



Market Street Mission

Messenger

Changing Lives Since 1889

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Thanks to you...

Rob has been
given a life-changing
gift this holiday
season.



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“I hope people find what I found at the Mission.”

One day, Rob’s father sat him down and said, “Your mother asked me to leave.” Rob was confused; he was adopted and had grown up in this close, loving family, where he was well-taken-care-of. But he learned that his father was unfaithful to his mother, which left her devastated – and left Rob upset with the pain his father caused.

At age 14, full of growing resentment, Rob started drinking with his friends, which soon led to becoming an alcoholic. Alcoholism, however, did not keep Rob from success. He got a great job out of high school, and his rock band was nearly famous. He got married, had three children, and enjoyed the money he made.

Eventually his paycheck made him materialistic, and the constant yearning for more – combined with resentment and the new stress of caring for his sick mother – caught up with him. His drinking worsened, and he ended up in the hospital from alcohol poisoning.

Though they rarely spoke, Rob called his father. He told Rob he needed to change, and recommended the recovery program at the Market Street Mission.

Not yet ready to commit, Rob began as an overnight guest for a week. But as he walked around Morristown with trash bags full of clothes, he asked himself what he was doing. He decided to follow his father’s advice and give the program a try.

The first month was an emotional struggle, but when Rob talked to his counselor, she suggested he pray on it. And when he started praying, everything changed.



“I didn’t come here to find God,” he said, “but when I slept on that chapel floor and prayed to that cross, I begged Him to make me well.”

Rob had always tried to find healing through his own power, but now he knows that God is the only one who can truly change his life. “He’s making me into who He meant for me to be.”

Now, Rob has graduated our program and serves as a Mission Intern, working at our thrift store and leading worship music at Celebrate Recovery every Thursday night. Moving forward, he has two goals: deepen his relationship with his three sons, and spread the message of the Lord’s hope and healing to people who are struggling like he once was.

It’s going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Rob – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life. “I hope people find what I found at the Mission.”

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
*"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people."*

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our
hearts Christmas morning... and,
hopefully, every day of the year.
It's the same joy I see on the faces
of the neighbors that have come
to the Market Street Mission and
experienced God's life-changing love
up close and personal. The joy YOU
help them experience through your
heartfelt prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the "reason for the season," I hope
you will remember our neighbors
who are hurting. As Rob's story
shows, your generosity offers help.
Healing. And a chance to be held in
the arms of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



G. David Scott

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Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU.

As you prepare to celebrate the joy
of Christmas, please remember our
hurting neighbors. It's been another
really tough year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now.

Just \$2.82 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



\$22.50
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today.

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE ROB'S LIFE.

Great Bargains Just for You

The Market Street Mission Thrift Store is
where you can find hidden treasures and great
bargains.

Come browse through 25,000 square feet of
new and used furniture, clothing, housewares,
appliances, sporting goods, office furniture
and more – all at bargain prices.

Drop off or shop.

For your shopping pleasure, we're open from
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through
Saturday. Donations can be dropped off
between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. every day
except Wednesday and Sunday.

Donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds benefit those
served by the Mission. For more information, please call **(973) 538-0427**.

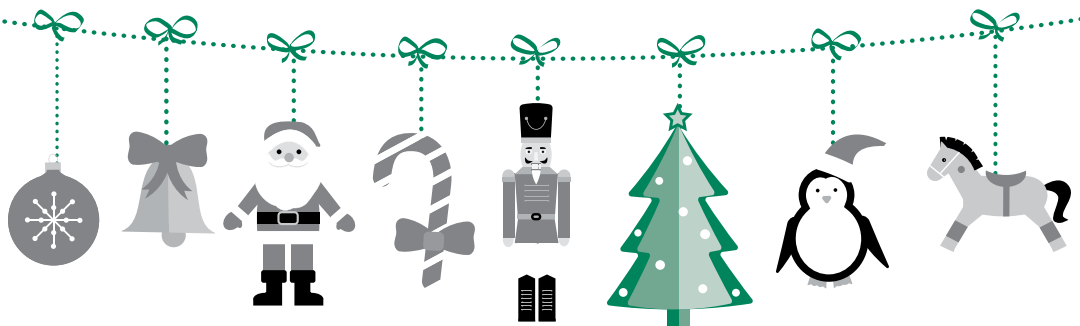




We Need Your Help

The holidays are just around the corner, and we're getting ready for this very busy time of year. We will be hosting special meals and events that invite our community to celebrate God's love. And we need your help to make it all happen.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please contact our Events and Volunteer Manager, Debbie McKenna, at **(973) 538-6337** or **dmckenna@marketstreet.org**. Thank you.



Help a Family Heal Through Our

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOPPE

This time of year can be especially challenging for the men in our Life Change Program. They're already separated from family and now they're missing holiday gatherings with their children... those special times to connect and grow closer.

Imagine what it would mean if you could provide a few special gifts to give to their children this Christmas. That's just what happens at our annual **Christmas Toy Shoppe**.

But your support is needed now to help stock the shelves.

Simply drop off new, unwrapped toys to the Mission at 9 Market Street in Morristown, NJ, by Monday, December 6. **For a complete list of requested gift items to help you shop, visit bit.ly/MarketStreetWishList.**

Your generosity will mean a father can show his love to his son or daughter in a meaningful way. You'll be helping to strengthen and heal those precious relationships.

Thank you for sharing your blessings.



FROM THE DESK OF JACOB GAETA



Hi, it's nice to meet you.

