

# The **LIFELINE**



## *A Humbling* **CHALLENGE**

Chris struggled to hold onto hope in his life.

BECAUSE OF YOU,  
CHALLENGES  
BECOME CHANGED  
LIVES THROUGH  
GOD'S LOVE.

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## “When I thought there was no hope left, I found the Mission.”

Chris remembers watching others walk through the doors of our sister ministry, the Market Street Mission in Morristown. Though he battled his own addiction, Chris says, “I thought I would never go in there.”

But when his struggles with alcoholism left him homeless, he knew he needed help. **“I was at a really bad point in my life,”** he says. **“I just couldn’t stop drinking on my own. I had no place else to go.”**

He took a step through the Market Street Mission’s doors... staying for a weekend, which eventually led to joining their long-term recovery program. **“Not only did I get clean and sober, but for the first time I had an understanding of Jesus Christ,”** he says. **“My need to drink started going away.”**

After graduating the recovery program, Chris worked for Market Street’s office, continuing to develop valuable life skills in this supportive environment. But when he took a leave of absence due to some physical and personal challenges, Chris relapsed.

Humbled and hurting, Chris reached out to our staff – the first people he called for help. “I knew Jersey Shore had the Relapse Prevention program, and blessedly they accepted me here.”



## “Just like their sign says, Jersey Shore is a lifeboat.”

Through support group meetings, Bible studies and counseling every week, Chris has found accountability in our Relapse Prevention program as he addresses the root issues of addiction. With the program’s focus on work therapy, he’s learning to build structure in his life and has hope for deep, lasting healing. “When you’re not worrying about payments and insurance for a program like this, your head can be wrapped fully around recovery,” he says.

**Because of your generous support, men like Chris are facing their challenges and being transformed by God’s love here at the Mission.** “When your addiction has won, and you’re beaten down, it’s a blessing to know there’s a place to go.”



## URGENT NEEDS

### Clothing & Hygiene

- Socks
- Boxers (sizes 32-46)
- T-shirts (sizes L-XXL)
- Shower flip-flops
- Soap, shampoo, disposable razors & deodorant
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Towels & washcloths
- Twin sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows

### Kitchen

- Ground coffee
- Canned fruits & veggies
- Aprons & oven mitts
- Dish towels & sponges
- Paper products

### Other

- Spiral notebooks
- Highlighters

## Your Invitation

Schedule a tour of the Mission...  
see the impact of your gifts!

Contact Phil Richards

☎ (732) 988-0242

✉ [prichards@jsrescue.org](mailto:prichards@jsrescue.org)

Please RSVP!

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT

## A TIMELESS CHALLENGE



When we first opened our doors in 2002, the gifts of generous friends made it possible to serve greatly needed meals each day to Asbury Park's homeless and hungry.

Today, your gifts make it possible to serve nearly 60 meals daily, in addition to providing shelter, clothing, counseling, job training, and more.

**Yet more local people find themselves in need – and that's the challenge we face each day.** Feeding them. Sheltering them. Caring for their immediate and long-term needs. Sharing God's love with them.

Here's a great way to help them right now: a generous anonymous donor is challenging our Jersey Shore community to match their \$50,000 gift with an additional \$50,000. That means this entire month, your gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, to provide double the help for those in need.

I hope when you read Chris's story (*on page 3*), you'll see how tremendously his life has been changed by gifts like yours. **Now just imagine doubling that impact to touch the lives of others who are hurting and homeless.**

The Jersey Shore Rescue Mission has always existed to help people facing huge challenges in their lives. I thank you for your faithful support and pray you'll continue to provide help and hope for those who come here – today, tomorrow and beyond.

G. David Scott, Executive Director

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK MAY 2018



**1,750**  
meals served



**917**  
nights of shelter



**5-14** men in our Life Change recovery program and Relapse Prevention program on average



**Over 20** in Chapel attendance each evening



**Hundreds** of referrals to community services & resources



**60** hours of education & counseling

**THANK YOU**  
FOR CHANGING LIVES  
WITH YOUR GENEROSITY

## YOUR DONATIONS *Meet the Need*

You can drop off your donations between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at the Mission, 701 Memorial Dr. in Asbury Park. For more information, call **(732) 807-3506**.

When you're homeless or struggling to make ends meet, it can be a real challenge to afford the basics – clean clothes, hygiene items, healthy food... What many of us take for granted can be a source of anxiety for people in need.

The Mission provides these essential items free of charge to help everyone who comes to our door; but that's a vital service only made possible because of you. Please continue to help this summer by donating items that meet these urgent needs.

**YOUR GIFT  
TODAY...**

**\$50**

**\$100**

**\$150**



**HAS TWICE  
THE IMPACT!**

**\$100**

**\$200**

**\$300**



**SHARE YOUR  
SUNSHINE!**

97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**DEADLINE TO GIVE: MAY 31**

Your most generous gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000 because of a matching grant from an anonymous donor... your gift today doubles to help raise a total of \$100,000 to feed and shelter our community's homeless.

- Give now using the enclosed reply card + envelope.
- Give securely online at [JerseyShoreRescueMission.org](http://JerseyShoreRescueMission.org).

**Thank you for helping to meet  
this tremendous challenge!**



Sunny summer days are here... but many in our community are experiencing dark and troubled times.

**This Memorial Day, our 97-day Summer Campaign to care for our community's homeless and hungry begins.**

VISIT US ONLINE to read stories of lives you've touched, get involved & securely donate anytime.

[JerseyShoreRescueMission.org](http://JerseyShoreRescueMission.org)

Let's be friends!

