



Market Street Mission **Messenger**

Changing Lives Since 1889

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ANDREW IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!




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"GOD NEVER LEFT ME."



Andrew grew up in Florida with hard-working parents who always put food on the table. But God wasn't a thought in their household, and Andrew experienced abuse as a child.

"By the age of 9, I remember looking in the mirror and asking myself, 'What is wrong with me? Why does everybody hate me?'"

Because of that pain, he turned to the streets. Drawn in by hip-hop music, he felt accepted by the people who listened to it. But he was young and impressionable, and was influenced to start drinking and using drugs.

From that point, Andrew was in and out of jail for years. Although he was introduced to God in jail and tried on his own to get sober, he always returned to his old behaviors when he was released.

At his lowest point, Andrew ended up homeless in Hackensack, feeling broken and alone.

He checked himself into the hospital, where a staff member began talking to him about his faith, and Andrew started feeling God's presence in a new way. While there, he heard about the Mission's recovery program, and thought it aligned with his goals.

In our program, through counseling and classes,

Andrew experienced immense growth as he learned that Jesus came to offer true forgiveness and healing. **Thanks to your prayers and support, he graduated our program – the first commitment in his life he completed.**

**"I WANTED A PLACE WHERE
I COULD STRENGTHEN MY
RECOVERY WHILE CONTINUING
TO BUILD MY FAITH IN CHRIST."**

Over time, God has restored Andrew's relationship with his family, and has also redeemed the power of music in his life. While hip-hop led him astray as a child, Andrew now uses his songwriting and worship-leading skills to glorify the Lord.

Andrew's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. "I know I have God as my anchor and Jesus is holding my heart no matter where I go."

Read the full story on our website at marketstreet.org/news/stories-of-hope/.

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from DAVE SCOTT

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! Yet so many others are hurting..

Your help makes it possible to welcome them to the Mission with open arms and God's goodness – and that goal of a warm welcome extends across our three locations. We're currently working on major renovations at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, our Asbury Park location, to add two new bathrooms, update our Welcome Room and complete other upgrades to improve our building's HVAC and electrical service. Though this ongoing process will take a lot of time and

work, it will be wonderful to have a more comfortable, loving environment where we can meet our residents' individual needs and surround them in love.

There are days when challenges make it feel like our vision will never be reality... but your commitment to those in our care encourages us to press on and remain faithful to God's calling!

You can also bless the men who seek shelter at Market Street – Sussex County by giving during the \$10,000 Matching Challenge. A generous friend made a gift to celebrate the first anniversary, so right now your gift will double in impact to serve this ministry!

My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

G. David Scott
CEO/Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

22,500

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.82 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Addiction recovery



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at MarketStreet.org.**

Read Andrew's story – a life you helped change!



Great Bargains

Our Thrift Store offers hidden treasures and great bargains!

Thousands of square feet of new and used furniture, clothing, housewares, appliances, sporting goods, office furniture and more – all at bargain prices.

Best of all, by donating and shopping at our Thrift Store, you're helping to support our Mission programs and services that help change lives! **For more information, please call (973) 538-0427.**



Location: 25 George Street, Morristown, New Jersey

Store Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Donation Drop-off: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH AT OUR ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY



As temperatures begin to drop, those who can't afford coats worry about how their families will face the cold winter months. But YOU can help during our Annual Coat Giveaway!

Join us and give the gift of warmth and peace of mind to those in need.

You can donate new or lightly used coats, as well as new hats, gloves and scarves, collect coats through our coat drive, sort and bundle the donations or help distribute them at the giveaway on November 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please drop off your donations between October 1 and October 31 at the Mission, 9 Market Street, Morristown. Or call our dispatch team to arrange a pickup at (973) 538-0427. Thank you!



Jersey Shore Rescue Mission 5K Race and Family Fun Walk

..... October 2022

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Fourth of July 5K Race for Recovery! We have another opportunity for you to run or walk in support of the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, our Mission location in Asbury Park, and help us save and transform the lives of those in need!

Visit JerseyShoreRescue.org/5K for all the details.





