



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**51** *Years*  
1964-2015

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## **Easter** *Dinner and a Message of Hope*

Easter is a time when more people attend church and are more open to the Gospel. So it is at the Mission. Many have lost hope because of depression, addictions, domestic violence. Many have lost jobs, homes, relationships, health. Hope can begin with a single hot meal, a traditional Easter dinner with all the trimmings. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus to new life, and the new life that we can have in Him. Its a time to let go of the past, all of the old thoughts, beliefs, behaviors. Together, we can transform hopelessness into hope for today and eternity. Please send a life-changing gift today.

***Have a blessed,  
Happy Easter!***

## **Let Go Of The Past**

To those of us who are outside of the drug culture, it is a mystery as to why anyone would put a foreign, harmful substance into their bodies. What catalyst could incite someone to start such a self-destructive behavior? Pride. When the focus of a person's life is on themselves, then they encounter stressful troubles and those conditions meet with the opportunity for relief, consequences are not a part of the irrational decision. No one else matters, nothing else matters, only satisfaction matters. It is simply a part of our human condition. We have freewill and the knowledge of good and evil. The drug culture is firmly in place, and it causes homelessness.

ReAnna had a perfect storm of events, that she had no foundation to withstand. Trouble started in a bad relationship. When he found out that she was pregnant, he got mad, denied that it was his or even true. He became verbally and physically abusive. At the same time, a close aunt was dying of a disease, she lost her housing, her boyfriend was cheating and he would harass her at work and school. ReAnna said, "There was so much stress, depression, jealousy, anxiety. I started failing as a mom. I was just letting abuse happen to me and my kids. But I kept fighting for him to come back; I thought I really loved him. I just hoped for the best and that he could change. I watched my mom go through the same things with me. I didn't want to put my kids through it." In that vacuum, the boyfriend introduced a new, common seduction, illegal prescription pain pills. It was the supposed solution to relieve the stress and save the relationship. In a short while, she said, "I got sick from the pills: diarrhea, vomiting, hot flashes, anger. Someone said (a street drug) would fix the problem, but coming down was way worse. Then, I didn't want to get out of bed, tried to commit suicide, had no self-worth. I just left, felt scared, someone wanted to hurt me. I didn't go home and I lost my kids."

Samaritan Inn was there to pick up the pieces. ReAnna needed to learn to live without dependency on drugs, bad relationships or even herself. She needed time to make that transition. She said, "I was used to being wild. Now, I like the structure and rules. It keeps



***"It makes me the person  
I want to be, not who I was."***

### **EASTER DINNER & GIFT BAGS**

Hams      Turkeys  
Potatoes      Yams  
Stuffing      Gravy Mix  
Salad      Rolls  
Pie      Coffee  
Cranberry Sauce  
Mixed Vegetables

Socks      Razors  
Hygiene Items  
Wrapped Easter Candy  
Fruit Snack Packs

## **My Easter gift for the homeless**

**Yes!** I want to help homeless men, women and children in need.

I'd like to contribute:

- ☐ \$25  
☐ \$50  
☐ \$100  
☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my donation by:

☐ **Check:** PLEASE ENCLOSE

☐ **Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE

Exp.: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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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.

**Housing:** 250 beds

**Transitional Housing:** Rentals for 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.

## CHURCH LOBBY FOOD DRIVES

**Canned Fruits  
& Vegetables  
Needed**

*We receive no food  
from the food bank*

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

me safe and out of trouble. It makes me the person I want to be, not who I was. Chapel volunteers prayed over me to let go of the past. I don't remember the message that night, but I asked them to pray for me. I asked Jesus to come into my heart and forgive me for my sins. Jesus is my Savior.”

ReAnna has been working a full-time job outside of Samaritan Inn for several months. She is paying child support and having visitations with her children. She is paying off her court fines and taking responsibility. She is still fragile and quite aware to not launch too soon. She still needs time for mending and growing stronger. She is looking forward to moving into the new Samaritan Inn, a place less crowded and that will allow longer stays for a more complete recovery. ReAnna has a new life.



## A Progress Report

The photo above was taken from within the new Samaritan Inn commercial kitchen. The view is through the food serving window, looking into the combination Dining Room, Dayroom and Chapel. In the back, there are the Baggage Storage room, restrooms and showers. On the second floor above, construction is being done on a dormitory, restrooms, showers, laundry, storage and a supervisor's room. The ceilings in every room in all three buildings have been opened up for a fire sprinkler system to be installed. The windows being replaced have been installed. All the remodel framing is complete. The plumber and electrician are on the job site.

Progress on this project is on schedule. The low bidder is General Interiors Construction. Their bid came in very close to the architect's estimate of costs. They came highly recommended, and they are working with us through each step. Changes have been made for efficiency. This project is to open the doors to a fully functional operation, then in the future work on the units not being fully converted, one area at a time.

***“Bring the homeless poor into the house.” Isaiah 58:7***

Donor support and grants have provided the Mission with the financial means to complete this project as it was designed. Thank you for your support to have a larger, better equipped shelter for homeless women and children. Things in life do not always go according to plan, either in our personal lives (thus the need for this shelter) or in remodeling old, unoccupied buildings. As of this writing, opening day is still scheduled for sometime in May, 2015. There is no doubt that we will be able to receive an occupancy permit; however, we have encountered unforeseen expenses.

## The New Samaritan Inn

