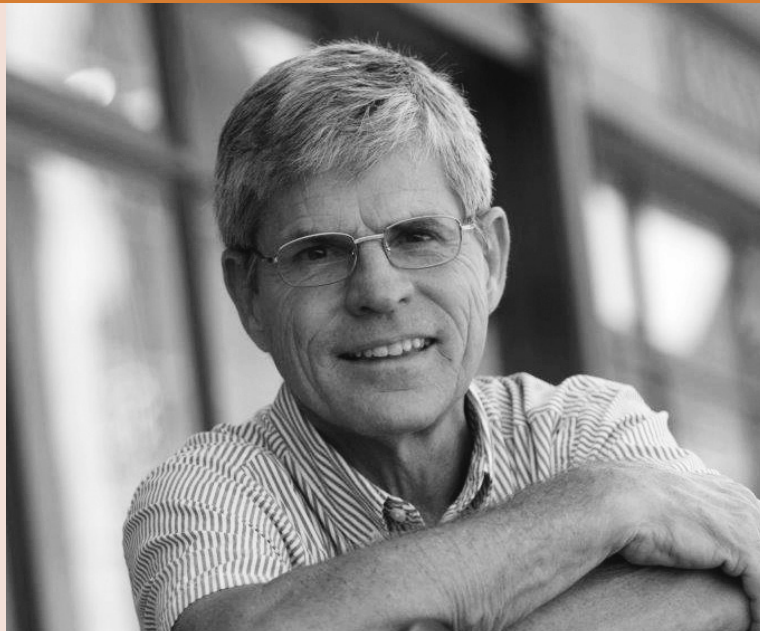
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THANK YOU
FOR BEING GENEROUS!

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT



Your heart of Thanksgiving... brings a harvest of joy!

The human need for food is fundamental and has remained the center of our ministry outreach for more than 128 years. **But the people who turn to the Market Street Mission hunger for more than a meal.** Their emptiness extends to all areas of their lives.

Their spirits are tired of searching for something to believe in. They lack the training to change their dead-end paths. Friends and loved ones have long since turned their backs. They come to us hungry, homeless, broken and alone – and through your kind compassion, we fill their plates with hope... and their hearts with thanksgiving.

From warm, nutritious meals, to faith-based counseling and life-skills courses, to work therapy in our Thrift Store, **your gifts and prayers empower men, women and families.** With your support, they are able to overcome troubled circumstances and rebuild lives that are stable, meaningful and a blessing to their communities.

As we look forward to serving our less-fortunate neighbors this holiday season, **I pray you will continue to demonstrate your heart of thanksgiving.** Your ongoing partnership will bring a harvest of joy to men, women and children who are longing for hope. God bless you for your gift today and throughout the months ahead.


G. David Scott
Executive Director

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

Thank you to Jack and Lew and the rest of the golf committee, the volunteers and the staff that make this a great event each year! This is the 6th year and this group has raised nearly \$200,000 for the Market Street Mission.

A big thank you especially to this year's honoree, John Silverberg, and his wife, Beth, who help greatly with the outing. John is a man who really has a heart for people, and it shows every time he greets you with a big hug – hence his real name – Johnny Hugs. Johnny has been an integral part of this outing since day one, and is a very good friend to the Mission and to our Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park. John directs many people our way and works tirelessly to assist in the rehabilitation of men and women suffering from addiction. Thank you, Johnny! It is truly a privilege to have you as this year's honoree. We are grateful for your generosity to all of us. Thank you to all our sponsors!



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WE'RE THANKFUL FOR YOU...

Our Race for Recovery Participants



More than 300 runners and walkers joined forces in Central Park of Morris Plains for our 3rd annual Race for Recovery 5k. Through your efforts, those of our volunteers, and the generosity of our sponsors, we raised over \$11,000 to go toward our Life Change Program.

Special thanks to our sponsors:

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Thrivent Financial sponsored our "Kids Fun" activities.

We were also supplied items for raffle by Alstede Farms, LLC, NY Giants, Somerset Patriots, NJ Devils, and Spavia.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

WE NEED YOUR HEARTS AND HANDS TO BRING A JOYOUS THANKSGIVING TO SCORES OF HUNGRY AND HURTING PEOPLE. Individuals, civic groups, church groups – all are welcome to volunteer!

For more information, call Mary Kate Kelly at (973) 538-6337. Or visit our website, MarketStreetMission.org, and click on "Make a Difference."