I am a graduate of the Market Street Mission's Life Change Program and the current Site Manager of Market Street's newest location in Sussex County. In our first months of operation, we have witnessed the difficulties facing many in this area and are honored to stretch out our helping hands toward Sussex County. In June of 2021, we opened a 14-bed hospitality room that provides shelter, meals, showers and addiction services to men in need.

We received an immediate outpouring of support and encouragement from the county, its partnering agencies, the local community, volunteers and donors such as yourselves. What an absolute blessing it has been.

By God's grace, we have already provided multiple evenings of shelter to various homeless men, weekly showers for a family in need, and many hot meals to quiet rumbling stomachs. We even helped a gentleman named Jim, who was in the throes of addiction, get off the streets of Newton and enrolled into our long-term residential program in Morristown. Praise the Lord. (You can read his story on the other side.)

We are excited to see what God has in store for the future of Market Street in Sussex County and remain joyful to work closely with a community committed to change.

My sincere gratitude for your generous support and gracious prayers. To God be the glory.

Jacob M. Gaeta
Sussex County Site Manager

GRAND *Opening Event*



What a wonderful day as we celebrated the Grand Opening of our new Market Street Mission – Sussex County location on June 15, 2021.

It was a blessing to invite the community to take part in this exciting event as we officially opened our services to the public.

Thank you to the town of Newton for welcoming us into your community, and to Mayor Matthew Dickson and Town Manager Tom Russo for the encouraging messages you provided at our event.

If you weren't able to attend the Grand Opening in person, check out a video of the ceremony (along with a brief tour of our space) in the videos section on our Facebook page or at tinyurl.com/SussexGrandOpening. **Thank you for your prayers and support as we serve in this new location.**



Finding HIS WAY Home

A few months ago, Jim was homeless and struggling with addiction, couch-surfing with friends and running out of places to stay. He had grown up in a Christian home but had left his faith behind... until one day, when he read about the new Market Street Mission – Sussex County in the local newspaper.

That day, Jim rededicated his life to Christ.

“Learning of the Mission’s Christ-based 12-step approach and meeting [Site Manager] Jacob through the article ignited a long-dormant spark in me,” he says.

After that, Jim came to our Sussex location as an overnight guest.

“It filled me with hope,” he says. “From 2018 through 2021, my hope had steadily declined. I lost

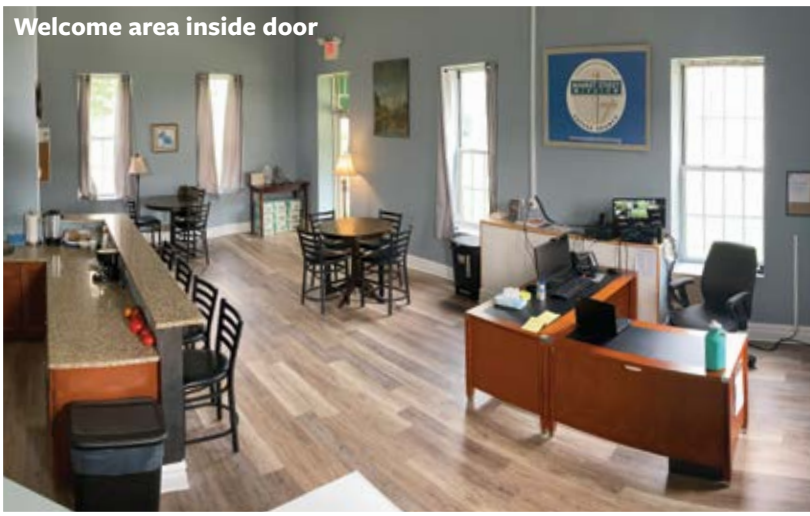
my mom to COVID in May of 2020. Then, a mere 37 weeks later, my dad passed. By the middle of 2021, I had hit the low point of my life. But all of that changed when I entered the Mission. Great food, inspiring conversation, a warm shower, and a comfortable mat to sleep on greeted me upon my arrival. Hope had started to return, and it truly felt like my recovery had begun.”

After five nights in Sussex, Jim came to Morristown to begin our addiction recovery Life Change Program, where he is pursuing both his recovery and his relationship with Jesus.

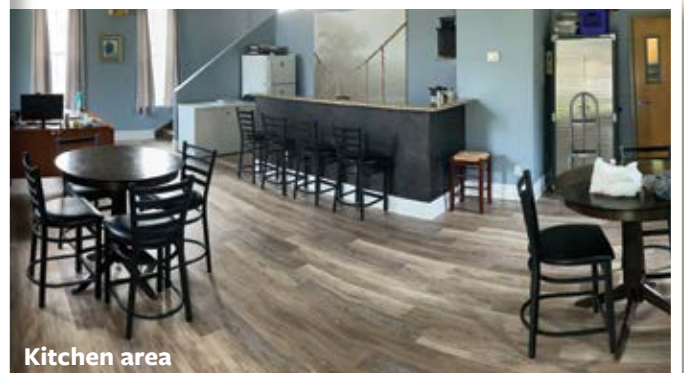
“I am so grateful for the staff, the leadership, and my fellow classmates in the Life Change Program,” he says. “Market Street Mission saved my life.”

Take a look inside at Market Street Mission – Sussex County...

Welcome area inside door



Kitchen area



Bathroom



Upstairs sleeping area



To make a gift or learn more about how you can support us during this exciting time, visit MarketStreet.org/Sussex. Thank you.