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The New Samaritan Inn

In last month's newsletter, we introduced this project for the new Samaritan Inn for homeless women and children. An explanation was given of our current insufficient conditions, 29 year history of meeting the increasing need, marketing research of exploring our options, finding an existing facility to remodel, operational improvements we want to accomplish, cost and funding method, and conditions in society that cause the very need.

This month, as we continue to campaign for funding, we have provided the above photo of the courtyard and a more detailed explanation of the use of the facility. This was the Umpqua Medical Center; it is located at 544 W. Umpqua St. in Roseburg. It was twelve medical and dental condominium units. There are three separate, two-story buildings connected by covered walkways on both floors. They form a "U" shape with a center courtyard. There is an elevator in a fourth, separate building, also connected by covered walkways, just behind the view of the camera on the left. The building in view on the left will be offices and New Life Program classrooms on the first floor; program and staff housing will be on the second floor of that building.

The building in the back will have the dayroom, chapel, dining room, commercial kitchen, restrooms and baggage storage on the first floor; the single women's dormitory, showers, restrooms, laundry, cubby boxroom and supervisor's bedroom will be on the second floor of that building. The largest of the three buildings is on the right, and both floors are primarily living areas for mothers with children. There is one condominium unit on the first floor to the back that will be reserved for special needs like medical and psychological issues. Throughout the facility, there will be nine washers and nine dryers for laundry.

This new facility provides clear separation between, yet a close community together, for mothers with children, single women and program/staff. Essentially, there is a building for each of the three groups, still there is close connection and shared areas. There is room to breathe, to move around, not so confining as our current conditions, privacy, yet obvious accountability to each other. The courtyard helps to provide an environment of serenity and security, as well as one that is inviting. It is undoubtedly not the way we would have designed a new construction

My Special Gift For The New Samaritan Inn

Yes! I want to help provide a new, larger facility for homeless women and children. Please specify contribution for New Samaritan Inn and for October's operation expenses.

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project; but for an existing facility, it could not have been much better.

Certainly, the new facility will have a different feel or atmosphere. There will be a transition from residential houses to a more commercial environment. The mothers and children will maintain more of a homelike feel in their multi-family condominiums with shared living room areas, while single women will have a greater change to a larger shared dayroom and dormitory. Still, our ability to minister to and provide social services to a very precious at risk group will be greatly enhanced. In all this, we remain focused on our identity as an emergency shelter to equip our clients with what they need to become independent.

Long ago, we outgrew our existing house, even three houses. We have been making them accommodate far more people than they were ever designed to serve. It was not until the economic recession and the decline of commercial property values that the possibility of such a facility could become a reality. For three years, we have been working out the complicated details of this project. And now is the time to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to stop turning away homeless women and children for a lack of room to care for them.

Would you please contribute to the New Samaritan Inn, so that homeless women and children will have a place of real hope when crisis comes their way.

Domestic Violence – The Most Common Crisis

“To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8

“I was deceived. I was in his space; he was used to being alone. I bugged him. He was angry, hateful, not like that when I met him. He abused me verbally, mentally, emotionally, physically. I’ve been married three years. The abuse happened right away. There was no one to call, no one to turn to. He played with my mind all the time. He threw me across the house, hitting. I got black eyes and fat lips,” Loreena relived. “I felt lonely, angry with myself, didn’t know where to go or what to do, and I’m going to cry just remembering. I had planned for so long, and it all dropped in a big old hole, and I had to find a way out. Especially being a Christian, walking the Lord’s way for so long and things are going right, then all this stuff happens to you. The Lord was there through it, but I just didn’t let Him help me out. I had gotten into my husband’s way of life,” Loreena recalled.

For years, she had been a single mother of two children. Then she became an empty nester. When she married again, she quit her job and worked with her new husband. When he could not work any longer, the abuse got worse. Loreena filed a restraining order for her own protection. He is now very ill, in prison for unrelated offenses and not a threat to her safety. She was shattered and became withdrawn, despondent. Domestic violence had robbed her of her self-worth. Loreena had become depressed, losing courage, even hope. Now this 52-year-old needed a

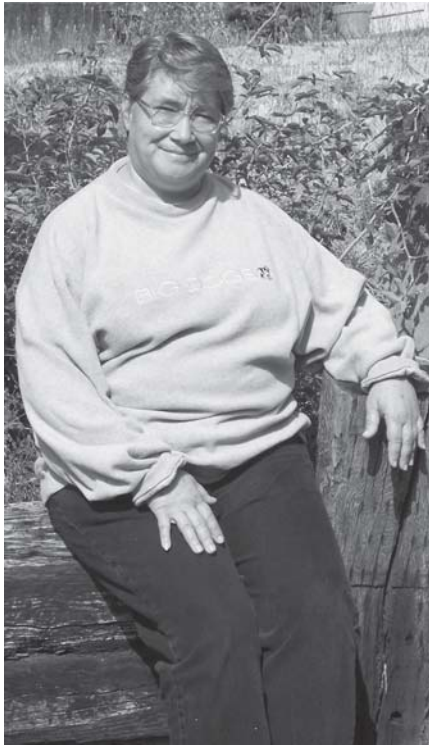
place to live and a way to come alive again.

With a sense of hesitation, she called Samaritan Inn to find out if there was room and to get the details of her new home. Some things went to her storage unit. When she arrived, a member of our program happened to be outside. They walked in together. Loreena signed in, had lunch, then

sat quietly at the end of a couch. She just looked around, taking in all the sights and sounds of her new environment, scared, not knowing what was going to happen next. By the following day, she began to open up, talking, feeling more comfortable. And she met an old friend here that she used to work with. As her confidence began to return, she took a job delivering newspapers. Now she is working in a fast food restaurant.

Loreena said, “Samaritan Inn helped me gain my life back and made me feel human again. I am a person, and I am walking with the Lord. You made me feel welcome, like I am at home with a family that cares no matter where you are coming from in the world. I found friendship, fellowship, a peer group to communicate with people. Here, there is hope, a light on a path to get my own place to live, better job, vehicle.” She was introverted, but has broken out of that shell. She said that there is an uplifting atmosphere, having fun, playing games. She especially loves it when the children sing and clap their hands, and the adults join in the music.

Loreena is laughing again.



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