



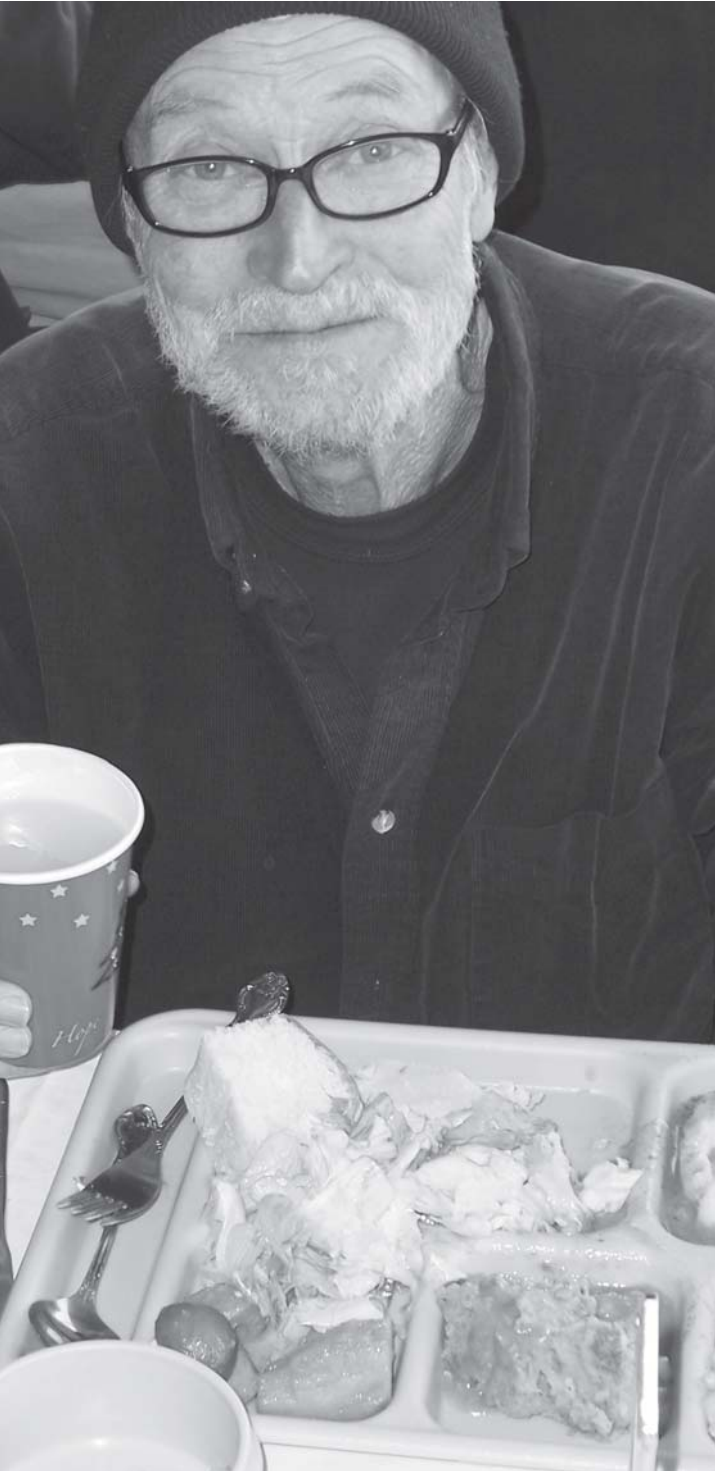
Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Thanksgiving Dinner *Feeding the Hungry*

Dear Friends,

You don't have to be homeless to be hungry. Our dining rooms are open every day to the hungry of our community. Thanksgiving is a day to be especially thankful for the Lord's bountiful harvest to us. Let us share our blessings with those in need.

Because of the difficult economic times, we have been serving increasing numbers of meals, giving away more clothing and using more shelter beds. Some of the people we serve are ill and elderly. Some are single mothers trying to provide for their children. Many are young. All of them need help, hope, a new direction. Some are homeless for the first time. And its a scary place to be.

