



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

*A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless*

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## *Samaritan Inn Dormitory*

*Tia had to escape her home in the middle of the night. She was afraid he would catch her leaving. The days of submitting to beatings was over. Finally, she accepted that abuse was not normal behavior. She needed freedom from the bondage of addiction and codependent relationships. Now, she has recovery, her own employment income, friends, healthy independence.*

***There are restful nights of sleep.***

*Beds are available at Samaritan Inn for women needing a safe place to be. Women by themselves, bunk in our dormitory, pictured above. Mothers and children have private bedrooms and shared living areas in a separate building. Women that join our program have rooms, and their own shared living area and kitchenette. No one has to worry about being a victim. There are restful nights of sleep. There is supervision and security. Our community cares enough to rescue the poor and unfortunate, giving them a home base to recover.*

# A Warm Place In A Cold World



We give a warm welcome and encouragement to those getting out of the cold and entering our environment of safety and freedom from drug and alcohol influence. There is a warmth of compassion and needed accountability. Heated dayrooms, dining rooms, dormitories, and private rooms satisfy the need for physical warmth. We have empty beds for men, women, and children. Campers do not stay out in the cold for a lack of shelter beds, meals, clothing, or social service help. Cold camping is because of addictions. Campers need the love and dignity of the Mission to get needed help, not the toxic charity of so called survival gear to remain in hopeless campsites.



Jason is pictured above wearing a new, warm coat, given to him so he can work in our unheated warehouse. He has camped out in the wintertime before, but now says its too cold and wet outside. He is a hard, diligent worker that is actively seeking employment. All over the community, men and women from the Mission are working outdoors or commuting to work and going to social service locations. Children from here are traveling to school. They need winter coats as they actively go about the tasks of gaining independent living.

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men, women, and children***

***No need to camp out***

We have seen the effects on those who did not heed the warning. Campers have limped into the Mission with frostbitten toes. It does not even take freezing temperatures to cause damage. If a person is wet and there is enough windchill, body tissues will be injured. There is also the danger of hypothermia, pneumonia, influenza, even freezing to death. Often homeless campers increase their usage of drugs and alcohol to overcome cold weather. But its a delusion. Alcohol gives a false sense of warmth in the body, because it dilates blood vessels, increasing blood flow to the limbs. That process actually increases heat loss, lowering core body temperature. A person can feel that sense of warmth, then not dress well enough. Alcoholics can pass out in frigid water or snow. And alcohol suppresses appetite, depleting nutrition that generates energy for warmth.

***winter weather policy***

***36 degrees or less,***

***including windchill***

Hope is not lost. Meeting needs, with a clear path to success, is our purpose. We have a winter weather policy, that is more inclusive of people living outdoors. When the forecast is for 36 degrees or less, including windchill, there is greater leniency on behaviors for the sake of safety. Still, no one's condition can be a discouragement to another's sobriety. This is a safe, healthy environment to promote the well-being of everyone here. We provide relief, day and night, from the cold. This is a rescue center with counseling and programs for successful living. We are a warm place in a cold world.





## A Network Of New Friends

Ashlie had a friend, that she had known since they were teenagers. She had no one else, and it was lonely. The friend invited Ashlie to move in with her and her family. The arrangement called for babysitting and housekeeping. She paid \$600 per month to sleep on the couch of a two bedroom house. She had moved away from her old job and apartment. Ashlie took a convenience store job on the graveyard shift. But her work hours did not meet her friend's expectations. They would not give her a key to the house. Disappointment, control, and conflict resulted. After one month, her only friend told her to leave.

Five nights in a motel room was all she could afford. There, Ashlie said, "I felt confusion, depression, anger, loneliness. It triggered drinking. I missed work." Then she received a DUI, went to the hospital, and her car was impounded. She was homeless and broke. Her phone and medication were left in her confiscated vehicle. She said, "It was all terrifying." She called the 211 Information line and was told about our Samaritan Inn. Thankfully, the bus driver knew the right stop. She was greeted by a program member, who gave assurance, "Calm down, you're safe here." Ashlie said, "I was relieved. This is the best place I could have ended up. The women here are so supportive."

***"The women here are so supportive."***

She said it took two weeks to "stabilize, normalize, adjust." Now, she is employed full-time again. But it would be more than housing and employment that would cause healing. She had an alcohol problem and void inside. Along with other women at Samaritan Inn, she attended our chapel services and Celebrate Recovery meetings (a Christian program). Now, Ashlie is determined to live a more committed and compulsion free life through the inspiration of God's Word and a network of new friends.

## Assistant Operations Manager

Supervise Men's Dayroom, Food Service Dept., do client intake interviews, social work, assist Operations Manager. Full-time, salary, medical  
Resume [rsbgmission@aol.com](mailto:rsbgmission@aol.com)

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**used bikes & parts**  
are for sale in our  
Furniture Store.

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

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**estate planning**  
leave a legacy of  
hope at Roseburg  
Rescue Mission.

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## board of directors

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# Projects Completed & Planned

Finally, because of supply chain delays, the metal tree grates for the sidewalk are installed. Special columnar trees, that do not spread out into traffic, will be planted. Our new store sign is in place. The parking lot project is completed. All of our Conditional Use Permit projects are done, after a ten year schedule of required, phased deadlines.



2022 was a year of accomplishing several other significant and costly projects. Two new roofs were installed, one on our mother and children's building, the other on our men's dayroom-chapel. Two new heating and air conditioning units replaced worn-out ones at Samaritan Inn. We made a down payment on a house to become transitional housing for homeless women and children. And we replaced an old griddle top range in our men's kitchen. All of last year's projects totaled over \$250,000. Of course other smaller jobs and routine maintenance on older

buildings were in addition to that.

This year's planned projects will continue to upgrade our facilities. Its expected to be a full year of improvements, although some have not been determined because of certain unknown variables. At Samaritan Inn, we are planning on replacing another old roof, installing a safety ladder to access the second floor roof, and putting in a new sidewalk with handicap accessibility. We intend to remodel the house that was purchased last year for women and children. On our men's campus, we are planning on making additional security upgrades to doors and windows. There is a need to further recruit and develop staff.

***mostly donations from people in our community***

Funding for these projects is mostly donations from individual people in our community. Other income is from Mission Store sales, transitional housing, churches, recycling. There are some small grants from private foundations, but no government grants. Good stewardship is a priority to do the most with the resources available to us.

An organization needs to grow to be healthy and vibrant. There is no shortage of needs to be met. Indeed, homeless camping, addictions, domestic violence, children in foster care are all increasing. We need to rise to restrain this tide of behavior, and show the fundamentals of healthy living.

*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  
Diapers – Newborn, #5, #6

## **chapel volunteers**

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

## **items accepted**

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