



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Homeless At Christmas

There is a motherly or even grandmotherly look about her. Perhaps not someone we would expect to be homeless. She was a few Christmases ago. She is not completely innocent, nor entirely a victim; still, she is a part of our community and God's creation. The Christmas message is one of restoration between us and our Creator and among ourselves. God reached out to personally show us the way to Him and for us to reach out to one another.

At the Mission, there is an invitation to the hungry and homeless: enter here to know real hope. There is salvation from hunger, homelessness, feeling hopeless, being isolated from the community, disconnected from the Lord. The Mission is a "rescue" operation, as our name indicates. Here, we have three meals a day, clothing, shelter beds, a rehabilitation program, connection with other social services and the Good News of being restored to our Savior, born on Christmas Day. And the people of Douglas County love the homeless, wanting to share this joyful hope and meet real physical needs as well.

Please send a life changing gift today.

Have a blessed, Merry Christmas!

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

My Christmas 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
- Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE



Exp.: _____ Security Code: _____
Card Number: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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

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Dinner Menu Items Needed:

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

Job Landed With First Application

The ink was barely dry on Liz's resume. While still in jail, she thought about the various restaurants where she would like to work. One of them stood out as a best choice. Years earlier, she had received two small scholarships to attend a culinary arts college. After completing just one term, she was pulled away by partying with friends. She had a lack of boundaries. It was time to get her life back on track, even back to her career choice of being a chef. But her resume had a lot of holes in it, missing periods of time and lacking longevity at places. Determined, Liz walked out of the employment office, resume in hand, right to the one restaurant that she wanted to work. The owner/manager told her to return at 2pm. Liz said, "I came back at ten minutes 'til. I was hired on the spot. I told him that I am working on being clean (from drugs) and on getting my son back."

Our Samaritan Inn was home now, as much as she was here. She worked so many overtime hours, as if making up for lost time. There was a new sense of purpose and direction. She was working for herself and her son, no longer concerned about acceptance of fleeting friends or even younger, overachieving siblings. She has a learning disability that was never given a specific name. It was explained to her, "Like a dresser drawer – I know which drawer the answer is in, but will go through every other possible drawer for the answer, because I do not believe in myself." That low self-esteem carried over into abusive relationships. She would stay with a boyfriend, she said, "Even if it was unhealthy. There was mental, drug, physical

abuse. I did not leave, because I felt like I was at his level. I didn't value myself, but I enjoyed the attention. I burned bridges with my mom and dad." Finally in July, there was a turn around. She had been living for a short while in a tent in the woods. She thought, "I don't want to live like this anymore. I want to get clean and get my life back in order. I turned myself in. A couple of people in jail talked about Samaritan Inn." She had only been in a shelter once before, ten years ago for a brief time.

"That first night in chapel, I think God was just grabbing me. Those songs just touched my heart. It was like God said you're home, you're back; because, I had been gone so long. I was praying, reading the Bible, opening my heart," Liz recalled. In October, she was baptized at a local church and rededicated her life to the Lord. She remembered the way of her youth, praying every night before dinner and bed. She said, "I don't have to have bad friends, just to have friends. I have more confidence. Without God in my life, I crumbled apart. With God, I start to find myself. I am working on my new identity, molding myself, turning myself back to God, learning who I am. People can trust me now. I am a good worker. My family is starting to talk to me again. The source of my new improved self is walking with the Lord. He is right there to assist me."

Liz is now working on getting her five-year-old son back and her living arrangement here will facilitate that. She concluded by saying, "I don't know where I would be without you guys and Samaritan Inn."



**Christmas Day
Dinner at 1pm**
Men, Women & Children
Downtown at
513 SE Lane Av
Women & Children Only
at Samaritan Inn
544 W Umpqua St

**Christmas
Decoration
SALE**
Mission
Thrift Store &
Furniture Store

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.' And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.'"
Luke 3:10 - 14

Ideas for Christmas Gifts

- Bus Pass
- Cough Drops
- Telephone Card
- Postage Stamps
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Shoe and Haircut Gift
- Certificates for Moms & Children
- New Dolls
- Child Pajamas
- Slippers
- Strollers
- Diaper Bags
- New Toys
- Fruit Snack Packs
- 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

Please do not wrap packages. Items needed by December 21st.

