



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

48 *Years*
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Juanita, Linzi (8), Nathyn (5), Ryan and Scott (newborn)

A Place To Bring Babies Home

Juanita and her children had to flee from an abusive relationship. They returned to Roseburg from out of state. Women and children often escape domestic violence by relocating. Some of our neighbors leave Douglas County, some strangers or others, drawn by a connection, arrive here.

Juanita and her children moved into her parents' home; however, they were experiencing their own difficulties. Because of the economy, both parents received pay cuts at work, causing them to default on their mortgage. The whole family then moved into a small apartment. Her parents got away with having their daughter and grandchildren in those cramped quarters for a while, but Juanita and her children had to move out because they exceeded

the occupancy limitations of the apartment. A vital part of her personal safety net had broken. She had no other family, and friends were living in the area she just fled away from. Juanita had her two children and was expecting

"I praise the Lord that I had a place to bring my babies home to, and that I was not judged in my condition."

twins 6 weeks later. She had no place to go. How was she going to manage an eight-year-old, a five-year-old and newborn twins, alone and homeless? She needed help and a home.

They arrived at the Mission's Samaritan Inn for women and children the first part of October. She was upset about having to go to a shelter, but soon realized the accommodations were great. She said, "Here, I am surrounded by something uplifting that I didn't have before. I feel happy again.

Items Needed:

Dry Beans

Rice

Pasta

Winter Clothing

Quilts:

Adult 60" x 90"

Crib 36" x 42"

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Formula

Pajamas

Undergarments

Work Boots

Socks

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I needed that. I needed a safe place and a routine going again. I have everything I need and a chance to save money (Oregon TANF housing grant) to get our own place. I know that God has a plan to take care of my needs.” Then 11/10/11, Ryan and Scott were born.

In the photo, the babies are just 7 days old. Juanita said, “I’m not stressed. I’ve received the baby items that I needed. I don’t feel like I need anything, except more infant diapers!” Staff and volunteers have taken her to appointments and church, saving her from having to manage four kids on a bus. She has gone from an abusive relationship to healthy, nurturing ones.



Dayroom-Chapel Expansion

This project was delayed a couple of months due to building permit issues. It is now well underway and should be completed by January. Our chapel, dayroom and dining room will all double in size to meet the growing need of the homeless.

This area will have stacking chairs that can be moved out of the way when an overflow sleeping area is needed. Our men’s shelter downtown does not fill up. We have added enough bunkbeds in our dormitories to keep that from happening. We are just keeping prepared to meet increasing needs. Camping mattresses will be used as needed in this area.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to be “A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless”.

Here are some of our current needs:

- Samaritan Inn**
- Chapel Services
- Bible Study
- Men’s Mission**
- Chapel Service
- Thrift Store
- Receptionist

Apply on our website or in our office.

BASIC SERVICES

For men, women and children

- Food:** 3 meals every day
- Clothing:** Available to all
- Recovery Program:** 20
- Transitional Housing:** 36
- Client Shelter:** 120
- Emergency Shelter:** 24
- Total Beds Available:** 200
- Dayrooms:** Open all day
- Laundry, showers, phone, etc.
- Thrift Stores:** Items vouchered to those in need, sold to others
- Chapel:** A part of our daily lives.

Dear Friends,

Domestic violence and the economy are two of the most common reasons that women and children become homeless. We cannot reach into homes and stop the violence or control the economy. The very idea some have that homelessness can end in a few years is unrealistic.

Jesus said, “For the poor you have with you always” Matthew 26:11.

For years, women and children have been the fastest growing segment among the homeless in our country, indeed in our own community.

The face of homelessness continues to change with time. A few decades ago, it was primarily older men with an alcohol problem and transient workers riding on trains. Now younger men with drug problems are homeless. The mentally ill population continues to be a major factor. And women and children increase. Many west coast missions began in the 1950’s and 60’s for men, then added facilities for women and children in the 70’s and 80’s to meet the new need. The Roseburg Rescue Mission began in 1964 for men, then added Samaritan Inn for women and children in 1985. Today, one-third of our homeless clients are women and children.

As we consider this new year and the completion of our expansion project, we have commitments to keep in the Conditional Use Permit that allowed us to do the project. There is parking lot paving, drainage and landscaping, as well as, restroom and other remodeling that needs to be done in an agreed phased timeline. There is no shortage of projects for the new year, just prayerful consideration of prioritizing them.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

