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AN UPDATE FOR YOU FROM THE MARKET STREET MISSION

Locations in Morristown, Asbury Park and Paterson

GIVING THANKS FOR YOU!



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is counting his
blessings this fall.

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Overflowing with thankfulness... **for you!**



A Message from GORDON DAHL

I can't help but feel grateful this time of year. Yes, it's a busy season – but there's so much to look forward to: Thanksgiving, Christmas and the outpouring of generosity we see at year end. I imagine you're equally excited about enjoying these holidays with loved ones.

But it's important to pause and give this month the attention it deserves. September is Hunger Action Month – it's our invitation to consider how hunger impacts hurting neighbors... and our community as a whole.

When someone is hungry, they can't think of anything else. Shelter, addiction recovery, health care and employment can be addressed only after hunger is solved. Your gift of just \$2.82 can provide that solution with a meal for a neighbor in New Jersey.

It's about more than providing nourishment. For a neighbor experiencing homelessness, **a meal is relief, dignity and the first step toward stability** – as it was for **Cameron**, whose story you'll read on page 3.

Thank you for your heart for our hurting and hungry neighbors. Your care and compassion are a powerful response to being rooted in Christ, as we read in Colossians 2:6-7...

"Continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Gordon Dahl, Chief Executive Officer

5K Race for Recovery on the Boardwalk



Lace up those running shoes and join us on Saturday, October 24, in Ocean Grove for our annual 5K Race for Recovery on the Boardwalk!

Your participation in our 5K Race, 2-Mile Family Walk or Kids' Fun Run makes a difference for our neighbors in need by supporting Mission programs like meals, shelter and our Life Change Addiction Recovery Program. Race as an individual or create an even bigger impact as a team! Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more info and to sign up, visit **MarketStreet.org/5K**. See you at the starting line!

NO ONE SHOULD FACE HUNGER ALONE.

MEALS NEEDED BY SEPT. 30!

When someone is hungry, nothing else matters. Once that need is met, they can begin to rebuild their life – to find shelter, seek addiction recovery and take steps toward lasting change.

September is Hunger Action Month... and your chance to make sure no one has to face hunger alone.

Just \$2.82 provides a nourishing meal that offers relief and hope when it's needed most.



Send your gift to help hungry neighbors today
OR give online at
MarketStreet.org.

Scan to take action now!



“I’ve found my identity as a child of God.”



Scan to
read more of
Cameron's story!



Growing up in Morristown, Cameron had seen the “Jesus Saves” sign above the entrance to the Market Street Mission many times. It was familiar, but meaningless – until the day his life unraveled and those words became a turning point, inviting him to experience that life-saving power for himself.

As a child, Cameron experienced trauma and had no way to process or heal from it. Feeling like his emotions didn’t matter, he turned to drugs as a coping mechanism, developing an addiction that took over his life.

“I ended up on the verge of homelessness, staying in hotels and selling my car so I could have money to live on. I realized I needed help.”

He learned about the Mission’s Life Change Addiction Recovery Program while at a 30-day program and decided to give it a try.

At first, he was nervous and uncertain. But after a few months, he felt God speaking to him through a Bible story he heard in chapel. Jesus asked a man in need, “Do you want to be made whole?” – and the question resonated with Cameron, too.

When he chose to let God heal him, things began to change.

“I’d been struggling to decide if I wanted to be healed all the way or go back to my old ways. That was my turning point.”

Daily chapel helped him grow spiritually, and counseling provided a safe space to process the emotions he suppressed as a child. “I still get angry and sad, but I have coping skills and a support system now.”

Since graduating from our program, he has completed chaplaincy training, received his food handler certification and taken a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist class. He’s even started a catering company with some of his fellow Mission graduates. These accomplishments have built skills for his role as our Morristown Kitchen Supervisor, where he shares the hope of life change with other men in our program.

Because of you, Cameron is experiencing Thanksgiving in a whole new way this year... with a fresh perspective on life and a heart of gratitude. “I’m thankful to the Mission for deepening my relationship with Christ and seeing things in me that I didn’t see in myself.”

SUPPORT OUR COAT GIVEAWAY EVENTS!

Help your neighbors in need stay warm in the winter months!



The Market Street Mission is collecting winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves during the month of October to support our free Coat Giveaway events in Morristown (November 7) and Asbury Park (November 21). To donate, you can drop items off at either of our Thrift Store locations in October.

For more info, visit MarketStreet.org/events.

Join us in celebrating healing and hope!

September is National Recovery Month – an impactful time to celebrate and encourage those in recovery from addiction! We honor the courage and dedication of those who have chosen to pursue healing, transformation and a brighter future through our nationally recognized Life Change Addiction Recovery Program.

As we recognize their progress and God's gift of healing, we remain committed to reaching those still struggling with addiction. There is hope for recovery!

Thank you for standing alongside these neighbors... and for your continued support of men still seeking recovery and life change.

**NATIONAL
RECOVERY
MONTH**
RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.

Read the stories of people who have found healing and hope at the Market Street Mission at MarketStreet.org/transformation.

3 Tax-Wise Ways to Help Before Year-End

As you consider your year-end giving, there may be ways to help provide meals, shelter, recovery and hope beyond writing a check.

1. Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA

If you are age 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift directly from your IRA to the Mission. For donors who must take Required Minimum Distributions, a QCD may also count toward that requirement while keeping the gift out of taxable income.

3. Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated stock may allow you to make a larger impact while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciated value.

2. Donor-Advised Fund Grant

If you have a donor-advised fund, you can recommend a grant to the Mission and help provide immediate care for neighbors in need. Many donors use their DAFs for year-end giving because the funds have already been set aside for charitable purposes.

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Invest in saving lives!



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