



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Seasonal Jobs Help Economy

Steve worked in a fish canning plant for two seasons, before returning to his nonseasonal career. Others from here have traveled as far as Alaska for high paying adventure on commercial fishing boats during the season.

Our country's economy is dependent on migrant and seasonal workers. Without them, many necessary functions would go unmet and employment lost. Our productivity, safety, and quality of life are at stake. Some seasonal work requires specialized training and for experienced people to return every year. Temporary work is an important part of the homeless condition; however, most of the workers are not homeless. For some, it is a way of life, moving from job to job, or one season to the next season of the year. For others, such work is just a means to find more stable employment. Illegal immigrants have stayed away from our local shelter. Some migration to seasonal work is a natural occurrence, and a need exists for the laborers to have food, clothing, and shelter. The Mission supports them, managing around their schedules, encouraging their opportunities.

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Seasonal work is a part of many different industries. The Christmas holiday is dependent on temporary help with package sorting and delivery, unloading freight, stocking shelves, cutting Christmas trees. We even had a Santa Claus! Farms and ranches need seasonal workers to pick and process fruits and vegetables, help during haying and lambing times. Wineries and breweries use seasonal help for harvesting grapes and hops, planting, pruning, and making their products. Some risk safety and life to work in forests, planting trees, maintaining land, fighting wildfires. They work natural disaster relief. Some homeless people move directly from the Mission dormitory into a national park dormitory to work in restaurants, housekeeping, grounds care. They work state and county fairs, traveling carnivals. Some work seasonal call centers, tourist and camping areas. Day labor is a part of temporary work that includes packing and unloading moving trucks, digging ditches, roofing, landscaping, painting, cutting firewood, cleaning gutters.

The search for purpose through finding work and meaning to life intersect at the Mission. Here is a getaway of careers and evangelism. Our lives have seasons of planting (hearing God's Word), watering (being disciplined), and harvesting (accepting Jesus). At the Mission, we plant, water, and harvest. If we plant and a local church harvests, we rejoice together. "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" I Corinthians 3:7. Many of our homeless clients had a youthful season of church attendance, followed by adult liberality. The seed was planted, now is the season of harvest.

Nonprofit Income

Nonprofit income, for the Mission, is greatly affected by our primary purpose of evangelism. We are exempt from federal income tax under the US tax code section 501(c)(3), and from property tax under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporations Act, as a "religious" organization, not a "charitable" one. This designation restricts us from receiving government funding. Some foundations no longer provide grants because of our Christian moral principles. We do not receive USDA food, because it would prevent us from chapel, Bible studies, prayer, counseling. The advantage to our "religious" label is freedom to openly proclaim the Gospel and receive donations for doing so. And we have thrived! Tax exemption allows the Mission more money to help the homeless; tax deductions provide donors more giving power with donations of money, vehicles, food, clothes etc.

No Government Funding

Our income sources are well diversified. We are not supported by a single church or denomination, nor dependent on anyone foundation. There is no government funding here. We have a relatively high percentage of earned income, providing a service for it. Our largest source by far is individual people.

Funds stay local, and our board of directors are in Douglas County. There are no regional or national administration costs. We have a low level of staff and high client participation for rehabilitation programs and efficiency.

Sources of Income 2021

Donated Income	65%
Individuals	57%
Foundations	5%
Churches.....	3%
Earned Income	35%
Mission Stores	22%
Transitional Housing	9%
Recycling	2%
Parking Space Rentals	1%
Other.....	1%
Government	0%



Transitional Housing Program

Our transitional housing operation is an actual program, complete with required sobriety and weekly chapel attendance. The rental agreement reads in part, "We are a Christian service organization that strives to provide safe, affordable, drug and alcohol free transitional housing to low income males." Access is limited to qualifying individuals. One must pass a urinalysis test that checks for drug use. There are certain rules, including a 10pm curfew, no women or minor guests, no weapons, no pornography or occult material etc. We are a nonprofit corporation running a rehabilitation program. As such, our program is not governed by the Oregon Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. This allows us the freedom to hold our clients accountable to their signed agreement.

Whereas the rules may seem restrictive, the screening process to qualify is not. Some of the residents have difficulty renting elsewhere because of various issues, including rental history, background checks, credit ratings, and move in costs. There are no separate utility qualifications or charges. Generally, men need to have stayed in our transient dormitory at least 30 days or been in our program. About half our renters are employed and half are either retired or disabled. Here is an opportunity to transition from homelessness, build a good rental history, then move into the community. There is no time limit here, because some renters need to maintain these living conditions of accountability and acceptance. This is a social environment that develops friendships, trust, hope. Counseling and social service referrals are available. There is much needed fellowship during the three meals served every day at no charge.

no housing shortage among the homeless here

Although rooms are generally full, the waiting list is short and availability is within a few months. In the meantime, program positions open regularly, and dormitory beds are plentiful. There is no lack of beds at the Mission, and mats would be used on our Dayroom floor if needed. There is no housing shortage among the homeless here.

Our Transitional Housing Program is operated in two single room occupancy hotels (sometimes called single resident occupancy or SROs). They were built to rent individual rooms and for tenants to share a common bathroom. There are no kitchenettes, nor shared kitchens. They were both built across the street from the old train depot, now a restaurant. Travelers, seasonal migrant workers, or other single tenants needing low cost housing could rent short or long term. The one pictured on the left was built circa 1895, and purchased by the Mission in 1975. It was known as the Oregon Rooming House, then later as the Rhoads Rooming House. The one on the right was built circa 1903, and purchased by the Mission in 1988. It was named Roseburg Hotel, then later called Depot Hotel & Café. Each hotel has 19 rooms on the second floors. One has an additional first floor rental, for a total of 39 rooms in this program

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



job opening

Employment Position
Stores & Warehouse
Manager

Position is for a man to manage staff and men on our program. Ideal candidate will provide weekly chapel message.

30 hours per week.

Send resume to:
rsbgmission@aol.com

items needed

Egg Noodles
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Mushroom Soup
Canned Pork & Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Oatmeal
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Cold Cereal
Mens & Womens PJs
Baby Diapers & Wipes
Warm Coats, Umbrellas
Disinfectant Spray
Disinfectant Wipes
Bottles of Water

used bikes & parts

are for sale in our
Furniture Store.

items accepted

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