



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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New Samaritan Inn Purchase Complete Remodeling Begins

Escrow, to purchase the old Umpqua Medical Center, was closed on December 30, 2014. The Roseburg Rescue Mission now owns this property. Its being remodeled into our New Samaritan Inn for homeless women and children. The Mission no longer owns the three houses, that have been Samaritan Inn, located at the corner of NE Jackson St and NE Klamath Av. We will remain in those three houses, as renters, during the remodeling of the new location. Those three houses were part of a trade agreement to purchase this new location at 544 W Umpqua St. Opening day of the new Samaritan Inn is set for May 2015.

Since making the public announcement of this plan in our September 2014 newsletter, we have had to turn away even greater numbers of homeless women and children than before. The need for a safe shelter away from the dangers of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect is great. The need for a larger facility to help deal with the issues of relationship separation, abuse, addiction, mental health, housing, employment and parenting skills continues to grow.

**OPENING DAY
SET FOR
MAY 2015**

This new facility will have 15,000 square feet, 119 beds, 72 on-site paved parking spaces. Its in a better location for schools, social services, employment, shopping. Its well fenced and the layout provides for significantly improved security. There is a commercial kitchen and larger dining room, dayroom, chapel. There are more restrooms, showers, laundry facilities. There is more room for offices, classrooms, program areas. The length of stay will be increased, giving women and children the time needed to recoup from the stress of their homeless situation.

Its been a long and challenging process to complete this project. Its been amazing to see how each piece has come together and the right timing of each event. This has been a community effort. A measure of Christianity can be seen in the justice offered to the poor. A measure of the strength of a community can be seen in the compassion extended to the needy. We are indeed a caring community and the Lord is clearly at work here in His people. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. There is now more "hope for the homeless".

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.

Housing: 250 beds

Transitional Housing: Rentals (Men)

Recovery Program: Open to Men and Women.

Dayrooms: Open all day.

Restrooms, laundry, showers, phone, etc.

Thrift Stores: Items vouchered to those in need, sold to others.

Chapel: A part of our daily lives.

Paycheck Incited Temptation

A paycheck is not a cure-all for homelessness when addiction is the underlying problem. The suggestion that the homeless need to "just get a job" does not account for the many reasons people need an emergency shelter. For some, their paycheck tempts them into the instant gratification of a bad or even illegal behavior. "Just getting a job" could be the worst thing they could do, if it causes relapse back to an old problem. Recovery and healing need to take place, and that can take some time.



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Tammy came from a broken home, caused by parental separation and addiction. She lived most of her teen years with relatives. She enjoyed the success of achieving her GED, graduating from beauty school and owning her own salon. Tammy married and had three children. She said the trouble began with a bad spousal relationship and complications after child birth. It began with prescription pain medications and grew to street drugs. She said, "It was hard and fast. In a quick amount of time, I lost my marriage, kids, business and was in jail. Instead of straightening up, I went more into drugs, and things got very dark, the devil is very real."

Tammy's Probation Officer required her to go to Samaritan Inn as a condition of her probation or return back to jail. In that sense, we are a

willing extension of DC Parole and Probation, because, as a nonprofit without government support, we can address all aspects of the human condition: physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual. A family member drove her here, a place she said, "I had never been before, did not know it existed, was not even aware of where homeless women go. I felt a little betrayed by family. I was scared and shocked at my new reality. But it didn't take long to feel safety and comfort."

A healing process began. After a few months, Tammy joined our New Life Program. In addition to the chapel services for all clients, the Program has group Bible studies, an addiction recovery class and a life skills class. She worked the receptionist desk, did yard work and other chores. But as is too often the case, the client, feeling a sense of renewal, left the therapy too soon. She moved out, relapsed and returned. She could not succeed by her ability alone; the temptation was too great. Tammy said, "That's why I couldn't work for a long time." She needed more than mere abstinence; she needed identity and purpose. She needed more than a cure for her condition; she needed new life.

"Greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world." I John 4:4

Tammy selected this Scripture verse, one that she needed to learn and to live. She said, "I am growing to be the woman He intended me to be. Being in this house is the best thing that has happened to me. Anywhere else, I would not have built my relationship with Him."

For a few months now, Tammy has been working full-time, while remaining in the safety of Samaritan Inn. She has a new allegiance to the Lord, hope and a plan. And better to be fully established and confident in her success than be too anxious and risk the alternative again. The new, larger Samaritan Inn will allow for clients to stay longer and reduce the return rate.

Items Needed:

Pancake Mix

Canned Fruits

Canned Veggies

Potatoes

Oatmeal

Coffee

Pajamas

Disposable Razors

Towels

Deodorant

DONATE A CAR OR TRUCK

Donations are tax deductible

