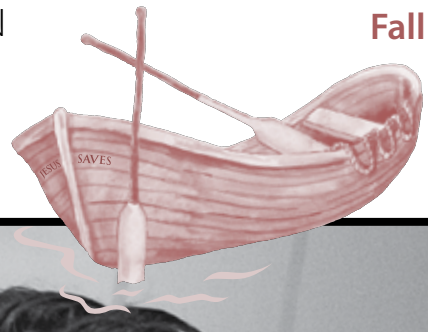
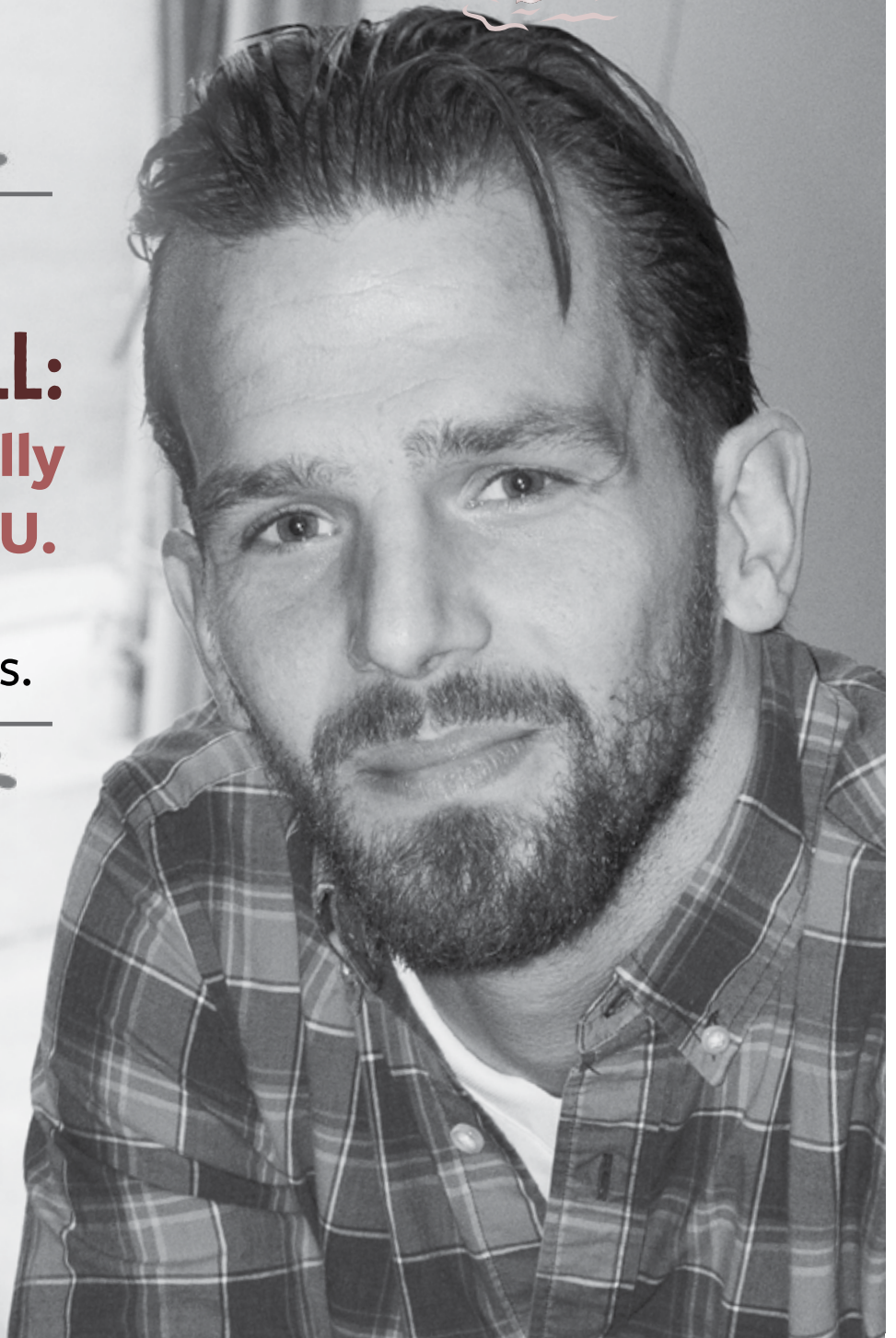



The **LIFELINE**



**GRATEFUL
THROUGH IT ALL:**
**Hugo is especially
thankful for YOU.**

Your compassion &
support change lives.



