

ARISE

HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE SURVIVE, FIND HOUSING AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES



"In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha, who was always doing good and helping the poor."



SCOTT AT HIS OLD CAMP, WHERE HE LIVED BEFORE JOPPA HELPED REUNITE HIM WITH FAMILY

JOPPA STORIES

Reunited and Restored

Scott Rupe credits his survival to his dogs and Joppa. In the five years Scott lived homeless in a makeshift shack along the Des Moines River, his dogs—Daisy Mae and Zoe Michelle—were with him every step.

"If it weren't for those dogs, I never would have made it," Scott says. "I needed that responsibility, knowing I've got to take care of something."

Scott's path to homelessness started like many others. Growing up in Ottumwa, Iowa, Scott had a rough upbringing. His father was an alcoholic and drug addict. His mom fed him sleeping pills. At age two, Scott's grandparents took custody of him and his brother. They tried to keep Scott out of trouble, but he got caught up in drugs and alcohol and dropped out of school.

Eventually Scott moved to Des Moines and took work as a construction painter. For over a decade, Scott had a stable home, job, marriage and two dogs. But the alcohol and drug abuse finally took its toll, and he and his wife divorced. "That's when I gave up," Scott says. "I was drinking to fill the void and not feel pain."

He lost his house, then his car. Instead of going to a shelter, Scott built a shack and lived outside because he didn't have the heart to abandon his dogs.

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OUR MISSION

To create communities of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless, as we work together to prevent and ultimately end homelessness.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PROJECT PJ
January 29, 2021

JOPPA COMMUNITY CLEANUPS
April 10, 2021

**DOWN & OUT HOMELESS
FUNDRAISER**
November 18, 2021

IOWA HOMELESS MEMORIAL
December 21, 2021

**HOMELESS CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**
December 21, 2021

Reunited and Restored, *CONTINUED*

A self-described “country boy,” Scott thought living outside would be easy. But he soon struggled to meet his daily needs. Building a fire filled his shack with smoke, so he endured the cold as best he could. During his first winter, he was frostbitten so badly he suffered permanent damage to his fingertips.

When Scott found out about Joppa, it sounded too good to be true. Volunteers started bringing him supplies, including food, gloves, blankets, a coat, boots, and a propane heater. “Joppa saved me many, many times,” Scott says.

However, without any immediate housing options, he grew depressed

the longer he remained unsheltered.

The lowest point came when his dog, Daisy Mae, wasn’t feeling well and started to turn away food. Scott decided to bring her to a veterinarian the next day, but she never made it. Daisy Mae died in his arms.

“Right there by the water, that’s where she passed away. She went quickly,” Scott says, wiping away tears. “Thank God

I had her, because I wasn’t so lonely. She always made me smile.”

After Daisy Mae’s death, Scott struggled to remain optimistic, telling himself there was something good coming right around the corner. That good thing came two months later: Pat McPherran, a Client Services Specialist at Joppa, learned that Scott’s cousin was trying to locate him. After Pat helped connect them on the phone, Scott’s cousin came to his camp and offered to take him home. Scott grabbed his coat and his dog, Zoe Michelle, and left everything else behind.

Scott is now sober and adjusting to his new life. He says he owes everything to his cousin for finding him and opening up his home. And he’s grateful to Joppa for sustaining him through the hardest times and helping reconnect him with family.

“I’m starting to find peace again,” Scott says. “I can smile. I can close my eyes at night and know everything’s OK.”

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MANY, MANY TIMES.**”
— SCOTT RUPE



I Serve at Joppa

VOLUNTEER: Tim Wilson

INVOLVEMENT: Sunday outreach route leader and software developer for Joppa

BACKGROUND: As a college student, I was invited to volunteer with Sunday outreach at Joppa, and I eventually teamed up with a friend to help lead routes. Later, I applied my professional skills on the Joppa IT team.

DRIVING PASSION: I want to follow Christ’s example in caring for others and engage with those who don’t have a voice in society. And I appreciate the opportunity to see my friends—who happen to be homeless—every month.

