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Share the **Joy** of Christmas

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D.J. was just 12 years old when his parents divorced, leaving him brokenhearted. "I blamed God. I was so angry with Him," D.J. says.

The following year, he began numbing his pain with drugs. It was the beginning of a long struggle with addiction that only fueled his rage. "Anger was an excuse to use drugs, but I had a worse temper when I was using."

D.J. was able to hold down jobs and complete an Associate's Degree. But as his addiction escalated, his anger grew and his ambition eroded. "I just stayed in my room and stopped working and pursuing my education."

Eventually, he found himself living on the streets, where he had a moment of clarity. "I realized I was absolutely lost," he says. "I knew I had to get help."

That was when he entered our Life Change Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and mentoring opened his heart to trust God again. "I started praying and He

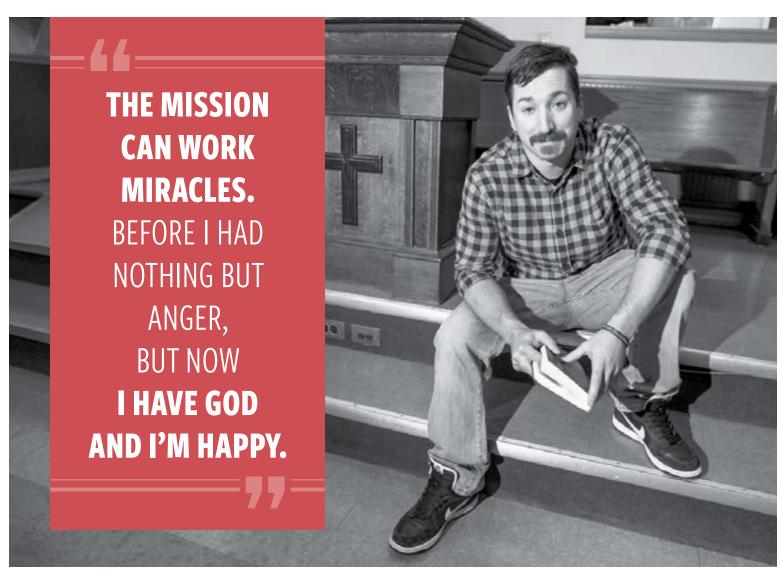
started answering my prayers," D.J. says.

D.J. is completing the program at our sister Mission in Morristown, where life-skills classes are teaching him healthy ways to cope with his emotions. "Now, if things go wrong, I don't get angry. I pray," he says.

He serves as the head chef, making meals and happily sharing his newfound faith with other men in the program. "They come to me for advice," he says with a smile.

D.J. plans to graduate from the program, go into our transitional housing, find work and save money for his own place. "I've learned to be responsible again."

This Christmas, because of your compassion and God's love, D.J.'s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ's birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning. "The Mission can work miracles. Before coming here, I had nothing but anger. But now I have God and I'm happy."



## A MESSAGE FROM DAVE SCOTT



# Your Gifts Fill Hearts With Joy

The "Christmas story" isn't fiction, fable or fairytale. It's God's reassuring Truth.

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls.

That's the joy-filled message we're honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus' birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain, and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ's birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

G. David Scott
Executive Director

# Give a Meal... Change a Life

1,750 meals by Christmas

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone's story from struggle to strength... from heartbreak to hope... from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's lifechanging love

It costs only \$2.82 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person...





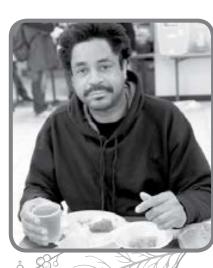
- Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- Give online anytime at JerseyShoreRescue.org.



Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission.

No Need to Wait Until December 3... Send Your Gift Today.

- Give online at JerseyShoreRescue.org.
- Add your special gift to the reply card and send it today.



# Donate a car... Change a life



Did you know that you can donate your car to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission even if it's not running? No matter the condition of your vehicle, you'll receive credit for a tax-deductible donation, and we'll even arrange a pickup if your car isn't driveable.

Plus, if you need a reliable preowned car, truck or SUV, look no further than JSRM Cars. All proceeds from vehicle sales support our programs that provide food, shelter and life-changing care for hungry and homeless men in Asbury Park.

For more information, visit our website **pisrmcars.com** or stop by the lot at 701 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park. To donate a vehicle, call **(877)** 676-2271. Thank you!

## Ways to Share the Joy of Christmas

### **FILL OUR TABLES**



Donate these foods for the thousands of meals we'll serve throughout the holiday season. Please deliver them to **701** 

Memorial Drive, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

turkeys & hams \* boxes of stuffing bags of potatoes \* canned fruits and vegetables \* coffee, creamer, & sugar





### **GIVE GIFT CARDS**



Gift cards to these merchants allow us to purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities for our guests. Simply mail or deliver them to **701 Memorial Drive**, **Asbury Park**, **NJ 07712**.

Walmart \* Target \* Office Depot \* Lowe's \* Costco

#### **MEET URGENT NEEDS**



These items are a vital part of the Mission's everyday operations and the comfort of our guests. Please drop off your donations at **701 Memorial Drive**, **Asbury Park**, **NJ 07712**.

garbage bags \* paper towels & toilet paper \* laundry detergent first aid supplies \* soap & lotion