



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

50 *Years*
1964-2014

DECEMBER 2014

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No Room In The Inn

Just as Joseph and Mary were turned away from the inn at Bethlehem, so it is now for homeless women and children at Samaritan Inn. There is no room in the Inn. Some are sleeping on our couches or mats on the floor. Others have returned to abusive situations. Some sleep out in their cars, hoping to be safe and warm enough.

To a weary humanity was given Good News of great joy that first Christmas Night. "A Savior has been born to you" Luke 2:11. There is hope and restoration with the Lord, but when there is no room in the Inn, that Message is hard to receive.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth and ministry. The magi brought gifts to Him. Let's observe this joyous occasion by giving physical and spiritual hope to the poor. As the end of this year approaches, this is the last planned request for funding the new Samaritan Inn. Would you please contribute to this project so there will be enough room for homeless women and children in the Inn?

*Have a blessed, Merry Christmas!
Lynn Antis, Executive Director*

My Special Gift For The New Samaritan Inn

Yes! I want to help provide a new, larger facility for homeless women and children. Please specify contribution for New Samaritan Inn and for December's operation expenses.

For New Samaritan Inn: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$_____

For December's Operation: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please accept my donation by:

Check: PLEASE ENCLOSE

Credit Card: CIRCLE ONE



Exp.: _____



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

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Card Number _____

Christmas Items Needed:

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

Ideas For Christmas Gifts:

- New Hats
- New Socks
- New Gloves
- Deodorant - small
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste - small
- Hair Brushes
- Combs
- Candy Canes
- Bibles/Bible Tracts
- New Underwear
- Bus Pass
- Cough Drops
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Shoe or Haircut Gift Certificates(Moms & Kids)
- New Dolls
- Child Pajamas
- Slippers
- Strollers
- Diaper Bags
- New Toys
- Fruit Snack Packs

Please do not wrap packages. Items needed by December 19th.

Two Life Changing Events

"He was charming at first, nice, caring, sincere, dinner, flowers, candy, movies once or twice a week, helped family. We went through my father dying, then his father dying. We both stuck around leaning on each other for as long as we needed each other. I was with my boyfriend for four years. He was abusive from the first, verbally abusive, not happy with himself. There was name-calling, degrading remarks. He had been injured in a logging accident and couldn't do it anymore. He felt inadequate as a provider, jealous that I had a job, questioned my whereabouts. He was very possessive, insecure. He would go to my work and cause a scene. I lost my job over it. Then I didn't want to leave the house, because I didn't feel good about myself. My self-esteem was very low, my world was shattered. I felt guilt about living together, not married. I was a broken person, praying for a way out of the relationship. We were codependent, that emotional tie was hard to break. Then he left me for another woman. I was abandoned, and I wanted to die," Jenifer tearfully remembered.



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respondent to the hormones progesterone or estrogen, nor to some chemotherapies." Jenifer underwent aggressive treatment for a time. As of this writing, she is under a less intense treatment. She said that its too early to know the outcome, but surgery is still a part of the expected treatment. After five months of treatment now, Jenifer has had the tenacity to keep her job, although part-time.

Still, she has had an emotional and a spiritual struggle. She questioned, "How could this happen to me, why this on top of everything else? I was distraught. I was mad. I had been through so much, and I thought that I was walking through it alone. I always had a relationship with God, now its more open and active. I know God is here with me every day stronger than ever in my whole life." Jenifer said that at Samaritan Inn, while listening, reading and studying the Bible, she has gained a greater understanding of how to live, love and treat others. She credits our managers for providing her with uplifting counseling. Her favorite Scripture verses are Philippians 3:12-14, especially, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Jenifer has learned to avoid mutually dependent relationships, not to rely on her own ability or health, and to trust in the Lord.

Her daughter told her about Samaritan Inn. She had never been homeless before and had preconceived ideas about what she thought would be "rough girls" here. But that first night she decided, "These girls are just like me, some have been dealt bad cards in their life and they're trying to make the best of it."

After a few months of healing, Jenifer landed a full-time job. She diligently saved her money and was getting ready to leave Samaritan Inn. But another life changing event stopped all plans for independence. She said, "I found a lump and had it checked out. They did an ultrasound and a biopsy. It was fast growing and aggressive. It was triple negative, not

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