ON MY OWN: I enjoy attending Bible study at Walnut Creek Church. My wife and I also recently took up kayaking!

BECOME AN EVERYDAY ANGEL!

Make a long-lasting impact by providing monthly support for Joppa programs and services.

Everyday Angels contribute monthly to:

- Help homeless people survive, find housing and rebuild their lives
- Educate and engage the community
- Develop fundamental solutions to end homelessness

Sign up at joppa.org/angels



Matthew 25:35-40

BECAUSE OF YOU

- MORE THAN 450 HOMELESS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HELPED OFF THE STREETS
- OVER 80% OF THESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN REMAIN OFF THE STREETS
- JOPPA SAVED OVER 200 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS PEOPLE FROM FREEZING TO DEATH LAST WINTER



Thriftmart

Shop Smart and Save Lives

This spring, Joppa will launch Thriftmart, a nonprofit thrift store that sells high-quality new and gently used goods.

Thriftmart will provide sustainable income for Joppa operations, while offering job training for people working their way out of homelessness. Customers can expect a friendly shopping experience and find unique merchandise at thrift store prices. Most importantly, they can feel good knowing their purchase is helping the community and bringing us one step closer to ending homelessness.

The first Thriftmart location will open right next door on Euclid Avenue in Des Moines, with plans to eventually expand into other cities. Stay tuned for more information about our grand opening—coming soon!

OUR OBJECTIVES:

- Provide sustainable income to cover Joppa core operating expenses
- Enable job training for homeless individuals
- Raise awareness about homelessness with new audiences

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE:

BECOME A JOPPA SUPPORT PARTNER

Join us with your gifts and ongoing support.

Joppa collaborates with community partners to end homelessness, while helping homeless people access existing resources and mobilizing private donations from families, churches, and corporations to meet unmet needs in homeless services, housing, and education.

GIVE ONLINE OR MAIL TO:

Joppa
2326 Euclid Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50310

Joppa is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All gifts are tax-deductible.

joppa.org

VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer opportunities are available for groups, families and individuals. When you volunteer at Joppa you...

- *Learn about homelessness*
- *Engage with diverse individuals*
- *Lead or join a team of volunteers*
- *Develop meaningful relationships*
- *Participate where you're passionate*
- *See your impact in multiple ways*

BECOME A VOLUNTEER:

We depend on volunteers like you! Join us and impact the lives of homeless people—all while practicing social distancing and following CDC guidelines.

Email: volunteer@joppa.org

SUPPLY:

- *Tents + tarps (dark green or brown)*
- *Zero-degree sleeping bags*
- *Winter gloves, coats, hats, wool socks*
- *Backpacks*
- *Head lamps*
- *Masks, soap and hand sanitizer*
- *Body wipes, razors, deodorant*
- *Toilet paper*
- *DART bus tokens*

BRING SUPPLIES TO JOPPA:

Monday–Friday between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at 2326 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, or call (515) 288-5699

Thank you for your generosity!



“WITHOUT THE HEATERS AND PROPANE THAT JOPPA PROVIDES, WE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED.”
— ASHLEY

WINTER SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

Providing Warmth—and Hope

For many of us, winter conjures up thoughts of warm fireplaces, hot cocoa and spending time with loved ones. For homeless people living in Polk County, however, the winter is dark, cold and dangerous. These unsheltered individuals are thinking of only one thing: survival.

You can help them survive this winter. Share your

blessings by giving temporary shelters, heaters, fuel and winter boots to those in need. Your contribution will warm both the bodies and hearts of people trying to survive Iowa's freezing cold temperatures.

