



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

49 *Years*
1964-2013

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Hunger To Hope

Dear Friends,

Stephanie is a single mother with five hungry children and a need for hope. How she got to this point in life is not important, except how it affects her future. Right now, she does not have to worry about feeding her children; they are well cared for. Stephanie can consider the path that led her to our homeless shelter and focus on developing one of independence.

Hunger is craving for something to satisfy a real need, a longing for fulfillment. Jesus taught, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" Matthew 5:6. Life is about more than a yearning for basic needs like food, because we are more than physical beings. The mind, emotions and spirit need nourishment as well to be healthy, to have real hope.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful to the Lord for His bountiful harvest and to share with those in need. It's also a season to acknowledge the Giver of the feast and the full measure of hope that the Lord offers to us.

You can be a part of this blessing to those that hunger for more of life in Douglas County. Thank you for giving now to this purpose.

May God Bless You! Lynn Antis, Executive Director

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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Card Number : _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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

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Dinner Menu Items Needed:

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| Turkey | Potatoes |
| Stuffing | Gravy Mix |
| Yams | Salad |
| Rolls | Pie |
| Ice Cream | Coffee |
| Cranberry Sauce | |
| Mixed Vegetables | |

Bicycling To Work

Brad is no stranger to work; he is a newcomer to the Mission. He is 39-years-old, not married, has no children, homeless for the first time. His career has been in the field of retail technology, a specialty that can be rather fickle, so dependent on shifting demand and competition. He lost his job, then his place to live, next his transportation.

On a Saturday, Brad arrived at the Mission. Two days later on Monday, he had a job at a gas station. He had tried the online application method of job searching, but it was the old-fashioned means of going door-to-door that landed him the job. It's 30 hours a week and minimum wage, but his determination got him work. He said, "I'm just blessed to have a job period. It's all that was available." Brad has realistically evaluated his situation in life and made the mature, responsible decision to move beyond his humbling circumstances, accepting a temporary setback. He has plans to change career fields and re-establish himself in the community. Yet even with his current diminished income, he is anxious for independence.

He said, "I'm thankful you guys are here. I plan to save money and move out soon."

"I expect my total time here to be about two months."

I'm using this for a transitional period. I'm thankful that the Mission is willing to work with me to come in here late from my job." He began his new job by taking the city bus to work and walking back here late at night. So we provided him with a bicycle that had been donated to the Mission. He says, "It's quicker and gives me exercise. I have the freedom to go where and when I want." He is getting more of his mobility back.

Brad credits the Lord for his blessing, "He has provided me with this place, a bike, a job. I'm a Christian. My grandpa was the pastor of one church in Roseburg, then started another church here." He said that both those churches are still ministering today." I grew up in the church, fell away, tried to do it my way, instead of His Way, and that is part of why I am here. My grandpa had an impact on me. He was a godly person; I try to live like him. His faith was real strong, always showing me what love is suppose to be. I'm experiencing some of that same love now."

There is a hunger inside this homeless man that is beginning to be satisfied, perhaps even a malnourishment of the spirit, the symptoms of which he had barely connected to his condition. He said, "Chapel (at the Mission) is great; it has brought me back closer to the Lord." It's an awakening to a forsaken part of life. Brad now has new hope.



Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Mission at 1PM

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The Prodigal Son
"When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father...The father said this son of mine was dead, and has come to life; he was lost, and has been found."

Luke 15:17-24

Daily Averages September 2013

Chapel, Bible
Studies: 99

Meals: 237

Beds: 122

Monthly Totals
Voucher Items

Clothing: 923

Household: 143

Furniture: 9

DONATE A CAR OR TRUCK



Donations are
tax deductible

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!

