



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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At This Home For Christmas

Dezirae is a single mother, raising a teenage daughter in difficult circumstances. When the store she worked at closed, she lost her job, then could not pay the rent on their place. Household items went to storage, family went to Samaritan Inn. And Christmas was not going to wait. Their own decorations and traditions would not be unpacked this year. Yet the celebration would go on, including at this home for Christmas..

“Good News of great joy for all the people” Luke 2:10

“A Savior has been born to you” Luke 2:11. There was a room for this family at Samaritan Inn. They would be rescued, included, joyful. They would celebrate with a traditional Christmas dinner, even open presents. There was provision for them, because the Lord had provided the way to open the hearts of His people to love.

Thank you for giving to this celebration for the homeless.

Merry Christmas

Transformed Lives

Out of the world of domestic violence and paganism, Ariel, Dezzerae (10), and Andreas (8) needed a safe place to go. Away from an existence of unfaithfulness, abuse, and occult influence, this family looked for a better way to live. From physical, emotional, and financial abuse, they fled to Samaritan Inn for new life. Online, Ariel searched “domestic abuse.” There, she found a review link to Samaritan Inn and the Mission website. She said it was our Vision Statement, “that stood out as someplace I needed to be to make me feel safe.” It reads, “To establish and develop saving relationships with Jesus Christ



among the homeless.” Ariel knew that she needed to get back to her roots, a time when she went to church with her grandmother. She said, “I was close to my grandmother. Chapel here reminded me of her and of seeds of faith from earlier in life. The kids have a safe place, and they always have the Father figure of God in their lives, unlike their abusive earthly father.” Since being here, all three have been baptized, two at their new church home, one in the river. She said, “Anytime I went to church, it made me feel safe, like I had a family again. And I am volunteering in kid’s ministry.”

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Christmas had been a depressing time of year for Ariel, because she said, “When I was 14, I was traumatized two days before Christmas. So, it was not celebrated in a merry spirit. I took the blame for it, but now realize it was not my fault. It was like a huge weight lifted off my chest.” Now, she has a new freedom to be joyful at Christmas.

Indeed, her whole life of introversion and fear has been replaced. She said, “Samaritan Inn helped bring me out of my shell. I was very reserved and had massive trust issues. I looked down to avoid eye contact and conversation. I did not have a lot of self-worth. It was a huge help in finding resources, making friends, and feeling safe in the world again.

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“There is more freedom here than in our previous home. One of the reasons I feel safe is because my ex-husband cannot come in here. The women on Program and Staff are diligent, there are security cameras, a fence and locking gate.” Their personalities have blossomed. Ariel said that she has learned to stand up for herself and say “no.” And her children realize that they are allowed to be themselves.

Gaining employment and an apartment are among her accomplishments. She is now a retail store clerk. She has a certificate of completion from the Rent Well program that gives landlords financial protection. They have a two bedroom apartment lined up and will be moving very soon. They have transformed lives.

All I want for Christmas...

is to be with my family – this year more likely than ever.

Dennis

is for God to heal my body and grant me peace.

Bill

is to visit with my daughter and bring her a gift.

April

is Matchbox cars & Duplo blocks.

Rachel & Daemian (2 yrs old)

is a house for us.

McKenzie & Blakely (1 yr old)

is a window painter for a manger scene.

Lynn, Exec. Dir.



Year-End Rescue

As 2022 draws to a close, it's a time to reflect on the rescue of so many hurting men, women and children. Constant was the daily provision of meals, clothing, shelter, programs, and personal support for each person to succeed. Steadfast was the daily Message of God's Word. Roseburg Rescue Mission remained by far the largest ministry to the homeless in the county, even without the publicity that ignores our very existence. Quietly behind the scenes, this year we expanded our operation in buying a house for women and children to have transitional housing. Next year, there are plans to further develop our facilities.

Happy New Year

Please consider a tax deductible, year-end rescue gift to sustain this lifesaving ministry. We do not receive government funding, so private donations support this evangelistic outreach. Contributions received during this Christmas and year-end season greatly affect next year. Work remains to be done in directly impacting lives. You make a great difference in caring for the hungry and homeless. Together, we are "A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless" in a dark world. We are faithful rescuers.





New Sign & Name For Store

Our store sign was on two poles in the middle of the old parking lot. It had to be relocated out of the newly designed driveway and parking area. To maintain high visibility and low cost, the sign was going to be mounted on top of the wall at the north end of our store. However, that wall would not support the weight or wind shear stress. So a new lighter weight, aluminum sign box was put on a single pole in a landscape area between the store and new driveway.

This required change gave us the opportunity to re-evaluate and upgrade the sign. It has new white, acrylic sheets and energy efficient LED lighting. The vinyl message is a cleaner, simplified one that includes a shorter store name. Now, it is Roseburg Rescue Mission Store. The word "Thrift" was removed, as a growing trend, to reflect the quality of merchandise. But more importantly to establish the word "Mission" as the common, identifiable name among: Mission Store, Mission Furniture (soon to receive that change), Mission Bike Shop, even Mission Books & Bargains (now closed).

The name links stores to Mission.

We have had other store names, including Worn Again and Amazing Grace Boutique. Those were cute names, but from a marketing perspective did not link the stores to the Mission. Even our old common name, "Thrift Store," did not separate us from other thrift stores. Now shoppers in our Mission Store know that they are in the nonprofit store directly improving the lives of homeless men, women, and children. The new name better reflects the activity of work therapy, program, and employment inside our stores and warehouse. Customers are not just getting good bargains, they are actively participating in helping the homeless achieve independent living.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Christmas Menu

Turkeys	Hams
Stuffing	Potatoes
Yams	Rolls
Gravy Mix	Cool Whip
Pies	Fruit Cocktail
	Cranberry Sauce
	Mixed Vegetables

Homemade pies and cookies can not have milk products in them. Pumpkin pies, cream pies, cream cheese have to be made in a commercially licensed kitchen.

Christmas Gifts

- New Hats
- New Socks
- New Gloves
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Shampoo-Small
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste-Small
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Candy Canes
- Cough Drops
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Match Box Cars & Track
- Childrens Pajamas
- Paw Patrol – Frozen
- PJ Masks – Dinosaurs
- Peppa Pig – Cocomelon
- My Life Dolls
- Arts & Crafts For Teenagers
- Legos 8 Years & Up
- Scooters
- Fruit Snack Packs

Please Do Not Wrap Packages.