

The **LIFELINE**



**Ken's heart
is filled with
gratitude for
YOU.**

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compassion and support
changes lives.



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existing."

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**“I WASN’T
LIVING
LIFE –
*I was
just
existing.*”**



After years of struggling with drug abuse and addiction, it only took one friend, one conversation, one word to make it all click in Ken’s head. He couldn’t keep living like this... he needed to change.

Ken first dabbled in drugs and drinking in high school, but an addiction to prescription pills soon took over his life. His addiction grew even worse in his late 20s, when his mother took her own life. This became his justification to continue using drugs as a coping mechanism.

“Everything I did, every thought in my mind was to get drugs. I wasn’t really living life – I was just existing to get drugs.”

His addiction took everything he had and left him homeless, couch-surfing with friends who would let him stay. But one day, the answer was different. His friend said, “Listen, I’d love for you to stay, but we’re kind of enabling you.”

Once he heard that word – *enabling* – Ken knew he needed to turn his life around. **So Ken checked himself into detox, and then came to our sister Mission in Morristown, where everything changed.**

“Right off the bat you can feel a lot of love in the building. There’s just genuine care,” he reflected. Guided by this care, Ken began to pursue his recovery.

As he went through the program, Ken began to realize it was God who was working this transformation in his life. He found mentors who encouraged him to grow and showed

him what it looked like to follow Christ. And though it is difficult, he is learning to surrender his will to God.

“When they say total life-change, that’s exactly what it is. **It’s your whole outlook on life that’s completely transformed.**”

*“That’s the beauty about this place –
it covers every component that you
need to be better.”*

This Thanksgiving season – and all through the year – your kind generosity fills hearts with hope and gratitude... and transforms lives through God’s love.

Now, after graduating, Ken works as an intern here at the Mission as a way to support those in need and give back to the Asbury Park community. He believes God has put him in this position where he can use his story to encourage others going through the same struggles he experienced.

“My ultimate goal is just to be a God-fearing man. When I’m off this planet, I want God to say: you did a good job. It’s not just a matter of works, it’s faith. And I have faith that He’s going to lead me where I’m supposed to go.”

A MESSAGE FROM
DAVE SCOTT

*You fill my heart
with Thanksgiving.*

The past few months have been challenging for all of us. No one is immune to the stress of uncertainty or the fear of the unknown. And especially this year, far too many of our neighbors have also felt the harsh reality of losing their livelihoods – their ability to provide for themselves or their families. They join scores of others already turning to the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission for food, shelter and life-restoring guidance.

Yet, through it all, my heart is filled with gratitude – for God's faithfulness... the goodness of mankind... and your dedication to serving "the least of these."

As more struggling people reach out to us, you are there for them. You are among the heroes who put others' needs above your own. You join us on the front lines of compassion and kindness, loving your neighbors when they need it most. Now, as we anticipate an increased need for food and care throughout the fall, my greatest hope is that you'll continue your amazing support this Thanksgiving season.

Regardless of the season or the challenges around us, remembering our blessings brings us comfort, peace and joy. This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our loved ones, I pray each of us finds strength in God... one another... and our own grateful hearts.



G. David Scott

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Executive Director

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MEALS NEEDED BY THANKSGIVING

Join our
2020 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN!

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we'll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the Thanksgiving season. Your generosity will not only provide nourishing food for hungry people, but also opportunities for lives to be restored:

***faith-based counseling • life-skills classes
vocational training • and more***

Your giving spirit can mean a new beginning for hurting individuals and families right here in our community. Share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2020 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**



Give now using the enclosed
reply card and envelope.



Give online anytime at
JerseyShoreRescue.org.



***Our hearts are filled with Thanksgiving for
your faithful support.***

SEE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



\$2.82
for 1 hot meal



\$22.050
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN LEAD
TO**



**Practical guidance
and God's
life-changing LOVE**

READ KEN'S STORY TO LEARN MORE.



**SHOP BLACK FRIDAY AT
OUR THRIFT STORE**

Your shopping at our Thrift Store changes lives. Find great deals on gently used items, and help support men in our Life Change Program with every purchase you make. Open M - Sat, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., at 701 Memorial Dr, Asbury Park.

JERSEY SHORE RESCUE MISSION 5K RACE & Family Walk October 24, 2020

It's fun for the whole family. Come run or walk along the boardwalk in Asbury Park and support men in recovery. Every mile makes a difference and helps fund the Life Change Program at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission.

And our DJ, refreshments, awards and giveaways make this an event you don't want to miss.

Visit **JSRescue.org/5K** to register or for more details.

Register early for the best price and to get your special tech tee for the event.

Don't Miss a Single Mission Moment.

Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails to stay up-to-date on our Thanksgiving activities, urgent needs, special events and how your partnership is transforming lives. Be sure to tell your friends about us too, and encourage them to help this Thanksgiving.

Our Thanksgiving Needs List

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these items we need to feed our hungry guests throughout the Thanksgiving season.

Turkeys
Instant Mashed
Potatoes
Canned Yams
Dressing Mix
Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberry
Sauce
Pumpkin Pie
Whipped Topping



Drop off your donations at the Mission at
701 Memorial Drive, Asbury Park.

Thank you for helping!

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