



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

50 *Years*
1964-2014

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Gateway To A New Life

Michelle's childhood was one of being spoiled and lacking discipline. Her father died when she was six-years-old. Her mother sank into a deep depression because of it and never recovered. Michelle was too young and immature to fend off the negative influences of peer pressure and even family members. She was introduced to drugs before she ever started grade school. Her innocence of living without a drug was stolen from her. In her formative years, she developed into an increasingly more dependent addict. She said, "Drugs are mind altering. When you get high, you want to drink. You want to try something that gives you a different high, another drug."

Michelle's adult life has been marred with troubles. She fell deep into the whole daily, dependent drug lifestyle. She had sporadic employment, unstable relationships, domestic violence, no home of her own to raise her son, then lost her son to foster care, because of her behavior.

Samaritan Inn was Michelle's gate way to a new life. She said, "I had never been to a shelter before. It was scary at first. I would have been positive for drugs. Now I'm clean; it was six months on Tuesday. I had never been clean before, ever, not since I was twenty. From age 20 to 44, I was never clean; its amazing."

Her motivation came from wanting to get her son back,

but she lacked the means and the willpower. She said, "I had to accept that I am an addict. If it wasn't for Samaritan Inn, I would not have had a place to lay my head at night or the support of the other women. All the ladies prayed for me. I heard their testimonies. They kept me from using (drugs) again. The rules kept me in check. I love Samaritan Inn, and I'm thankful for Susan and Vickie (staff). Michelle went on to share what she has learned, and who she has become. "God forgives no matter what you do. He has a plan for

everybody. He answers prayers, even the most, little prayers. Before, I was a fan, now I'm a follower." After months of our chapel messages, devotional times and counseling, Michelle went forward in an alter call at New Beginnings Church. She said, "I want to keep my church; I love Pastor Randy."

Because she has done so well in her time here at the Mission, Michelle has regained custody of her son. She has a job, and soon this reunited family will move on to independent living. She said, "If it wasn't for this place, I would have no place to go. Its what saved my life and helped me get my son



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back and my sobriety."

For 8-year-old Justin, when his mom was not really being his mom, the world was just not right. Now his world has been set right. He has good reason to smile; a gateway to hope and happiness has opened for him too.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

*Here are some of our current
needs:*

Chapel Services
Bible Study
Thrift Store

*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: 24

Transitional Housing: 36

Client Shelter: 118

Emergency Shelter: 32

Total Beds Available: 210

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:

Soup Base

Tuna

Canned Fruits &

Veggies

Instant Mashed

Potatoes

Mayonnaise

Disposable Razors

Hair Brushes

Deodorant

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

Ministry Position Open

Samaritan Inn Manager

Full-time paid position, Live off-site.

Ideal candidate will have B.A. in a related field and
experience working with homeless women and children.

Susan Nelson will be retiring June 30, 2014.

Standing In The Gap

The Roseburg Rescue Mission is "standing in the gap" between people being homeless and having a home. There are gaps in people's lives: mental illness, addictions, unemployment, domestic violence, fears, hunger. There are gaps between hearing the Gospel and being overcome by the world, between hope and hopelessness. There are gaps when the enemy tells lies, enticing people to follow false teachings, immoral behavior, rebellious attitudes. At the Mission, we stand in those gaps to help restore lives to the potential that God has for us.

Our New Life Program fills a gap for men and women that are not ready for employment. They need time, group Bible studies, obsessive-compulsive-addictive behaviors classes, life skills classes, work training, fellowship with others in similar situations.

Our transitional Housing Program fills a gap for men that still need the accountability of the Mission as they rent a room in one of our two Single Room Occupancy hotels. It fills a need for men that would otherwise have a difficult or impossible time renting elsewhere because of their backgrounds. It provides a rental reference to move on.

We stand in the gap even for those not in our programs, providing three meals a day, clothing and shelter. There are dayrooms with restrooms, showers, shaves, laundry, baggage storage, US Mail service, social service help.

We bridge a need for veterans waiting on VA housing or getting other VA services.

We fill a void by employing some clients part-time, giving them opportunity to work, learn, save money, get a letter of recommendation from us.

We stand in the gap for children too, protecting mothers and children from having to stay in abusive situations. We fill a need mothers have with parenting skills.

**"If only there were Someone to arbitrate between us,
to lay His hand upon us both." Job 9:33**

Job was hoping for that gap between God and mankind to be filled. He knew that with God, there is justice. Job knew that his Redeemer lives. He knew that only God can give to God what God requires for our sin, so the sin gap can be bridged by our Savior, who is God Himself.

Every Christian has the Holy Spirit filling the gap between God and mankind. In our love of the Lord and service to Him, Christians stand in the gap.

The Mission is a bridge to independence, hope, new life, establishing and restoring relationships with the Lord and others. We intercede, advocate for the homeless, do for them what they cannot do for themselves. The "we" is not just a few staff and Board Members; it is everyone that donates and volunteers. The Mission is a community effort to stand in the gap, bringing hope where there was none.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

