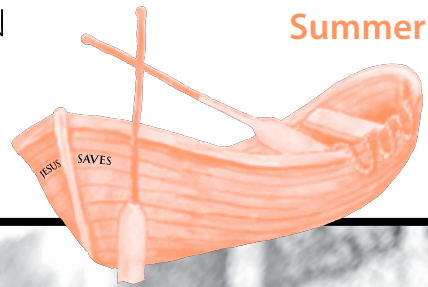


The **LIFELINE**



CHRISTOPHER IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given
him new life



Don't miss...

2 Show Them
You Care

3 "As soon as I got here,
it felt like a hug."

4 Our Annual 5K



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When Christopher was young, his mother was an alcoholic. Her drinking caused problems in the family, and Christopher's father decided he couldn't continue living this way. His parents got divorced, leaving Christopher and his mother on their own.

He promised he would never become an alcoholic like his mother. But he was constantly exposed to her drinking habits, and by the age of 20 he found himself addicted to alcohol as well. Soon after, he started using drugs too, and his life spiraled downward.

In 2017, after getting out of prison, he realized he had nowhere to go. His fiancée took him to the Mission, and he stayed for 35 days, but then he left and fell back into his old patterns of life.

It wasn't long before he found himself in the same position as before: no place to go, and no one to help. "I burned all my bridges," he said. "It's a terrible feeling being lonely like that."

When he reached rock bottom, he knew what he needed to do: come back to the Mission for help.

"As soon as I got here, it felt like a hug with open arms," he said. The family atmosphere he found in our program began softening his heart and drawing him nearer to God right away.

Through Christian guidance and fellowship, Christopher developed a stronger sense of self-esteem. He also learned to forgive himself for his past mistakes because of the forgiveness he found in Christ.

"I am thankful to the Mission because they gave me an opportunity to come back to God when I ended up pushing away for so many years," he said. "I was afraid to turn to God because I felt too ashamed to ask for help. **I never knew that I could just come back and be forgiven.**"

Through your prayers and support, Christopher graduated from our program, and he now serves as an intern with the Mission. He finds great fulfillment in helping our overnight guests receive the care they need. He has seen how God can transform lives, and he wants to share that hope with everyone who comes through the Mission doors.

Christopher is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. "It's like a family here," he said. "It's a beautiful community because everybody here is my brother. This is God's work here."

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR –

It starts with a meal for \$2.82!



A Message from DAVE SCOTT

Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

*“Dear friends,
since God so
loved us, we also
ought to love
one another.”*
- 1 John 4:11, NIV

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in the Shore community. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and

often forget about our struggling neighbors.

That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign.

I know you won't let these precious neighbors be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting – we need it.

G. David Scott
CEO/Executive Director

Celebrating 1 YEAR IN SUSSEX COUNTY

It was such a blessing to open our 14-bed Sussex County hospitality room last summer.

Over the past months, dozens of hungry and homeless men have passed through its doors to find safe shelter, warm showers and nutritious meals. There have been countless moments of fellowship through group Bible studies and recovery meetings, and healing through one-on-one pastoral counseling.

Some of the men we've served even moved on to continue their journey with the Life Change Program at our sister Mission, Market Street, in Morristown.

Find out more about how you can continue to support this new facility and the incredible work it's doing at

JerseyShoreRescue.org/Sussex.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers to help men in Sussex County rebuild their lives.

SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs.



Your gift today provides:



8,320 meals



3,220 nights of
shelter



hundreds of
hygiene items



countless hours
of counseling &
education



life-transforming
decisions for
Christ



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**DONATIONS SLOW
DOWN IN SUMMER...
PLEASE HELP TODAY.**

**Give now at JerseyShoreRescue.org.
Support our Summer Campaign now.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Market Street Mission 5K Race for Recovery

Race, Family Walk and Virtual Challenges

Monday, July 4 >> LIVE & VIRTUAL

Central Park of Morris County, Parsippany-Troy Hills

Mark your calendars now! Join us on July 4 for the annual 5K Race for Recovery with our sister Mission in Morristown.

Register to run or walk in Central Park of Morris County with your whole family and others from the community – while also supporting a great cause!

You can also participate virtually! Join the race from wherever you are and run/walk on your own or with a group to support our hurting neighbors with meals, shelter and care at the Mission.

Find out more and register for the event online at **RunSignUp.com/MSM5K**.

We hope to see you there!



YOU made a difference in 2021!

Last year, your generosity reached hurting neighbors across Asbury Park, Morristown and Newton. **The time, talents and treasure you shared touched thousands of hurting lives, and they're so grateful to you.**

You helped...



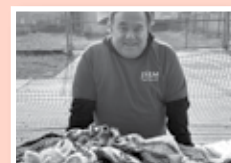
Serve 103,000
meals



Provide 31,500 nights
of shelter



Send 28 men through our year-
long Life Change Program



Give \$265,000 in
community charity

Thank you for making such an incredible impact in 2021 – and thank you for your continued support in 2022.