



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

51 *Years*
1964-2015

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Summer & Samaritan Inn

July is the month that each year we make a request for summer contributions. It is the most difficult season for nonprofit organizations, because people are busy with summer activities. However, this year we are completing the Samaritan Inn project at the same time. We really need to combine these two events to see the Mission through the summer and to finish Samaritan Inn. There have been unforeseen expenses in remodeling the building that we purchased. There are also certain items that have been put on hold for a future date like replacing the roof on one building and getting a children's playset.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lynn Antis
Executive Director



Two Graduate With Jobs

Tracy and Shane recently graduated from our New Life Program and both are now employed. In their own words, they have come a long way in the last year. Tracy is now working for a heating and air conditioning contractor. Shane is a store clerk here at the Mission.

Anger issues have been a problem for Tracy since childhood. He grew up in an environment of parental fighting, drinking, chaos. There was verbal and physical abuse that brought out anger to others, fighting to survive. It spilled over into every relationship including employment and his own marriage. The problem was continuing into the next generation. Tracy said, "I had to leave; it was just the same thing over and over. I wanted the real me to come out. I was turning out just like my parents. I wanted things to be better for my kids. They shouldn't have to go through the violence with cops showing up. I did psychology groups, AA, rehabs, but relapsed. I wasn't going to do that again. I had to change." Tracy made a connection with a program supervisor here at the Mission. He decided, "To stay long enough to give this place a chance for a change." He had grown tired of being hungry and dirty. After a few weeks of settling in, he was ready for our program. Most of that time was working in our maintenance department. In our weekly class on obsessive-compulsive thoughts and actions, he said, "I learned to deal with problems the Godly way. I have to look at or judge myself first before responding. There is more to life than waking up and looking for a drink. It's a growing process that is never going to end. I need to not stereotype people. And I don't have to be so serious all the time; I can laugh about things during the day. I don't want to fight anymore." Tracy has made friends here and a connection with an employer. He said, "I am thankful for you guys and everything you've done to better my life, that I couldn't do myself."

My Special Gift For Summer & New Samaritan Inn

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

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

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

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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
Recovery Program: Open to Men and Women.
Transitional Housing: Rentals (Men)
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 We receive no food from the Food Bank.

Items Needed:
Canned Fruits
Canned Veggies
Summer Produce
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Tomato Sauce
(#10 Cans)
Coffee
Disposable Razors
Bath Towels
Diapers
Duffel Bags
Bicycles

Fear and insecurity have been with Shane since he can remember. Childhood was marked by parental alcohol and drug abuse. There was child abuse. He had no self-worth. It was lonely at home and at school. He said, "The only friends that would accept me were the stoners." His self-image was set and guided his adulthood. He has worked most of his life, but has been plagued with an alcohol addiction that has affected relationships and employment. Shane said, "It was time for a change. If I kept going, I would have destroyed myself, and God had bigger plans for me." At that time, he was living at a friend's house in Winston. Along with a local pastor, who does a chapel service at the Mission, they recommended us to him. It took Shane a few months on our transient guest side to separate from old, negative friendships. Once in our program, there was no instantaneous fix. He had work skills, but lacked motivation. And he worked better alone. When we found the right position for him, and he saw a future in it, he became more productive. Of our program classes, he said, "They opened my eyes to the problem I had. Things needed to be brought up and fixed, burying them was not the way to do it. I liked the Bible studies, because they got me closer to God. I don't ever want to touch the stuff (alcohol) again. Before, I was always afraid of people, because they might not like me, because of how I look or act. Now, I realize, it isn't about that. I went to work for the Mission because the Mission gave me a chance to turn my life around. This is a transitional job for me to get work experience and be around other people. Thank you."

Transformation Taking Time

Completion of remodeling the old Umpqua Medical Center into the new Samaritan Inn for homeless women and children is now scheduled for June. Delays have happened because of unexpected challenges along the way. Patience is needed as anticipation grows.

This is not the only medical-dental clinic that the Mission has purchased and given a new purpose. We bought the building that housed the Open Door Clinic in 1991. It has been our offices on Pine St. since then. That same clinic then became the Umpqua Community Health Center housed in the building that we just purchased for Samaritan Inn. They have since moved to a new facility on Kenneth Ford Drive. Both old buildings still bear the marks of their previous use. A back room in our office, used for storage, still has a lighted box on the wall for reading x-rays. The Mission has never built a new building. Each existing structure purchased has received a new identity. It seems appropriate, as we hope the same renewal for each client, even as they bear the marks of their former selves.

**"And have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One Who created him."
Colossians 3:10**

Soon, the sign in front of this facility will be changed, announcing a new name and purpose for it, "Samaritan Inn, For Homeless Women and Children." And the buildings will get a fresh coat of paint. A person can put on a t-shirt with some Christian message or change their looks, but the real conversion happens internally. Our hope is that this ministry, and each person, will be known by our Christ-like love in action. We become anxious for our plans to take shape in a building project, in ourselves and for those in our care. Transformation takes time. Progress is happening.

Complete success will be to make this move debt free with a minimal number of homeless women and children being turned away in the process for a lack of existing room.

We are so close!

