



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

49 *Years*
1964-2013

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Summer Conditions

Hot weather can be very dangerous to the homeless. They are exposed to the intense elements as they work and travel. Extreme heat can cause dehydration even heat exhaustion. The Mission is an oasis of services, offering hope in a parched landscape of options. There is no vacation for the homeless, no reprieve from their situation or striving to overcome it. Their conditions remain for some unknown time. Summer is a time of working on projects. We have roof repairs and other remodeling to do. Without your help, we could not provide all the services available. Summer is also a time of having a slump in our finances. Would you take a moment and consider those less fortunate?

Thank you,
Lynn Antis
Executive Director

Anonymous Guest Restored

Her identity has been concealed, because she is a working professional in our community. She could be anyone of us, indeed she has assimilated back into society.

She describes herself as having grown up in a middle class family. She graduated from college with a Bachelor's degree, entered her career field and had been successful in it for a long time. There was a keen sense of independence, living alone as an adult. Yet, depression troubled her; medication helped. There were no bad habits, except indulging in food.

The years went by, and the admirers were few. She never married and had no children. Midlife happened. She was at the height of her career and the pinnacle of vulnerability. A trigger point would happen that would push her over the edge of reason. It was a blind date. There was a rebellious pride, somewhat hidden inside an unsuspecting exterior. She was enticed, yielded to temptation and fell, believing the lie that she could control the evil behaviors that he brought with him.

A previously foreign lifestyle became her own. She said, "I was on a path. One step off the path, another, suddenly I was off in the woods and I did not know the way back. And I gave up. The shame was unbearable." She lost

her job, home, car, retirement – everything. Family was alienated. This is not an unusual story. We can be more susceptible to situations of negative opportunity or schemes of foul play than we may realize.

The Mission's Samaritan Inn helped to restore this anonymous guest. There was no reason to remain a victim; there was hope for victory. It was not a greater sense of self-sufficiency that she needed; it was that self-reliance that got her into trouble. She needed connection to her Christian community; something she had strayed away from. She needed to know genuine love and to put on spiritual armor.

Accountability and fellowship needed to become a part of her life. She needed assurance that such a disaster would not happen again.

She is now in the process of rebuilding her faith, relationships, career, future on a new foundation, the solid Rock of Salvation. She said, "Here was a framework for building stability, not isolating. There was always someone to talk to, looking after each other. It was a time of healing and growth. I had a spiritual reawakening, trusting in the Lord, not stressing about things. I have faith in God to continue on in confidence. Thank you."



She needed connection to her Christian community.

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
- \$100
- \$ _____

Please accept my donation by:

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



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**"For I was
thirsty and
you gave Me
something
to drink."**

Matthew 25:35

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

Men's Barber

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.

Items Needed:

Potatoes

Pasta Shells

Spaghetti Sauce

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Bath Towels

Disposable Razors

Pillows/Pillowcases

***Remember the
Roseburg Rescue
Mission in your
Estate Planning***

Hunger Of Heart & Stomach

There was an abundance of food in the Garden of Eden. God did not just create Adam and Eve, provide for them and leave. God walked with them "in the garden in the cool of the day." Man had to "work the ground" and "take care of the garden." God gave Adam and Eve the awesome gift of freewill to choose to trust God and obey His commandment to "not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," or there would be consequences. God designed more than a one-sided relationship of providing for our food needs. God's love is not static; its relational love, having a choice, a response, a mutual involvement.

Likewise, there is ample food in Douglas County. The problem is with distribution, equitably supplying available food to those in need. The Lord has called His people to share. We cannot just provide for the hungry and walk away. We have also been called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God's solution to our knowledge of evil. We have been called back into relationship with the Lord and each other. Our love cannot be static either; it needs to be relational love, a mutual involvement.

To turn the tide of food insecurity, consumers of food handouts need to become producers; otherwise, the problem will only increase. At the Mission, no one ever has to work or pay for food; its freely served in three prepared meals every day of the year at both our downtown facility and at Samaritan Inn for women and children. Our



***"Jesus answered,
'It is written:
"Man does not live
on bread alone,
but on every Word
that comes from the
mouth of God."'
Matthew 4:4***

dining rooms are open to the hungry, not just the homeless or those sleeping at our two shelters. But, there is also opportunity available for a new life, to have the obstacles to success removed, to become independent and no longer need or even want to receive food handouts.

At the Mission, we are concerned for the hunger of the heart, as well as the stomach. Both needs have to be addressed to have real hope in life. If we were to just hand out food, certainly the giver learns love, but the receiver often times is only able to know the immediate satisfaction and just looks for more. They have no reason to make a change. The relationship is one-sided. We engage the homeless to build relationships, to see results. We do not want to enable wayward lifestyles. The Mission is an instrument of the community for an organized approach.

The far majority of the food served here is provided by donations of food from individuals and businesses. We receive no government food, nothing from the local food bank and never ask for client food stamps. Food reminds us three times every day, if we are so blessed, that we are all very much dependent on food and on our Creator, Who provides nourishment for our hearts and stomachs.

Thrift Store Sale – Graffiti Weekend
Thursday to Saturday – July 11 to 13