FROM THE DESK OF JACOB GAETA



Wow... I cannot believe Market Street – Sussex County has been up and running for over a year! Time indeed flies when enjoying the labors of ministry.

As I reflect on this past year, I rejoice in the Market Street Mission's effective impact in Sussex County. By God's grace, we established ourselves as the primary men's shelter in the county. That distinction allowed us to utilize our benevolent resources to serve a multitude of men in many ways.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of service was witnessing three of our Sussex County shelter guests make the life-changing decision to enroll in our long-term recovery program in Morristown, NJ. That was one of our visions before opening – and to see this vision become a reality is quite a blessing. Praise God for His mighty hand over His incredible work!

We also want to thank a generous friend, who made a \$10,000 Matching Challenge gift in honor of our anniversary. What an unexpected blessing! They are challenging friends like you to give as well, so right now your gift will double in impact to help even more men in Sussex County.

None of our work is possible without the fervent prayer and generous support of so many gracious friends like you. Thank you for being an integral part of the developing work of the Market Street Mission – Sussex County. God bless!

Jacob M. Gaeta
Sussex County Site Manager



On June 15, we celebrated our first anniversary – one whole year of serving the Sussex County community. What a blessing it has been!

Newton town officials invited us to bring hope and healing in the face of homelessness and substance abuse, and God has opened many doors for us to serve our neighbors in need. We know our Sussex County community is facing real difficulties: in 2021, more than 400 people experienced homelessness, and 31 people died of a drug overdose. These are two of the biggest needs we are trying to meet.

Through our 14-bed hospitality room, we offer safe overnight shelter for men. Along with a warm place to sleep, our guests receive a hot meal, a shower and the opportunity for AA/NA recovery meetings and pastoral counseling. Furthermore, our staff members are always looking to form relationships with our guests and direct those in need to our long-term addiction recovery program at our Mission location in Morristown.

Through our programs and services, we hope to not only meet the physical needs of those who walk through our doors, but also to surround our guests with God's love. To offer them the opportunity to pursue the deeper healing they need through His grace and mercy.

Thank you for coming alongside us to make this ministry possible!



Our hardworking staff! (from left to right: Jacob, Jon, and Rich)

Driven TO Recovery

When JR got pulled over for driving under the influence, he knew he needed to do something to address his addiction.

Two of his childhood friends, who are now police officers, recommended that he come to the Market Street Mission – Sussex County. He first came to stay with us as an overnight guest. Then when staff members Jacob and Rich told him about our long-term addiction recovery program at our Morristown location, JR knew that was his next step.

“They took me under their wing and placed me where I needed to go,” he said. “They are two of the nicest gentlemen and will forever be part of my new, improved life.”

When JR arrived at the Market Street Mission in Morristown, he was a bit nervous – he had never been

in a recovery program before. But as he spent time talking to other residents, he began to settle in.

“It feels like home,” he said. “Between the AA/NA meetings, Bible studies, work assignments, learning center and counseling sessions, being at the Market Street Mission has changed my whole outlook on life.”

Today, JR is working through the phases of our program, and he always tries to encourage new residents when they join. He is grateful that his time in Newton helped begin his journey to recovery at the Mission.

“If you are suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs, I highly recommend this program,” he said. “It is a complete lifesaver. Just remember to take your recovery one day at a time.”

Changing lives... thanks to you!



Have you heard?

Over the summer we started making extensive renovations to our Jersey Shore Rescue Mission location in Asbury Park! Major projects include:

- Two new bathrooms
- Renovated plumbing in existing bathrooms
- Renovated Welcome Room
- New HVAC
- New electrical service

Our prayer is that these renovations will not only help our systems run more efficiently, but will also provide our guests with a sense of dignity. We hope the Lord will use this more warm, welcoming space to better reflect our love and care for those in need.

\$10,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

In honor of our first anniversary, a generous friend made a \$10,000 gift to Market Street – Sussex County... and is challenging friends like you to match it! Right now, your donation will double in impact to help transform the lives of local men in search of help and hope. **Simply check the box on the enclosed reply form for your gift to be matched. Thank you!**