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AT THE TABLE

A Friend in our future

We met our friend Scott living on the streets, in late Spring of 2015. One of our earliest impressions of Scott was **his witty personality and one line jokes**. When we were around Scott, you knew you were in for a laugh even though he was in a broken situation. We remember **conversations with Scott about trying to get sober again** and choosing the path of sobriety. Scott would say to Chef John, "John I know what I have to do . I worked in the field before." (**Scott shared with us that he had been a drug and alcohol counselor** at one time and assisted many down the road of sobriety.) He told Chef John, "I am good at giving advice, but can't take my own advice."

Over the past **3 years**, **IMFK saw Scott have his victories and defeats** with sobriety. We loved him unconditionally through both. We met Scott where he was, bringing him dignity in whatever his situation. We **assisted as far as Scott was willing** to let us each time.

In 2017, Scott allowed **IMFK to assist him into housing with Catholic Charites**. He lived less than 2 miles away from **IMFK**. We were able to assist him with items for his apartment, as well as, clothing and toiletries.

On Fridays, Scott would stop in for coffee and conversation. **Chef John spoke with him prior to his death**. "I remember hugging him and telling him **he was not invisible and that we would be there for him** if he wanted to try sobriety again. He looked at me and said, "John, I appreciate it but I just think I can't do it. I'm tired."

3 days later, Scott was hit by a car while crossing the street, just 1 block from **IMFK**. **He passed away on March 9, 2018 at 6:26 pm at Upstate Hospital** from injuries he received from the accident. Scott never regained consciousness, but in our visits with him **we sang and prayed over him like he was hearing every word**. **IMFK** was able to locate family and spoke with Scott's mom,

Gloria and his brother Jeremy.

At **IMFK**, we believed **we honored Scott and helped him find dignity**, even as he struggled with his addiction. We will honor him in death as well.

On **Thursday, March 15th IMFK will be holding a memorial service** to remember the life of our friend, Scott Griffin. The service will be **at 1pm at Farone and Son Funeral Home (1500 Park St)** and is open to those who would like to remember Scott with us.



Scott Griffin
10/14/16–3/9/18

Winter Give Away

On **Sat., Feb 17th** IMFK held our annual **Winter Give Away** at **Destiny Christian Church**. Thank Pastor Jeff for allowing us to use your church for this event.

Refugee and needy families were invited to come "shop" for items they needed. **Over 100 individuals** braved the cold to attend. Winter coats, clothing, housewares, bedding and shoes were **all given away for free**. **IMFK volunteers** were a great help to the people. A special thank you to **IMFK Sous Chef Louise**, who was the only one of us who spoke fluent French to help our African friend.

Exciting opportunities to volunteer will be coming **in May and June**.



Happy Birthday John!
March 17th



We are so excited to announce that **IMFK** will once again be partnering with **DIEMlife** and the **Midgley family** for our annual "**You're Not Invisible**" **5k Walk/Run**. The 5k will be at Onondaga Lake Park on **Sat., June 16, 2018 at 8:30 am** (registration begins at 7:45 am)

This is our **5th year** and we are so excited about the new things for this year's race. One of those new things will be that **IMFK will be using the DIEMlife platform for event tickets and updates**. We believe you will find it much easier and we will be able to share comments, photos, and results on the event Quest page.

Register today at:

<https://diem.life/imfk/imfk-5th-annual-5k>



A simple **User Guide for tickets only is attached to help you register** and make sure you don't miss any of the **extras this site has for you at:**

<https://blog.diem.life/getting-started>

More about the DIEMlife story here:

<https://blog.diem.life/about-us/>

What is a Quest you ask?

<https://blog.diem.life/what-the-heck-is-a-quest/>

