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AN UPDATE FOR YOU FROM THE MARKET STREET MISSION

Locations in Morristown, Asbury Park, Newton and Paterson

THANK YOU
FOR SHARING



Christmas blessings

WITH ANTHONY!

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**“WHEN I GOT TO
THE MISSION, I SAID,
‘GOD, I TRUST YOU.
WHATEVER YOU HAVE
IN STORE FOR ME, IT’S
GOT TO BE BETTER.’”**

**Scan to read the
rest of Anthony’s
story.**



“THE MISSION GAVE ME A NEW CHANCE AT LIFE.”

“I always knew I was loved, but I didn’t always know if I was safe.”

Divorced parents and frequent moves made Anthony’s childhood unstable. He was close with his mom, but she faced abusive relationships which added to his fear.

Anthony felt safer keeping his struggles to himself, but hiding his feelings only made him feel more alone. To escape his worries, he experimented with drugs and alcohol – and soon, addiction took over his life. “I felt so trapped.”

His addiction and trust issues strained his relationships and led to two failed marriages. When his second wife left him, Anthony hit rock bottom.

“I was living in the home we had built together, alone, surrounded by memories of what I lost to this addiction. **I decided then that something had to change, or there was no point in me living anymore.**”

Aware of his struggle, his mom

told him about the Market Street Mission’s Life Change Addiction Recovery Program. Anthony was nervous, but he was ready to change and seek help.

The program’s structured, supportive community helped him grow. And through counseling, he shared his past pain and began healing his heart and mind.

“I needed to feel like my life mattered and could impact people in a positive way. I’ve definitely found that here.”

He recently graduated from our addiction recovery program and now serves as a program intern, mentoring other men as they work toward recovery. He even took a training course to become a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist!

This holiday season, Anthony is celebrating newfound peace and purpose, thanks to your prayers and support. “I’m thankful to the Mission because they gave me a new chance at life when I thought it was over. Now, I want to pass along the hope I received here.”

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

NEW CHANGES TO CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS

We’re so grateful for your support and want to make sure you maximize the benefits of your charitable donation!

With the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, here’s what will change – starting in 2026 – when filing your tax return:

- **If you itemize deductions:** Your charitable donations will be deductible once they exceed 0.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). For example, if your AGI is \$100,000, you can deduct donations above \$500.
- **If you take the standard deduction:** You can claim a separate deduction of up to \$1,000 (single filer) or \$2,000 (married joint filers) for cash gifts, without itemizing.

Consult your tax advisor to make sure you get the most tax benefits when you donate to support the Mission!

A Message from SCOTT TAYLOR

You share the gifts of peace and hope at Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner! We're busy with our preparations – and I know you are too. I invite you to remember our neighbors in need for a moment... and consider what Christmas means to them.

For people experiencing homelessness, there is no moment of peace or joy. They endure constant stress... uncertain of where they can sleep safely... and when they'll get their next meal.

I know your heart breaks for them.

That's why your support means so much.

You can share the gifts of peace and hope with our hurting neighbors – this holiday season and beyond.

When you give a meal for just \$2.82, you open the doors to healing and transformation. People like Anthony (whose story is on page 3) will experience the blessings of God's love that restores hearts and lives.

Thank you for reflecting God's love to people who are hungry, hurting and homeless. As we celebrate the season, know that your generosity is filling hearts with peace and hope.

Scott Taylor

Scott Taylor
Chief Development
Officer



P.S. Exciting news! Gordon Dahl, who shares your servant's heart to care for hurting neighbors, has been named our new CEO. Get to know more about Gordon in the article to the right.



MEET GORDON DAHL, OUR NEW CEO

Our Board of Directors is thrilled to welcome Gordon Dahl as the Market Street Mission's CEO!

You may know Gordon as our Director of Retail for the past seven years, overseeing our thrift stores – but his influence has extended into all aspects of Mission work, and he has accepted the call to serve as CEO.

Gordon brings a deep spiritual maturity and servant's heart as well as proven strategic leadership – wherever he serves.

We are excited to see how the Lord uses Gordon to lead the Mission's work!

Give a meal. Share *peace* and *hope*!

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gifts of PEACE and HOPE.** Just \$2.82 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to recovery and a fresh start this holiday season.



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



**SHARES
PEACE & HOPE**



**That leads
to new life!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local toy & donation drives and the generosity of people like you, the men in our addiction recovery program experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts – and sharing gifts with their children, too!

Visit **MarketStreet.org/Events** to learn how to contribute gifts for Christmas!





New City, Same Mission of Hope

We've expanded to Paterson!



In case you haven't heard the exciting news, the Market Street Mission is now serving the Paterson community! The Good Shepherd Mission of Paterson is officially a part of the Market Street Mission family.

The need in Paterson is urgent. More than 330 individuals in this city are experiencing homelessness on any given night, and approximately 23% of the population live in poverty. Many are also battling substance use disorders.

The Market Street Mission - Good Shepherd, our fourth and newest Mission site in New Jersey, will continue Good Shepherd's transformative work in Paterson. We're honored to add Market Street's 136 years of experience providing meals, shelter and life-changing addiction recovery to their legacy.

Thanks to supporters like you, we can expand our reach and restore lives. Much the same way that our Market Street Mission locations have been a beacon of hope for neighbors in Morris, Monmouth and Sussex Counties, we trust that the Market Street Mission - Good Shepherd will provide that same hope in Passaic and Bergen Counties, too.

Together, we're healing and transforming even more lives throughout New Jersey.

Learn more at **MarketStreet.org/Paterson**.

What will YOU help provide in Paterson?

Your generosity will help meet this community's growing needs. The Market Street Mission - Good Shepherd will offer...

- Overnight shelter for men, including access to dinner, showers and chapel services
- Food and beverages available to anyone in need
- Plus our Life Change Addiction Recovery Program to help men build brighter futures!

Come see the impact you are making throughout New Jersey! Schedule a tour today at any of our locations by contacting Debbie McKenna at **dmckenna@marketstreet.org**

