



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Happy Easter April 1st

The resurrected life of Christ on Easter morning can be ours too. What better connection than to a new life out of homelessness! Our very purpose for being here is to open our doors and invite in the hungry, homeless and hurting off the streets into a chapel where the Word of God is spoken mightily and songs of hope and praise sing out. From a life without hope or opportunity, the Mission provides an environment that encourages a rebirth of possibilities. There is forgiveness of the past and a brighter future ahead. Steps of success are attainable.

Independence is conceivable. Faith is increasing, hope is fulfilled, love is displayed. You can be a part of this amazing process among the homeless of our community.



“I Have A Gambling Compulsion”

That was Burchell’s response to the question, “What brought you to the Mission?” He has an irresistible, repeated, irrational impulse to gamble. That is present tense. It is a continual addiction that has to be managed. He returned to Roseburg directly from an inpatient, gambling treatment center in Salem. By law one percent of Oregon Lottery funds are allocated for problem gambling treatment. There are 2.7% of Oregonians 18 years and older that meet the criteria for being current disordered gamblers. From Burchell’s experience in treatment and attending Gambler’s Anonymous meetings, the lottery is more addictive than casinos just because, he said, “It is available everywhere, every block. I am really confined to where I can go. I have to plan my walk to work.” He is back to work and now living independently.

Burchell is a third generation gambler. His grandfather started out as a prospector and ended up as a gambler. He said, “All the guys in my family gamble, but my father did it as a living. It was a natural thing.” Burchell started out with marbles, playing for keeps. He had a bag with a pull string for his treasure. He had to stash it on the way home from school, so his uncle, who raised him, would not find it. His uncle was a gambler turned pastor, that did not want his nephew to grow up the same way. And the abuse of alcohol went along with the abuse of gambling. He said, “When my father cycled rich, he would call for me to live with him. A child could be in the card room until 9pm. And I watched.” That culture was in his family, giving him considerable exposure while growing up. He believed that he had it all figured out and could beat the odds. It consumed his life. He said, “There was this anxiety that has always live with me, not able to look into the future more than a week or a month. I had to give it up. The affliction is there, the madness, the addiction in my head.”

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
- \$ _____

Please accept my donation by:

- Check:** PLEASE ENCLOSE
- Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE



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Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name _____

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Thank You!

You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift. A return envelope is enclosed.

*“He is not here,
for He has risen,
just as He said.*

*Come, see the
place where He
was lying.”*

Matthew 28:6

While in the residential treatment facility, Burchell accepted the Lord at a church there in Salem. He said, "All you have to do is reach up, because He already has His hand out. That is why it was easy to come here to this mission, because of that spiritual environment. It was easy every day to leave this building, because I had that hope." In chapel here, he learned, "Don't look at this place as a hand out, but as a hand up. That is how I approached it, not my home, but got stability. I reconciled with family. They were just waiting there for me to reach out to them. Without all that guilt and shame, it helped make amends with people, that I would never be able to do if I were still in that addiction."

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At the Mission, he received a Bible and read it every day. Staff prayed with him. He said, "Every day I could get closer and closer, taught more and more. Its good to share and disciple other people within the gambling community. I am a great believer in Jesus Christ and I want to share the great things that have happened in my life." He continued to say, "I lost my job, family, home, everything I had. I was stripped down, then rebuilt as a new person, not of my own will, He did it for me. I couldn't deny it anymore. I think I like this me, the way of thinking and living. I had never known peace before, the removal of doubt." Burchell concluded with, "This place gives you every opportunity for success if you want to use it. It forced me to live life. I could have everything in small bits, so I had time to digest it. I am absolutely beaming with gratitude. I feel safe. What an amazing experience!"

Sources of Income 2017

Donated Income	60%
Individuals	51%
Foundations5%
Churches, Businesses, Civic Groups4%
Earned Income	40%
Thrift Stores22%
Transitional Housing Room Rentals12%
Recycling2%
Parking Space Rentals2%
Other2%
Government	0%
No Funds Requested or Received	

MARCH COUPON

50% OFF
Any one Item
Except Furniture
And Mattresses

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738 SE Pine St.
806 SE Pine St.
Roseburg
Mon-Sat 9 AM-6 PM

Credit Cards Accepted • One coupon per customer • Expires 3-31-18

Rescue Roseburg

BASIC SERVICES

For Men, Women and Children
Food: 3 meals every day at Men's Mission and Samaritan Inn.

Clothing: Available to all who are staying at either shelter.

Housing: 128 beds for men in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Transitional Housing Program. 104 beds for women in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Family Rooms.

Recovery Program: Open to men and women.

Dayrooms: Open all day at both shelters. Restrooms, showers, laundry, telephone, social service help. No requirement to stay here to use these services.

EASTER DINNER & GIFT BAGS

Hams, Turkeys, Potatoes, Yams, Stuffing, Gravy Mix, Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Mixed Vegetables, Pound Cake, Strawberries (frozen ok) Cool Whip. Socks, Razors, Hygiene Items, Wrapped Easter Candy, Fruit Snack Packs.

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