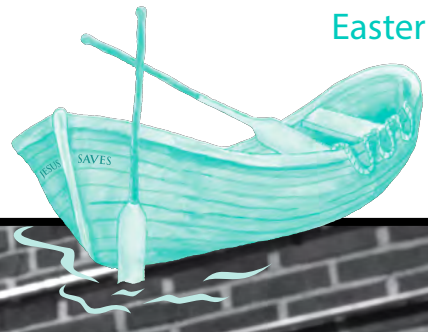


The **LIFELINE**



A PATH *of Hope*

Thomas' life has been redeemed by
GOD'S GRACE.

Because of **YOU,**
THERE IS HELP & HOPE
FOR PEOPLE LIKE THOMAS –
AT EASTER AND ALWAYS.

Don't miss...

2 A Message from
Dave Scott

3 "The people here
really care."

4 Easter for
Everyone!



“THE PEOPLE HERE *Really Care.*”

When Thomas was a boy, he never imagined he'd one day be walking such a dark road. “I had a pretty normal life growing up. I didn't really have any issues,” he says. “I had everything I could possibly want.”

Then he started smoking pot in high school – his first step on a path that would lead to an opiate addiction. “It crept up on me slowly and, as time passed, I needed more and more,” he says.

Thomas graduated from college and worked steadily, but before long, he began stealing and selling drugs to support his habit, alienating his family and friends and landing in trouble with the law. Eventually, he found himself homeless. It was then when he had a moment of clarity. “Not having a place to go home to was pretty drastic for me,” he says. “I was willing to do whatever it took to change.”

He checked into a detox, and it was there where he learned about our Life Change Program. “I just knew I needed to go,” he says.

Through our chapels, Bible studies and spiritual counsel, Thomas found his way to freedom. “I listened to what people were saying and realized that no human power could take away my addiction. The power comes from God,” he says. “I asked Him to help me.”

“I prayed for the addiction to be removed.”

Thomas has been clean ever since, graduated from the program and is interning here. “We try to give the guys who come in strength and hope,” he says.

With help from our education fund for interns, Thomas will start school in the fall to earn a Master's of Social Work. He plans to help others who are walking that dark road find the path to freedom.

Because of your support, **Thomas, and others like him, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission – at Easter and always.** “The people here really care and that's what helped me the most.”



2018
Easter
CAMPAIGN

 **2,300**
MEALS

 **1,205**
NIGHTS OF
SHELTER

BRING HOPE WITH YOUR HELPING HANDS!



When you volunteer at the Mission, donating your time and talents, you let our clients know they matter. **What better time than National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, to begin expressing your compassion by lending a hand?** We have many volunteer opportunities available, including:

- Serving a meal
- Helping in the office
- Sorting Thrift Store donations
- Helping with facility maintenance
- Tutoring our clients

For more information on ways you can help, visit our website at **JerseyShoreRescueMission.org** and click on “**Volunteer,**” or call **(732) 988-0242.**

A Message from Dave Scott

CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

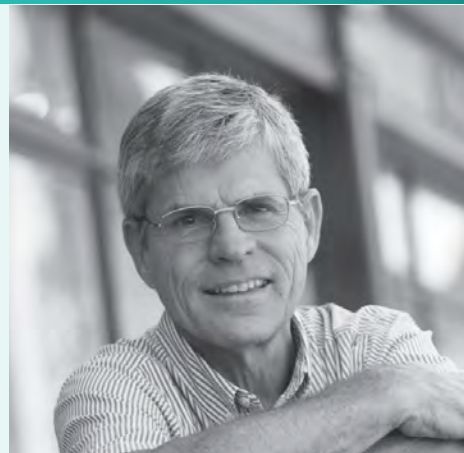
And that's exactly why it's so frightening for people to come to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. They're living on benches, trying to stay out of the cold. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those in Asbury Park who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where they're at so they feel



safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!


Thank you for creating a local refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for men like Thomas (his story is on page 3) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.




G. David Scott, Executive Director

Easter HOPE

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 Give now using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

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SHARE THE HOPE OF
NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

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A new life...
and new hope at Easter!
It starts with your gift today.



THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!

APRIL
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Sunday, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
EASTER CELEBRATION

EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

2,300+ meals
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Thursday, March 29** at the Mission, 701 Memorial Dr. in Asbury Park, 7 days a week. Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!
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Volunteer: Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!
Contact Phil Richards:
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prichards@jsrescue.org



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