

# The **LIFELINE**



**“I was drinking every day...”**

I didn't believe God would want to help someone like me.”

TODAY, JASON IS ON A PATH TO A NEW BEGINNING – AND HIS HEART IS FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR FRIENDS LIKE YOU WHO ARE MAKING HIS JOURNEY POSSIBLE.

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# “It doesn’t have to be over. It’s never too late to turn your life around.”

Jason believed it was too late for him to change his life, too late to stop drinking himself to death. He said he didn’t want to quit, but in truth, he was afraid to try, even when his drinking threatened to break up his 10-year relationship.

“I never let up. It only got progressively worse,” he says. **“It got to the point where I was drinking almost a gallon of vodka a day. I stopped eating. I looked like a skeleton walking around, sallow and jaundiced.”**

Jason’s relationship finally did break up, and he had nowhere to go, so he came to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission as an overnight guest. But during the day, he wandered around, lost and unwilling to change what was slowly killing him.

about a week and a half, I finally said, ‘Yes, I’m done!’”

It was then Jason entered our Life Change Program, where his faith has flourished. **“I’ve always believed in God, but I’ve learned a lot more about my faith and grown exponentially closer to Him,”** he says. “Before, I didn’t believe He’d want to answer the prayers of someone like me. Then I asked Him, and good things happened.”

Jason, who has been clean and sober for two years now, completed the program and stayed in our transitional housing while looking for work. He’s now employed at a local restaurant, has his own place and spends his free time at the Mission, staying connected with men in the program and manning phones. “I let people know it doesn’t have to be over. It’s never too late to turn your life around,” he says.

**“I didn’t think anything would bring me to a point where I wanted to stop drinking. Then God put Chaplain Cole in my path,”** Jason says. “The Mission is about saving lives... and my life was saved.”

He’s a man with a heart of gratitude for friends like you who have made his journey possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.

“Four words changed my life.”

“Every morning I saw Chaplain Cole, and he asked, **‘Are you done yet?’** and every time I said, ‘No, no, no.’ After



A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT



Your kindness fills hearts with thanksgiving

Those we care for at the Mission face a multitude of challenges. Like Jason, each person who comes to us has a story of heartbreak and tragedy that is personal and unique.

Yet all of our guests share one thing in common: **deep gratitude for friends like you who are providing a pathway to hope and healing.**

Your generosity lays the financial foundation for our faith-based outreach – from the essentials of food and shelter to our Life Change Program and practical training. Sharing the love of God is at the center of all we do, and we know true and permanent life change is only possible when men and women have invited Him into their hearts.

With you alongside us, **we have the amazing opportunity to accompany homeless and hurting individuals – whom God loves deeply – on their journeys to restoration.**

The Thanksgiving season offers a special opportunity for everyone on our staff – and each man, woman and child in our care – to reflect on the many blessings of your kind compassion. With a heart of gratitude, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent, gifts and prayers to uplift our neighbors in need.

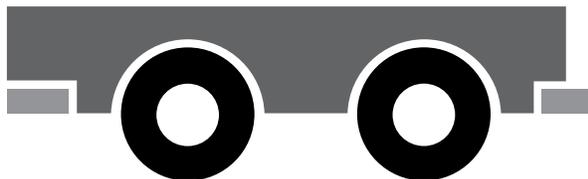
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2018 ANNUAL  
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With Grateful Hearts...

As you give thanks for your blessings this Thanksgiving, those in our care will be giving thanks too – for you and for the gifts of comfort, compassion and life-changing opportunity you so generously provide for them.

This  
Thanksgiving Season  
Alone...



6,100  
Hot Meals



3,000  
Safe Beds



150  
Turkey Dinners



Thousands  
of hours  
of Training, Counseling  
& Prayer

Please continue your heartfelt support with a gift to our 2018 Thanksgiving Campaign. Because you care, your neighbors in need can overcome their challenges and embrace a new beginning.



God bless  
you for being  
generous

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌐 Give online, anytime, at [JerseyShoreRescueMission.org](http://JerseyShoreRescueMission.org).

# Holiday Express Dinner

Our **Holiday Express Dinner** is November 20 at 6 p.m., an amazing opportunity to share in the joy as nearly 150 men, women and children enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. We also need volunteers to help set up, serve meals and minister to our neighbors.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Mary Kate at ☎ (973) 538-6337.

**Leave a legacy  
of compassion  
and hope**

To ensure your heartfelt giving continues beyond your lifetime, contact **Phil Parsels**, Development Director, about remembering the Mission in your will or estate plan.

☎ (973) 538-0469

## Add Our Shopping List to Yours

**6,100.**

That's how many meals we'll serve this Thanksgiving season, and we need your help to do it. As you do your holiday shopping, please pick up these items for the Mission as well.

Then deliver your donations to **701 Memorial Drive, Asbury Park**, any day of the week.

<i>Turkeys</i>	<i>Cranberry sauce</i>
<i>Sweet potatoes or yams</i>	<i>Cream of mushroom soup</i>
<i>Turkey gravy</i>	<i>French fried onions</i>
<i>Brown sugar</i>	<i>Potatoes</i>
<i>Butter</i>	<i>Pumpkin pie</i>
<i>White onions</i>	<i>Whipped cream</i>

## Annual Coat Giveaway

Imagine the anxiety of knowing you or your child will face this coming winter without a coat to protect you from the cold. Now imagine the joy it would bring to receive the gift of a warm coat at our **Annual Coat Giveaway**.

Help give that joy by donating new or used coats, collecting coats through our coat drive, sorting and bundling the donations or helping distribute them at the giveaway on November 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please drop off any donations before November 15 at the Mission, 701 Memorial Drive, Asbury Park. Or call Dan to arrange a pickup at ☎ (732) 807-3506. Thank you!



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**Did You Know?** It costs only **\$2.82** to provide one meal for a hungry person.