

The **LIFELINE**



MANNY IS
*celebrating
new life*
THIS EASTER.

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



Don't miss... **2** Celebrate Easter

2 Making Room for
More Hope

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At 17 years old, Manny packed up his life in Mexico and moved with his wife to the United States.

With a new baby daughter, and another on the way, Manny knew he needed to work to provide for his family. He found a well-paying job as a cook at a restaurant... but the hours were long and stressful.

The other cooks had a solution for their exhaustion: alcohol. Manny decided to give it a try. But what started as a few drinks quickly spiraled into complete dependence.

“I noticed I had a problem, but I couldn’t stop,” he says. “I was poisoning myself.”

He went back and forth from detox to the liquor store, trying unsuccessfully to escape his addiction. But one week, he ended up in the hospital three times and needed to be revived. It was then he realized his life had become unmanageable.

“For a while, I left God behind me. But that night, I got on my knees and started praying: ‘I don’t know what else I can do. I really need Your help.’”

A social worker recommended the Mission’s Life Change Program. When Manny got here, he made it his goal to stop talking and start listening – and he soon started noticing God in everything.

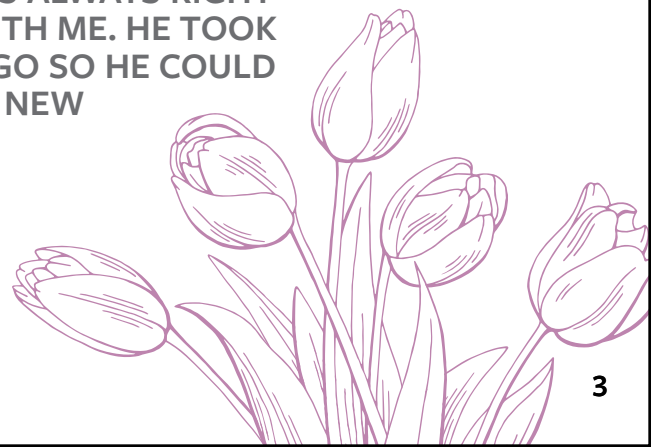
As he attended recovery meetings, chapel services and Celebrate Recovery, everything began to make sense. Through the love and support of staff and interns, he slowly learned to heal by opening himself up to others and started regaining trust he had lost.

“I started feeling peaceful. This is a safe place.”

Today, Manny has graduated from our program. He’s a good, responsible father, and is working on restoring his family. He knows he can trust God to lead him day by day.

Your generous support has filled Manny’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “Now I know everything is going to happen in God’s time.”

“GOD WAS ALWAYS RIGHT THERE WITH ME. HE TOOK ALL MY EGO SO HE COULD REVEAL A NEW PERSON.”



"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"
- Luke 24:5-6, NIV



Making Room for **MORE HOPE**

We are thrilled that our 14-bed Sussex County hospitality room is now open and serving up hope daily. This new addition to the community provides hungry and homeless men with safe shelter, as well as dinner and breakfast.

To learn more about how you can support this new facility, visit **JerseyShoreRescue.org/Sussex.**

Thank you.



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A Message from DAVE SCOTT

The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ. Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors.

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter.

G. David Scott
Executive Director



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS.

Hurting people turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.82 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season.

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

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter.



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Thank you to the following organizations who have blessed us with their time and talents, especially during last year's Christmas season:

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