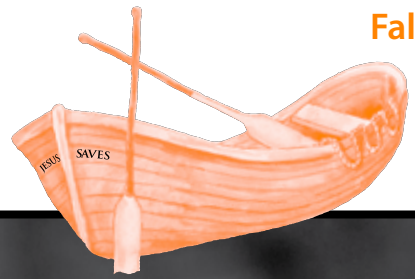


# The **LIFELINE**



## A Heart of Thanksgiving

Dino wants to share how your support changed his life!



**Don't miss...** **2** Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun! **3** "I look at myself as blessed and fortunate." **4** Your Gift – DOUBLED!

# Anticipating This New Season with Thanksgiving



## A Message from DAVE SCOTT

It's hard to believe we're here again: over halfway through another year. Here at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, preparations for our busy fall season are already underway.

Outside, the weather is starting to cool. But inside our doors, it's still warm and inviting as **we get ready for the many neighbors who will come to us during the months leading up to Thanksgiving.** It's one of my favorite times of the year, and it's possible thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

As I think about this time of the year, I'm reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1: *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Each time someone comes to the Mission for help, their season changes. They leave a time of pain and struggle that

they may not have anticipated and certainly didn't desire – and they **choose** a season of support and recovery. **I truly believe this is God's hand at work through your partnership in this life-giving ministry.**

Now, as we prepare to serve an estimated 7,750 meals in the coming months, I ask you to pray for every struggling guest who finds a seat at our tables. Pray that if the time is right for a new season in their life, God will make it known and see it through.

Thank you. I'm thankful for you now, and always.

G. David Scott  
CEO/Executive Director



It's fun for the whole family! Come run, walk or volunteer in support of the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission and help us save and transform the lives of those in need. All are welcome.



Visit **JerseyShoreRescue.org/5K** for all the details.





Join Our  
2023 **Thanksgiving** CAMPAIGN

**7,750**  
Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families for the holidays.

**For just \$2.82, YOU can provide a meal** to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift surrounds hurting people with loving care that leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Addiction recovery



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love

**Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season!** Send your 2023 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at **JerseyShoreRescue.org.**



*Scan to see how you can offer a helping hand this fall!*

As a child, Dino was picked on because of his dyslexia. To hide feelings of inferiority, he developed a coping mechanism: “I used laughter to cover up things I was afraid of. I geared myself toward having a good time,” he said.

The partying lifestyle provided an escape from his insecurities, but it also led to drug use. It was social in the beginning, but when his brother died, drugs became a means of covering up his pain.

“That propelled my addiction to a very aggressive state,” he explained. “I didn’t care about anything. I had no will to live.”

That same year, another one of Dino’s friends passed away. At that point someone told him, “You’re going to be the next one to die if you don’t get help.” That realization sank in – he knew he needed to change.

Dino joined the addiction recovery Life Change Program at our Market Street Mission location. At first, he was uncertain about his ability to change, but hearing the stories of other men in our program gave him hope. “I loved the camaraderie and brotherhood. It showed me how to live again, differently,” he said.

**Your compassion and generosity gave Dino the opportunity to rebuild his life in our program.**

Through Bible studies and mentorship, he began to heal.

Dino made great progress and graduated from our program. But when COVID hit, he relapsed and fell

back into old, destructive behaviors. Dino knew a life of addiction was not what he wanted, and he reached out to the Mission to ask for help again.

Our team encouraged him to join our relapse program here at the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, where he got back on the path of recovery and reconnected with God.

“The love of the Gospel pierced through my heart, and it softened me where I was hard and careless.”

Thanks to your prayers and support, Dino completed our relapse program and became an intern, serving in a leadership position at the Mission. Now, he is celebrating new life and sharing his hope with the people around him.

**Dino is filled with thanksgiving for God’s redeeming love in his life – and your incredible generosity!** “I’m thankful to the Mission for being clean and sober, and having a relationship with God. I don’t look at myself as a failure. **I look at myself as blessed and fortunate. The only thing that matters now is the next day – staying clean and serving God.**”

“I look at myself as **blessed and fortunate.**”



Scan to read the rest of Dino’s story!





## Your Gift – **DOUBLED!** **DONATED!**

Did you know that many employers will match charitable donations made by their employees? What a great opportunity for your gift to go twice as far to help our neighbors in need!

It's quick and easy to find out if your company offers a matching gift program. Simply type your company's name in the box and instantly you'll know! Check out our corporate matching tool at [JerseyShoreRescue.org/Matching](http://JerseyShoreRescue.org/Matching), or search directly in our online donation form.

Thank you for doubling your impact here at the Mission!



## Give the gift of warmth at our **ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY**

As temperatures begin to drop, those who can't afford coats worry about how their families will face the cold winter months.

But YOU can help during our Annual Coat Giveaway!

**Join us and give the gift of warmth and peace of mind to those in need.** You can donate new or lightly used coats as well as new hats, gloves and scarves, collect coats through our coat drive, sort and bundle the donations or help distribute them at the giveaway on November 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Please drop off your donations between October 2 and November 11 at the Mission, 701 Memorial Drive, Asbury Park. Or call our dispatch team to arrange a pickup at ☎ (732) 807-3506. For more information, contact Debbie at [dmckenna@marketstreet.org](mailto:dmckenna@marketstreet.org). Thank you!*



## Out and About

There's a lot of activity happening in the fall! If you see our team at any community events, make sure to stop by and say hi!