Don't miss...

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3 "I opened my
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4 Our Thanksgiving
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“I OPENED MY HEART TO THE LORD.”

Hugo grew up believing a lie. “My whole life I was told I was my father’s only son,” he says. “I was treated like a prized possession. I was spoiled.”

But as he was about to leave for college, he learned the truth. “It came to light that my dad had two children with his secretary. I was heartbroken.”

When he was 20, Hugo was injured in a car accident and prescribed opiates for his physical pain. But he quickly discovered that they numbed his emotional pain, as well.

For the next 10 years, he struggled with opioid addiction, able to hold down jobs, but damaging his relationships and leaving him homeless. “I was physically and emotionally drained. Those were dark days,” he says. “I hated myself.”

He wanted to change his life, but he didn’t know how, so he reached out to the Mission. Through our Life Change Recovery Program’s Bible studies and chapel services, Hugo surrendered his life to the Lord.

“The first night, I was at chapel, and there was a gentleman singing, ‘You are loved. You are special.’ It really resonated with me because I’d treated myself so badly for so long,” Hugo says. “That night, I opened my heart to the Lord.”

His newfound faith and our Christian counselors have helped Hugo find emotional healing, as well. “My pain has been relieved,” he says. **“I can actually feel again after numbing myself for so long. It’s a beautiful thing.”**

Hugo is completing the program at our sister Mission in Morristown and, after graduation, plans to spend his days ministering to others who struggle as he once did. “I’ve found purpose again.”

As Hugo celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it’s given him a fresh start in life. “The Mission gave me values and principles. I’m not the man I was. I respect myself and I’m at peace.”

“ I’M A NEW CREATION.”

You’re Impacting MORE LIVES.

Have you heard about our expansion? We’ve opened a new 14-bed Sussex County hospitality room that provides hungry and homeless men with safe shelter, as well as dinner and breakfast.

To learn more about how you can support us during this exciting time, visit JerseyShoreRescue.org/Sussex. Thank you.



GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. ***Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.***

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate.

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless.



G. David Scott
Executive Director

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

6,500

Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

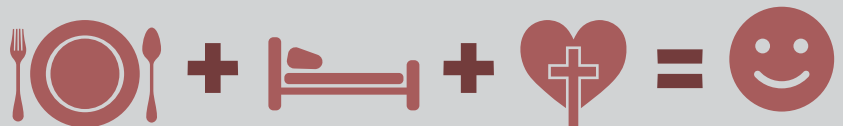
Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them.

For just \$2.82, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT.



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season.

Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

💻 Give online anytime at JerseyShoreRescue.org.

**READ HUGO'S STORY
TO LEARN MORE.**



VOLUNTEER Spotlight

She's a flight attendant, a loving daughter and sister, a volleyball player... and an invaluable volunteer here at the Mission.



Meet Kiley.

For the last four years, she's been helping us with everything from administrative work to event preparation. She's an encouragement to our staff and the men in our Life Change Recovery Program. And volunteering blesses her life, as well.

"I've seen people transformed through the program, and it's wonderful to be a part of that," she says.

Thank you, Kiley, for everything you do.

For more information on volunteering, contact Debbie McKenna, at
dmckenna@marketstreet.org.

OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these holiday items.

Turkeys

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Dressing Mix

Canned Vegetables

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin Pie

Whipped Topping

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

THANK YOU



5K RACE

RUN | WALK | CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 2021



Jersey Shore Rescue Mission 5K Race, Family Walk and Virtual Challenges

October 30, 2021 >> LIVE & VIRTUAL

Everyone is welcome. To learn more or register for this event, visit us online at **JerseyShoreRescue.org/5k**.