Thank you for considering the options below. Please mail a check or give online at: joppa.org/WinterSurvival

WINTER SURVIVAL SHELTERS

- Temporary Winter Shelter Packages for those with no immediate options for housing or other shelter
- Includes tent, rain fly, tarp, sleeping bag, blankets & pillow
 - a) Ten Shelter Packages..... \$1,500
 - b) Five Shelter Packages..... \$750
 - c) One Shelter Package..... \$150

HEATER SYSTEMS

- A heater for those without immediate housing options
- Safe for indoor-use in tents, cabins & wooden structures
- Includes heater, two 20-lb propane tanks and a hose
 - a) Ten Heater Systems..... \$1,250
 - b) Five Heater Systems..... \$625
 - c) One Heater System..... \$125

HEATER FUEL

- Weekly delivery of propane fuel for heater systems
- A 20-lb tank provides one week of heat average per dwelling
- Each person receives an extra tank of fuel as a backup
 - a) Ten people for one month..... \$600
 - b) Five people for one month..... \$300
 - c) One person for one month..... \$60

WINTER BOOTS

- Waterproof boots to help prevent frostbite and trench foot
- To survive, homeless people often walk 10-20 miles per day to sources of food, work and other resources.
 - a) Ten pairs of boots..... \$900
 - b) Five pairs of boots..... \$450
 - c) One pair of boots..... \$90

HOW WE DO IT

JOPPA COLLABORATES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO END HOMELESSNESS, WHILE HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE ACCESS EXISTING RESOURCES AND MOBILIZING PRIVATE DONATIONS FROM FAMILIES, CHURCHES, AND CORPORATIONS TO MEET UNMET NEEDS IN HOMELESS SERVICES, HOUSING, AND EDUCATION.



ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING OF THE NEW JOPPA LOCATION ON EUCLID AVENUE, WITH THRIFTMART TO THE LEFT AND THE HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER TO THE RIGHT

NEW JOPPA INITIATIVES

Help Us Expand Our Reach

This spring, Joppa will open Iowa's first Homeless Resource Center and a new nonprofit thrift store called "Thriftmart."

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

The Homeless Resource Center is the first of its kind, filling a gap that is desperately needed. The center will not only provide a bathroom and everyday essentials—such as food, water, blankets, clothing and hygiene items—it is also a place for homeless people to begin rebuilding their lives. With the help of a full-time manager and caseworker, clients can access computer stations, job assistance and housing navigation.

THRIFTMART

Thriftmart is great for customers—offering deals on quality merchandise. But it's even greater for the community. The thrift store will provide sustainable income to cover Joppa core operating expenses, so we can focus on our mission to help end homelessness. We also have plans to expand the Thriftmart brand—and along with it, Joppa services and programs—to other cities and states when the time is right.



INSIDE THE NEW HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SHORT-TERM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

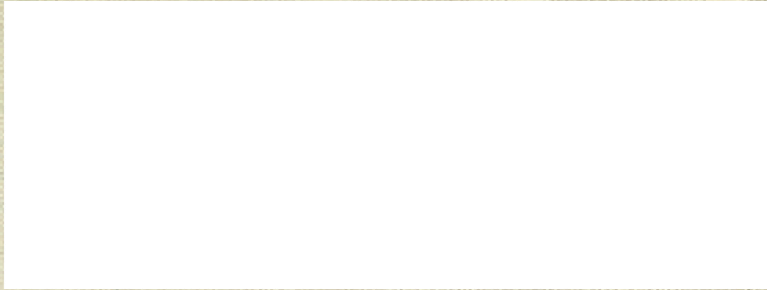
To help us get these projects over the finish line, we've launched a three-month capital campaign. If you're interested in supporting either of these initiatives, contact CEO Joe Stevens at joe.stevens@joppa.org.

Without your support, the Homeless Resource Center and Thriftmart would be merely pipedreams. Thank you for helping us turn these dreams into reality—and for making a profound impact in our community.



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INSIDE

Introducing Thriftmart, our new nonprofit thrift store!
Help homeless people survive this winter



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HELP PUT HOMELESSNESS TO BED
BECAUSE EVERYONE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT

SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKPLACES • JOIN US TO RAISE AWARENESS AND END HOMELESSNESS

★ Whether you're at work, at school or at home... ☾

1. Wear your PJs on **Friday, Jan. 29, 2021**
2. Take a picture and upload it to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
3. Use the hashtag #ProjectPJ to show your support!

Learn more:
ProjectPJ.org

Questions?
ProjectPJ@joppa.org

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