



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Summer Rescue

Rescue is the opposite of enabling. Rescue is to save a person from danger, enabling is to support a dysfunctional behavior. Our purpose is to provide a new, healthy living environment, not to provide a means of remaining in an unhealthy one.

Summer is a time of increased working outdoors, traveling, camping. As a result, more new people will enter the Mission facilities. Each person will carry some burden of loss in their lives and be searching for direction. They are needing salvation from their current condition.

Cooling Centers

A big fan and a cup of cool water felt good to Gary on a hot day. As a result of the coronavirus, the drinking fountains in the Dayroom were replaced with a bottle filling station. Its a more sanitary means of hydrating, without the constant expense of buying bottled water.

Our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn are cooling centers.

Samaritan Inn is actually air conditioned. Both have Dayrooms open for services to those that spent the previous night. They are rescued from the dangers of outdoor living, while others that make it a lifestyle are not enabled.

Program Mission

Entering our Men's Shelter or Samaritan Inn for services is volunteering to join a program of assistance to independent living. Whether in a dormitory, New Life Program, mother and children's area, or Transitional Housing, clients are in a program with reasonable and attainable requirements. Sobriety rules and chapel attendance are a part of each program. We do not enable alternative lifestyles.

One's measure of success is as unique as each person has been created. What might be considered success for one, could actually be failure for another. We cannot compare ourselves to others. Each of us has been given an unknown measure of ability and faith. As intake interviews are done, personal programs are developed for each client.

measure of success

During various stages of life, even day to day or hour to hour, the degree of progress can be different. For some, accomplishment right now is not giving in to the temptation of using alcohol or drugs. It could be taking prescribed medications for mental illness, moving out of an addiction campsite to the Mission, joining a program, mending a relationship, having a safe place out of an abusive living situation, not succumbing to peer pressure, not giving up on life, choosing to live. Victory is turning to the Lord.

There but for the grace of God, go I. Finding employment or permanent housing may not be the measure of success for now, if other aspects of life are in crisis. A paycheck can trigger relapse, and housing without accountability can foster addiction. Success is in working one's program and cannot be measured in worldly terms.



Hope In An Unforgiving World

Nate was off to a good start in life. He did well in high school, then worked hard to receive an EMT-3 Certification, Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician. He worked for two years as a paramedic. Nate has a girlfriend and a young child. Then something went wrong. While visiting family members, one of them hit his own girlfriend with a single slap to her head. Nate's involvement in mixed martial arts (otherwise known as cage fighting) caused an instinctive reaction. It was chivalry to protect a woman, but wrong to cause harm. Nate spent some time in jail, then lost his job and EMT Certification. He now has a record that opened a Child Protective Services case and keeps him from seeing his daughter. It makes finding employment very difficult. So he is homeless and living at the Mission. He has completed his required anger management classes and is working on getting his record expunged, that is the removal of the event from his background. It takes time and proof of a changed life.

After being here for a couple of weeks staying in our Dormitory, Nate moved into our Program that has separate living areas with greater accommodations. He learned how to cook from our staff Kitchen Supervisor. He said, "The Program helped me a lot, gave me a sense of rebuilding and purpose. This time is not just wasted. It helped me stay out of my mind, away from negative thoughts regarding my situation."

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During this time, he took his court mandated classes and looked for a job. He used a very popular online employment service. Their applications ask standard questions about having a record and being able to pass a background check. In the midst of an abundance of "help wanted" signs and a good resume, he was shunned from being hired. A fast food manager directly told him that he would rather hire a 16-year-old high school student than a young man with a record. Nate's break happened when he walked into a convenience store that he frequented and saw a newly placed "help wanted" sign. He inquired to discover that their main concern was that he not have a record of theft. Now he has a job working more than 40 hours a week and receiving overtime. He is on the Mission waiting list to rent a Transitional Housing room. He is sticking to his plan, working his way back home.

Nate was finding hope in an unforgiving world, even from an unexpected source. He confesses a belief in God, but not in being a Christian. He said, I don't mind chapel. I learned that Jesus is forgiving, kind. There is a calming feeling. I have never been to church in my life. This is not such a bad place, the world. There actually are good people out there, because everybody, the media, is so negative. Chapel is so positive and I want more of them."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



items needed

Egg Noodles
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Mushroom Soup
Refried Beans
Gravy Mix
Spices, Salt, Mayo
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Diapers & Wipes
Disinfectant Spray
Disinfectant Wipes
Bottles of Water
Bath Towels
Wash Cloths

used bikes & parts

are for sale in our
Furniture Store.

We accept donations
of used bikes
and parts.

vehicle donations

are accepted here.
Receipt for tax
deductions provided.

items accepted

at our dock
806 SE Pine St
Mon to Sat 9am to 6pm
Furniture
Household Items
Kitchen Wares
Sporting Goods
Electronics
Clothing, Bicycles
Walkers - Wheelchairs
*Items need to be in good
condition and working order.
Mattresses not accepted.*