



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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A Time Of Transition

Patrick is now completing a time of transition from being a devoted son, caring for his ailing father, to spending more time with his son and granddaughter. It started with a promise to his mother, before she passed away, that he would be a live-in caregiver for his father. Because of a genetic trait of having strokes, his father was not able to care for his own needs. For three years, Patrick lived in their home, waiting on him. He had a reprieve from the constant attendance and emotional strain, as well as an income, from a part-time job, cooking at a taco stand nearby. When his father passed away, Patrick needed some distance from the memory of the family home. The disposition of that house is still being decided by others. Patrick was homeless.

He moved in with a friend, located too far from his job to commute. However, the friend's wife objected to him being there. After just three nights in their home, Patrick slept the next few nights on the street, behind a building on NE Stephens St. He immediately lined up a job interview, then waited for the day of that meeting, while still living outdoors. After the first interview, he got the job, then went to the Mission. Never before had he been to a homeless shelter. His evaluation of the new, temporary home was, "Its different than what I am used to. I have no problem following the rules. A lot of people shared their stories, and I have made friends here. Its all been a pretty good experience for me." In the photo above, he is doing a chore of washing dishes after dinner here. He has been at his new employment position a few months, and things are going well for him there. He is saving money and is now on the Mission's Transitional Housing Program waiting list. Of course, some of his earnings are going toward his new focus of building the relationships with his son and granddaughter.

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Going to church was a part of his upbringing, though attendance as an adult has been sporadic. Patrick said, "Chapels here are very interesting. There are stories out of the Bible applied to real life situations. They make me think about how I should be doing things and where I want to be in my life. I think about God a lot more here, especially since my parents passed. Because without faith in the Lord, there is no hope. I would not care."

This is precisely what the Mission is about, providing genuine hope in a time of transition, when despair over the fragility of life can become overwhelming.

Hand Up Helps

A hand up directly involves the recipient in a process of working to improve their own present condition. The Mission is a hand up organization. We have 113 men's beds in three groups: transient dormitory, program, and transitional housing. There are 104 beds at our Samaritan Inn: dormitory, program, and mothers with children. Clients in dormitories have intake interviews, a plan of action, and accountability to follow through. Thirty plus men and women are in work therapy programs. There are 39 transitional housing rooms that require the self-respect of paying an economical monthly rent. Another nine clients have become staff members, some of which now live off-site. Over half our paid staff man-hours are from men and women that were on programs. There is a lot of participation from people that directly understand the homeless condition and solutions to it. We offer a hand up to homeless people to be self-sufficient.

Handout Hurts

A handout does not involve the recipient in doing anything about improving their present condition. Handouts hold people down in crisis mode, increase dependency on further handouts, take away the will to work, remove the natural incentive to seek recovery. Handouts keep people in addictive bondage and out of hand up, rehabilitation programs. They hurt self-esteem, dignity, motivation, accountability, relationships, a healthy place in society.

Mankind was designed to work from our very beginning. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" Genesis 2:15. Paradise was not a handout of pity to an inferior creature, but a hand up of meaningful relationship and purpose with a friend.



Safe & Secure At Samaritan Inn

Samantha returns after dark to Samaritan Inn, when her shift as an in home caregiver is over. A trusted friend drives her back to this temporary home, more for safety than walking distance. Security means more to her since fleeing domestic violence. Her alcoholic boyfriend abused her verbally, emotionally, and physically. Samantha said, "I feel very secure to come here. It feels like family." Her abuser is in a different city, does not know her location, and is not pursuing her.

At Samaritan Inn homeless women and children have safety from being harmed and security from being afraid. Domestic violence and street crime remain threats against defenseless people. Not only do violations happen out in the community, they can follow our clients to this shelter. We have a perimeter fence, a gate that is locked 24/7, and security cameras. A person wanting to enter pushes a button on an intercom box. The person on duty can see the one at the gate on a monitor. A screening process stops unauthorized people from entering the grounds. Men are generally not allowed access, except for certain staff, social service workers, law enforcement, contractors, the husband-wife couple of chapel volunteers. If the person on duty decides to allow entry, a couple of clicks on her cellphone unlocks the gate remotely. A person remains on duty 24/7 to allow women and children access that are in trouble whenever they need protection. For those already staying here, there is a curfew for their own benefit. The night duty person also watches for any problem that might arise internally. Late passes are available for employment, classes, church functions.

A screening process stops unauthorized people

Children are protected here, yet mothers going to Samaritan Inn do not automatically have a Child Protective Services case opened. We are a mandatory reporter for observed abuse, not for just being a resident. We are a Department of Human Services approved Safety Service Provider. Many children are reunited with their mothers here, because four requirements of having custody are met: 1) to have a homelike setting, 2) have a safe environment, 3) have a Safety Service Provider on-site, 4) the mother engages in her treatment program. These conditions cannot be met without on-site supervision. Sometimes, DHS restricts the mother's freedom to not leave our campus, except to go to authorized locations like work or her child's school. We are also a place for DHS to have observed visits of a mother with her child working on getting custody restored. Time is of the essence in such cases, so having adequate room at our shelter is essential to this ministry to families. Currently, we have 104 beds, consisting of 17 family rooms, a single women's dormitory, a special needs section, and a program area.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



items needed

Oatmeal
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Mushroom Soup
Refried Beans
Potatoes
Spices, Salt, Mayo
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Pancake Mix
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Strollers

school supplies

Kids Backpacks
List of needs at stores.

chapel volunteers

Samaritan Inn &
Men's Shelter
Apply on our website
or in our office.

used bikes & parts

are for sale in our
Furniture Store.

thrift stores

shop our stores to
help homeless men,
women and children.

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.*