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#### **CHRISTOPHER WANTS TO**

# THANK you

Christopher's heart is full of thanksgiving because of God's love & your generosity.

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# **"I SEE GOD'S WORK EVERYWHERE."**

#### "THE MISSION HELPED ME FIND A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN MY LIFE TODAY."

hristopher can trace his troubles all the way back to childhood.

"I had some pretty rough experiences growing up, and knew from a very young age what it was to be absolutely terrified and completely powerless. I became closed off and fearful, and never learned how to deal with things."

He discovered alcohol in his teens, and drinking became a way to escape his troubles. But of course, alcohol only led to more troubles with daily living.

"I tried to fill what I now know is a God-shaped hole with all kinds of earthly things that always left cracks or seams."

After burning bridges with

family members and having nowhere else to go, he heard about our ministry. **Christopher came to the Market Street Mission, and God completely transformed his life.** 

"I wasn't sure what I was going to find, but it's been an incredible experience. I was able to be vulnerable, open and honest with myself for the first time."

Christopher entered our Life Change long-term rehabilitation program, and came face-to-face with God for the first time.

"The Mission has given me not only counseling, but love and acceptance for who I am, which I'd never experienced before. Today, I have an active relationship with God. I pray and meditate, and seek His will instead of my own."

Christopher has graduated from the program, reconciled with his two daughters and works as an intern at the Mission. He is filled with joy and hope for the future.

"I feel strongly called to ministry, but don't have a clear picture of what it's going to look like. For now, I'm going to serve the Mission and, hopefully, be a blessing to others."

Because of your generosity, Christopher's heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God's love. "I see God's work everywhere. I think God lays the road before us, and it's our job to lace up our boots and walk it."



## Thank you for helping us Golf for Good.

This year's 8th Annual Friends of the Market Street Mission Golf Tournament took place on Monday, July 15, at Brooklake Country Club. Thank you to our generous friends who helped our neighbors overcome homelessness, poverty and addiction.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to our fantastic golf committee, volunteers, staff and sponsors who worked tirelessly to organize this event – as well as everyone who came out and played.

We would also like to recognize this year's honoree, Mr. John Franklin, CEO of United Way of Northern New Jersey, for his incredible dedication to our community. Franklin was named CEO of United Way of Northern New Jersey in 2011, after spearheading the merger of five individual United Ways into one regional organization. Prior to that, he spent 14 years at the former United Way of

Morris County. Franklin's commitment to improving his community has been a lifelong pursuit both on and off the job. He is a familiar and valued member of the Morris County community for nearly 30 years, and is a cherished friend of the Market Street Mission.

> Thank you to every friend of the Market Street Mission who came out and played golf or gave generously to make this year's towmament our best ever.

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT

### My heart of Thanksgiving for you

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our homeless neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by. Jesus then asks a simple question:

"Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)

Many who come to the Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help

**them.** This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge. The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever.



G. David Scott Executive Director

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Because you gave, local kids had the supplies they needed to start the school year.

The number of homeless families in our community continues to rise, and it's heartbreaking to see the toll it takes on children. But thanks to you, local boys and girls were able to go back to school with all the supplies they need to succeed.

Your support of Project Backpack helped distribute much-needed supplies such as notebooks, pencils, paper and more to over 500 kids and teens.

Life can be a challenge for these children who have so little, but thanks to you, they had big smiles on their faces when they received their backpacks. Thank you for showing them that someone cares, and for helping them go back to school in style.

#### 29th Annual Coat Giveaway

Do you have any gently used coats that you or your children (or even grandchildren) no longer wear? If so, we need your help for our 29th Annual Coat Giveaway on the Green in Morristown on Saturday, November 2nd, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You can help our struggling neighbors stay warm this winter by donating coats, hats, gloves or scarves that are new or in good condition. We accept all colors, styles and sizes of items to help local men, women and children.

To participate, please bring clothing items to our Thrift Store at 25 George Street in Morristown between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Or call our dispatch office at (973) 538-0427 to schedule a pickup on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays throughout October. The LAST day for pick up and drop off will be Friday, October 25th.

To learn more about how you can help at this year's Coat Giveaway, visit us online at **MarketStreet.org.** Thank you for caring about our neighbors in need.