This is more than a great Roseburg Rescue Mission holiday tradition. Its life-saving, life changing. And you can help! Your special gift today will help feed and care for hurting people here in Douglas County.

May God Bless You,
Lynn Antis, Executive Director

DINNER MENU ITEMS NEEDED

Turkey	Potatoes	Gravy Mix
Stuffing	Cranberry Sauce	Yams
Salad	Mixed Vegetables	Rolls
Pie	HOPE	Coffee

My Thanksgiving gift to feed the hungry

Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children in need.

I'd like to contribute:

- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$ _____

Please accept my donation by:

- Check:** PLEASE ENCLOSE
- Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE



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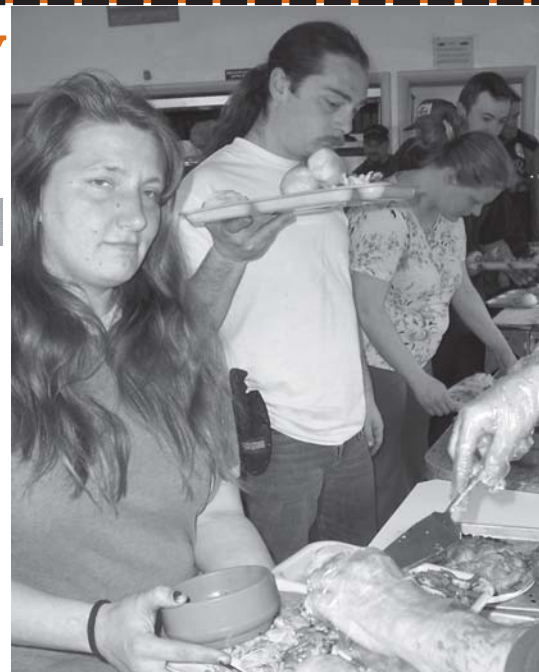
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Thank you for using the enclosed envelope. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift.

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When the Walls Came Down

When Andrea was 7-years-old, she celebrated her first communion. It's a tradition in some denominations for children of that age to learn the meaning of the Lord's Supper, then be able to participate in it. She had a beautiful white dress to walk down the aisle to the altar. Andrea remembers pretending that she was marrying Jesus. But that innocent purity was corrupted by parental abuse, both verbal and physical. Walls went up. When she was 12, she went around a wedding reception drinking all the champagne she could. There was no peer pressure; it was just rebellion. She wanted attention that was missing. Walls got higher. High school was her first public school. She was unknown, unpopular, vulnerable. She fell into a group that used drugs. She was expelled from school. Walls were then a fortress from emotional pain and from the Truth. She thought God was mean and punishing her.

For many years to follow, Andrea looked for security, fitting in, love. She went to all the wrong places, wrong crowd. She worked; she got fired for missing work because of hangovers. One day, she had no place to go. She was

tired of drinking, tired of being sick and tired. She said she knew that she needed structure and boundaries. Andrea said, "I had never been to a shelter. My first day, I thought, this is nice, nothing like I expected. It was warm and secure. And no one here was going to condemn me. This place taught me how to open up."

Andrea now has a job and has moved out of the Mission. When she came back for this interview, she said, "I miss it here, I dream about this place. I came in today and sighed. I feel at home here. I was willing to change, to let go and let God. It was God's will for me to be here. My new start was here. I opened my heart and stopped blaming myself and others. I reaffirmed my belief in God and entered back into life. God let me know that He is there."

Andrea calls them "God shots", those "coincidences" that get our attention. Its conviction of the presence of the Holy Spirit and our guilt. Its acknowledgement of God and repentance. When the walls came down, there was the Lord, Who had never left her, and there was that little girl that still loves Jesus.

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Feeding the Hungry

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter...

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Isaiah 58:7-10

Dining Room Expansion

For Thanksgiving we expand our Dining Room by setting up tables in the room next to it. So many more hungry people are coming in on a daily basis, that we are remodeling to make that expansion permanent. Every day is looking more like Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Mission at 1 PM



Sock Drive

We need new socks to give away at our Thanksgiving Dinner as an extra way of saying we really do care for all of their needs. Have a sock drive at your church or school. Let's make some happy feet!