



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**50** *Years*  
1964-2014

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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

## Triumph Over Trauma

Kristie chose the title to her story, "Triumph Over Trauma", to describe her present condition as superior to her past. At 24-years-old, she has been through a long, tragic ordeal, going back to her childhood. Home life was mundane, lacking joy and vitality; except when, her parents would go to the garage to party with friends. A natural childlike curiosity led Kristie to search for the source of the only form of happiness she had ever seen in her parents. She found the stash. She followed their example, even after they separated, by keeping the secret for years. But, the behavior led her to using drugs with friends. When she came home under the influence, the habit was exposed. Her father then thought it was better to use drugs with his then 13-year-old daughter, than for her to get in trouble with friends or for her to go to harder drugs.

But, it only legitimized the behavior to this child. Her rebellion against the rules of society led her to turn against her parents and all regulation. She ran away and got in all the trouble a wayward teenage girl could find. She stayed here and there and on the street. She shoplifted, sold drugs and worse. She went on a downward spiral, accepting behaviors she thought were not possible. She did not know when to stop, or how. Even after months in jail, she returned to her own troubled ways. She said, "I hadn't hit rock bottom yet; I was still numbing myself." One failed step at a time, she had entered into a world of corruption that lasted ten years. Kristie was unable or unwilling to repent.

When she had enough self-destruction, she was able to admit, "Every bad thing that had happened to me was centered around my addiction. I got down on my hands and knees in my jail cell and prayed to God, because I needed His intervention in my life". When she was released from jail the last time, she tried to find her way to Samaritan Inn, but she got lost. She sat down on a curb and prayed not to relapse in her frustration. Just then, someone showed up and walked her to the front door.

Kristie had made a decision to turn away from the vises of the world, but she still needed a new model of behavior. She entered Samaritan Inn scared and not trusting



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

**Matthew 25:35**

## 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  
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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:*

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:**  
**Pancake Mix**  
**Garden Produce**  
**Canned Vegetables**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Oatmeal**  
**Mayonnaise**  
**Pillows**  
**Disposable Razors**  
**Hair Brushes**

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anyone. She did not know what to do with herself, or how to live a new life. An environment of acceptance, learning and growing greeted her. The nurturing that she had missed in her youth was there. The calloused layers began to peel away and a new person began to emerge. After a month, she joined our New Life Program. She said that what she really needed was forgiveness for herself and to others that had hurt her. She said, “Forgiveness changed my heart. The night terrors went away. And I wanted to serve others.” Kristie rededicated her life to the Lord. She graduated from our program after a little over a year; it really took that long to firmly triumph over the past trauma.

Her Bible verse is Psalms 116:1-2, “I love the Lord because He hears my prayers and answers them. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe!” – The Living Bible.

Now, Kristie has had an outside job for a couple months and plans to move out soon. She has been redeemed out of an old nature into a new person.

## Introduction To New Aspects Of Life

“I’ve never had a new pair of socks,” beamed an excited 8-year-old. One child was so thrilled to actually have a new backpack, that he left the tag on to show it off at school. Some children have never unwrapped the package of a new toy. It sounds like the description of a third-world country but its really right here in our own community. Perhaps, we are a bit spoiled by our expectations. There are other elements, however, that are not so indulging. Some children have never had a bed of their own or a home. Some have lived in foster homes, separated from their parents for a time. Some children have never had a routine of eating meals together as a family, or a set time for homework, brushing their teeth, going to bed. Some have never been to church or ever prayed; they do not know the Name, “Jesus” or have ever heard of a Bible or a manger scene.

When they grow up and have babies of their own, they lack parenting skills. A cycle perpetuating poor habits or even abuse continues. Some mothers have never had a proper role model. Some mothers have never cooked a meal, cleaned a house or owned a stroller, high chair, car seat. Some have never read a book to their child, or cannot read themselves. Some mothers have never had a job or driven a car – or driven legally. Some cannot remember being sober. Collectively, these symptoms appear rather bleak; however, no one has every condition. Indeed, some families only lack opportunity.

**“Instruct those dependent on you in the ways of the Lord,  
Even when they leave your care, they will not stray from it.”  
Paraphrased, Proverbs 22:6**

The Proverbs of Solomon provide great wisdom regarding the free will choices that we have and the consequences of making good and bad decisions. They teach how to raise a child and how to live as an adult. Proverbs explain a reverence for the Lord and a proper preparation for life. Early training makes for life-long habits.

As we go our own way in life and disappointments happen, we can reflect back on better days. We can remember the Lord and return to His ways. But when there has been no such instruction, who will rescue the perishing? The Gospel Rescue Mission is a training ground, a place for rehabilitation. There is instruction for children with the hope of not becoming adult clients here, guidance for adults that they not have to return.

*Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



**Thrift Store Sale – Graffiti Weekend**  
**Thursday to Saturday – July 10 to 12**