



HOLIDAY 2026

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AN UPDATE FOR YOU FROM THE MARKET STREET MISSION

CARMINE HAS *hope*
THIS *holiday*,
THANKS TO YOU!



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Sharing the gift of hope this *Christmas*

On the night of His birth, Jesus' family was turned away because there was "no room at the inn." I find it so profound to think that they experienced the same fear and uncertainty our guests face when they have nowhere else to turn.

Here at the Market Street Mission, we are committed to welcoming and caring for every hurting person who comes through our doors. Yet many of our guests have endured years of homelessness, poverty and hardship that have left them feeling forgotten and alone.

During the holidays, friends like you help share God's compassion and remind them they are seen and deeply valued. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe shelter and addiction recovery become meaningful expressions of God's love and care in their lives. Above all, you give the gift of hope and a second chance during these dark winter months.

This Christmas, I invite you to share love and grace with neighbors in need – like Carmine, whose story you'll find on the next page. Through your generosity, you'll open a door when so many others are closed to them – and let them know that there is room for them here.

Thank you, and may God bless you throughout Christmas and into the New Year.



Gordon Dahl
Chief Executive Officer



A Christmas they look forward to, thanks to YOU!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Mission residents experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts (and sending gifts home to share with their children, too!).



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our guests – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship and an uplifting message of God's love. Our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the peace and hope of Christmas together.

Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas alone and on the streets. Your support provides gifts, hot meals, fellowship and a reminder of the true reason for the season!

Visit **MarketStreet.org/CurrentNeeds** to see our Christmas wish lists.

Give a meal. Share the gift of *hope!*

For our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hunger, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gift of 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
HELP & HOPE



That leads
to new life!

Please send your Christmas gift today!

“Christ slowly
showed me
light *through*
the darkness
I was living in.”



When Carmine started partying as a teenager, he never expected to develop an obsession that would take over his life. He'd had a wonderful childhood centered around family and friends – but when he started using drugs, everything else fell to the wayside.

“Drugs were the driving force that got me up every morning. I was an example of the power addiction can have over your mind and being.”

Though he struggled for decades, it only took an instant to finally hit rock bottom: removed from his home and left in the streets with nowhere else to turn.

“I went from shelter to homelessness in a matter of minutes. I was lost. I still thought drugs were going to answer my problems.”

In his search for a place to stay, Carmine came across the Market Street Mission. On and off for 18 months he came for hot meals and a temporary place to sleep, not yet ready to change his life. But he often stayed for chapel, where seeds started to take root in his heart.

One day, he realized he needed help beyond meals and shelter – he needed long-term recovery and transformation.

In our Life Change Addiction Recovery Program, Carmine grew through counseling and Bible studies,

developing a passion to help others.

After graduating, he became a Mission Intern, where he could serve those facing struggles like his own.

“Being an intern has strengthened my faith and my love for others. I’m surrounded by caring brothers in Christ, and we get to help people all day.”

He also completed a course to become a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist and was recently baptized by Antonio, our Facilities Director!

“The love and support of our donors, volunteers and staff have brought me to where I am today: blessed to be sober and looking forward to tomorrow.”

This holiday season, Carmine is full of gratitude for how your compassion changed his life. Thank you for giving him new hope for the future and a community to walk this path forward with him. “I came for a meal and a place to rest my head, and these people became my family in Christ. I’m grateful I’m now who God intended me to be.”

Invest in saving lives!

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, addiction recovery and hope beyond writing a check.

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.

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.

Appreciated Stock

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

For more information, please contact **Scott Taylor**, Chief Development Officer,
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✧ Wrap Up Holiday Savings at Our Thrift Stores! ✧



Our Thrift Stores offer hidden treasures and great bargains on new and used furniture, clothing, housewares and more – making them the perfect place to save on your holiday shopping. Best of all, by donating and shopping at our stores, you're helping to support our Mission services – like meals, shelter and addiction recovery – that help change lives!



Morristown

Location: 25 George Street

Store Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Donation Drop-off: Mon, Tues, Thurs-Sat,
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Asbury Park

Location: 701 Memorial Drive

Store Hours: Tues-Sat, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donation Drop-off: Tues-Sat, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn more about what our Thrift Stores have to offer by scanning the QR codes!