



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

*A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless*

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## Heal And Move Forward

Domestic violence set in motion a whole series of events ending in homelessness for Lisa and eight-year-old Kaylee. Even before her daughter was born, the stage had been set. Within the emotions of a codependent relationship was a trap of compliance. Fear of rejection, homelessness, loneliness, worthiness ruled Lisa's behavior. He was verbally and physically abusive, leaving bruise marks regularly. Drugs were used to cope with it, but the problem was only compounded. When her son was born, she signed custody of him over to her mother, for the sake of getting him out of the bad situation. Her boyfriend's behavior got so bizarre that he removed every interior door of their rental house, because of his paranoid control issues. Finally, Lisa had enough and saw an out. When he confessed to her the crime of stealing a vehicle, she turned him in. He went to prison where he could not hurt her anymore. She was free to get clean and sober.

Lisa worked as a cashier in a convenience store, supporting herself and by then her daughter. In time, her mother became so ill that she would have to go to a care facility, except that Lisa quit her job to become a caregiver. By then, custody of her son had gone to her sister. Three years later, her mother passed away. Lisa reverted back to the old learned behavior to cope with her loss. She said, "I relapsed, because I was not dealing with it. I was just bottling it all up because my mom was my number one supporter. Without her, I was really lost."

### **"I knew the security, and could get back in recovery."**

Needing security from abusers and a drug-free environment for recovery, Lisa and Kaylee went to Samaritan Inn. We are located across the street from the Department of Human Services and just a few blocks from her treatment program. She took a job as a housekeeper at a local motel. Lisa said, "One of the reasons I came here was because I knew the security, and could get back in recovery. If it wasn't for this place, I don't know where I would be or if I would have my daughter. They really pay attention to the screening process for who they allow in the locked entry gate."

"Chapel helped me get closer to God," she said, "and helped me get stable in my faith. After my mom died, I just stopped, went stagnant in my faith, not doing what I was suppose to do. Being here has helped me heal and move forward."

In the photo above, mother and daughter are seated atop the slide of the playground equipment at Samaritan Inn. They have a strong bond and hope for the future.

## Gospel Rescue Mission

Without the Gospel, there is no rescue from the world. A mission is an outpost from the Church, where domestic missionaries preach, teach, and provide social service. Its an outreach to the community to meet real physical and spiritual needs. Its a specialized and complicated ministry done by experience staff with facilities designed to accomplish those goals, so individual churches do not have to experiment. Preaching the Gospel is not optional, as if it were just some alternative lifestyle choice to genuine success, recovery, or salvation. There is real power in the Word to cut through to core issues. Recovery is having one's point of focus off the self and on the Lord. Faith based recovery programs have an historically higher success rate than secular ones.

### **point of focus off self**

Our clients regularly thank us for chapel services done by staff and volunteers. They want that void inside of them filled with truth and hope. Many of our adults attended church as children, and they appreciate that reconnection to the faith of their youth some wandered away from. Others are unchurched and hear the Word for the first time, resulting in seeds of faith being planted, watered, and harvested. Daily, there is a thirty minute, uplifting message and/or singing that produces fruit.

Entering the Mission is a choice. This is a program that works, offered to homeless people as a proven path to independent living. Yet, too many of them refuse to accept the help, leaving some beds empty here.



## Baling & Recycling

Dan can easily operate the Mission's fork lift, because of previous experience at a local wood products company. In the photo, he is moving a bale from our baling machine to the stacks in the background. As heavy bales and totes need to be moved in our warehouse or loaded onto a tractor trailer, he can step in as needed. Dan is transitioning from a time of trouble in his life to independence again. He was on our Program, primarily sorting, pricing and stocking shelves in the Mission Store. Then he was hired to staff as a Store Clerk. Now Dan is a Store Manager.

### Every thrift store has unsellable items.

Because of either poor quality or being unwanted after a period of time in a store, every thrift store has unsellable items. Those items then are either sold in bulk, recycled, or discarded. A natural outcome is a side business of recycling and reducing garbage disposal fees. Not every thrift store has a compacting machine capable of producing 1,000 pound bales of clothing or warehouse space like we do at the Mission. Some other stores bring their unsellable clothing here for us to bale and sell. In addition, unsellable items like linens, shoes, purses, belts, baseball hats, sports bags, stuffed animals, and hard plastic toys are sorted into totes to sell in bulk. Generally when we have 40 bales of clothing and four totes, there is a 40,000 plus pound load to fill a tractor trailer. Through a marketing company, we (like other thrift stores) sell these goods to exporters that in turn sell them to third world countries. National thrift store chains are significant exporters of unwanted, used American goods. The end result is less material in our landfills, reuse of items in poor countries, a Mission rehabilitation program and employment, as well as income to help run this shelter. Last year, recycling produced about 2% of our income.

Other items are recycled, some produce an income, break-even, or actually are an expense. We sell various metals at a local scrap metal yard. Bottles and cans generate revenue. Cardboard and mixed paper are recycled but currently have no return. Building materials and unsellable electronics are given to local recycling organizations. Unsold books are recycled at a growing expense. Wood scraps are separated in our garbage as a lower cost item at the county landfill. Glass is separated. We recycle items from our two commercial kitchens and other internal operations. Every week a Mission truck makes several runs to those various locations.

Recycling is a changing industry dependent on the market. Supply and demand affect the need and price of each commodity. Constant in the baling and recycling operation is our hand up approach of empowering people to discover and develop their abilities as job training for success.

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  
Tricycles – Wagons  
Strollers  
School Supplies  
Work Boots – Hard Hats

### 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.

### mission 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.*