



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

48 *Years*
1964-2012

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Summer Help Needed

This summer multitudes of homeless men, women and children will come to the Mission for hot meals, clothing, showers and safe shelter. Each one carries some burden: broken relationships, lost job, depression, loneliness, illness. The circumstances of their lives are beyond their control, but at the Mission there is hope. Some will join our New Life program, others will immediately be looking for jobs and apartments. All will hear the Good News that God loves them. Summer is also a time of working on painting and remodeling projects. Without your help, we could not provide all these services. Summer can be a difficult time on our finances. Would you take a moment and consider those less fortunate?

Thank you,
Lynn Antis
Executive Director

This Is Home Base

Desirae is pictured here at Samaritan Inn working in the garden. She said, "This is home base. If I ever get lost, I know where base is. There is always an ear to hear and people who really care. If I'm not feeling right, I can get back to the Word (of God) and the ladies. I can be restored." In her 7 months at Samaritan Inn, Desirae did get lost both physically and otherwise. More than once she had to call home base to get directions back. And once she moved out prematurely against all advice. She ended up in a bad situation, then returned to base to try independence again, later under better circumstances.

Some women move from Douglas County to a safe place, some move from other places to here for safety and a fresh start in life. Desirae moved here. In a week, she had a part-time job in a delicatessen that she still has. In addition, she worked a second part-time job during the Christmas season. Soon she will be moving to a transitional housing place that is safe and supportive.

Desirae has a convoluted past, the details of which would not be edifying for anyone. Yet an overview explains the need for our homeless shelter. Her mother was a drug addict that involved Desirae in her

world of doom. From childhood to being an adult, their relationship of codependence and self-destruction consumed them and everyone around them. There was never a solid foundation to build a life upon, no home base. She grew up in foster care homes, but never felt completely bonded anywhere. The Mission became home to this adult robbed of a nurturing childhood.

An aunt took her to church as a child. She excitedly said, "I got saved last Sunday at church." Then after a moment of consideration she said, "I actually received Jesus as a child. I had cut Him off. I did not deserve to be forgiven. Now I know I am forgiven of past mistakes. I am going to be a work in progress. I have hope in life now, increased faith. I'm allowing the Lord to work in me, letting the old life go, growing. The Lord said He would lead me, if I just let Him." In chapel at Samaritan Inn, Desirae said the speakers related numerous times to her story, confirming the Lord's presence and hope in Him.

She learned, "He will never turn His back on us, and He will forgive us, even if we turn our back on Him. I feel blessed, God is working here to help us get on our feet. This is where He wanted me to be. Thank you."



*"And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd."
Matthew 9:36*

My Summer gift for the homeless

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

I'd like to contribute:

- \$25
- \$50
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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
- GED Tutors

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.



Working On A GED

Jesse is working on a General Equivalency Diploma at the Mission. It is equal to a High School Diploma. One of his volunteer tutors, pictured above, is Dennis. During Jesse's high school years, he was too busy getting in trouble to be bothered with studying or going to all his classes. Like so many other teenagers, he did not understand the need for an education and he was drawn away by peer pressure. He has since paid the consequence of that error in judgment. After being expelled from school for behavioral issues, he used his freedom to only get in further trouble. He did not have the diploma as a basic requirement for employment or the knowledge to effectively function or communicate in society. And it kept him from all the opportunity that college has to offer.

Now he has a second chance and a hopeful future. He is working on the subject of math in the above photo. He says its coming back to him and his tutor reports that Jesse is doing well on his practice tests. The ability to get a GED at the Mission is a part of the life skills section of our New Life Program for homeless men and women. Jesse said, "The program has helped mature me a lot more and help other people. And as a supervisor, it has changed me dramatically. I hope the GED will help me succeed in getting a job. I will take whatever job comes available and work my way up. I don't want to get in trouble again, I want to accomplish something. Its time to be a new Jesse, not an old Jesse!"

Dennis Olds and Jim Harroun volunteer to teach GED subjects at the Mission through Roseburg Alliance Church. They were recruited by their Associate Pastor, Grant Goins, who believes in the Church impacting the community and developing relationships. We are very grateful for their help and enthusiasm. Both teachers and students gain a lot in this experience. And more tutors are needed. Thank you.

Items Needed:

Canned Goods

Potatoes

Oatmeal

Disposable Razors

Deodorants

Toilet Paper

Baby Shampoo

Hair Brushes

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