



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Mission Store & Clothing Closet

Josh failed to launch, from his parent's home, in the expected time frame. He needed work experience and motivation. He needed more purpose than just playing video games all day. On our program, Josh worked in the Mission Store, engaging in life. He developed employment and social skills. In time, he landed a dishwashing job in a restaurant and rented a Transitional Housing Program room here. Josh was set in motion to independence.

Free monthly clothing vouchers for residents

Our Mission Store provides training and employment opportunity for clients. Its also our Clothing Closet that supplies free monthly clothing vouchers for residents in our emergency shelters and programs. Men, women, and children, staying here, can regularly shop for needed clothing, without working or paying for it. Clothing is one of the basic necessities that we furnish for life and work. From office attire to work boots, being properly dressed affects one's self-image and possibilities.

Samaritan Inn Manager Position

Susan Nelson is retiring from managing our women and children's shelter, Samaritan Inn. She made a midlife career change to ministry more than 20 years ago. After leaving behind a background of eastern mysticism, she had a new purpose to share the Gospel with others. She earned an Associate degree in a related field, then worked as a supervisor in a youth services organization. Then she saw an advertisement for Evening Supervisor at Eugene Mission. Susan recalled the Scripture verse, "Here am I. Send me" Isaiah 6:8. "She said, "A lot of people want the Lord to direct them. Here is a tremendous opportunity, and you do not



have to go around the world, its right here in our community. Its a position where you are not only allowed, but encouraged to talk to people about the Lord, pray with them, do chapel. We feed them, provide a safe place, help them formulate a plan to move forward in life. I'm not just working for a paycheck, I'm serving the Lord, having an opportunity to make a difference in peoples' lives." A year after receiving the position of Evening Supervisor, Susan became the Women's Center Manager at Eugene Mission, staying there a total of 12 years. She then moved to Roseburg to manage our Samaritan Inn for a year, when it was still in

residential houses. She semi-retired, moving north and working part-time at Portland Rescue Mission for three years. Susan left that position to return to Roseburg to be the full-time Manager of, what had by then become our commercial-sized, Samaritan Inn, these past five years. She is now semi-retiring, remaining here in a part-time position.

Susan is retiring from managing our women and children's shelter.

We are now recruiting for the Samaritan Inn Manager position. The ideal candidate will have education in a related field, a social service background, volunteering experience, and a good connection to her church. She will have managerial ability over staff, program, volunteers, chapel, food service. She will work with our Operations Manager (not on-site) to oversee facility needs. Fundraising and bill paying are done by administrative staff on our other campus. The manager lives off-site. She reports to the Executive Director.

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Above all, she needs to have a heart for women and children, a concern for their well-being now and their place in eternity. Much of the ministry has become working with the Department of Human Services, helping mothers reunite with their children and keeping them together. Its providing a safe, nurturing environment away from negative influences of hunger, homelessness, addiction, fear, abuse, and separation. This is a place of healing broken relationships, shedding codependency, learning wholesome independence. The generational cycle of children following their parent's broken lives can stop here. This is a place of faith, hope, and love. And we need a manager.



History Of Samaritan Inn

Roseburg Rescue Mission opened Samaritan Inn in 1985 in a single residential house. Thirty-eight years ago, there was a need for a homeless shelter for women and children. Domestic violence was the reason then and remains the primary social problem today. In the first few years of operation, an average of five to eight clients per night were housed. In 1996, the house was remodeled to accommodate the growing need. In 1999, a second house next door was purchased. At that point, there were 34 beds. Yet the need continued to increase, so in 2009, another adjacent house was added. After making adjustments, the three houses had 50 beds. Still, we overflowed, having to use couches and mats on the floors, as well as, turn people away. We considered purchasing another house or a commercial property, even building a new facility. In the end, we bought and remodeled an existing commercial building as our best option. From 2011 to 2015, we went through a very complicated process to finally move Samaritan Inn into the old Umpqua Medical Center.

remodeled an existing commercial building

Today, that facility has 104 beds, 15,000 square feet, and a commercial kitchen. There are beds available for women by themselves in a dormitory, mothers with children in 17 private family rooms with shared living areas, program women in private rooms and their own shared living area and kitchenette, and women with special needs in their own area. Continuing to progress, in 2022 we purchased a residential house for transitional housing. It made room for six more women and children for a total of 110 beds. At this point in the history of Samaritan Inn, further improvement is no longer in developing capacity for emergency shelter and basic programs, those needs are met for now. The future is growth in more intense programs, transitional housing, and family development.

warm quilts needed for winter

72" x 90" quilts go on every bed for men, women, children. Mother's & children only can take quilts to permanent housing when they move from here.

used bike sale for February

12" & 16" wheel bikes 50% off all month in our Furniture Store. Donations of used bikes & parts accepted.

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to help homeless men, women & children. Stores generated 22% of Mission income last year.

estate planning

leave a legacy of hope at Roseburg Rescue Mission. The impact on people's lives can be eternal.



Rescued From Home

Linda needed to be rescued from her own home. The house was owned by her family trust and managed by a fiduciary. She had over compensated for her anxiety by having too many comfort pets, especially cats. Authorities had been notified. Removal of her excessive companions was imminent. She knew the legal limit had been exceeded, but was unsure about the evaluation of their care. Possible consequences were uncertain. She could not bear the sight, no longer felt safe, and was compelled to leave. The house would be sold. Perhaps in time, her trustee would help to find permanent housing again.

She was anxious about the congregate setting of Samaritan Inn. She feared being bullied, when around other women, like girls did in school. Certain life skills, liked conversation, housekeeping, personal hygiene, maintaining a routine in daily life, were not natural for her. Linda said the people here make her feel comfortable and more confident in doing household chores. She likes the structured times for sleeping, showering, eating, accomplishing things. The better nutrition and activity has caused her to lose some weight, resulting in more energy and motivation.

Evening chapel helps to quiet her anxiety

Successful living has not been the same challenge in her employment life. Linda said, "Samaritan Inn has been life saving. It helped me get the rest and safety I needed, so I could be productive in my job." She is employed at a local telemarketing center.

Our evening chapel helps to quiet her anxiety. It reminds her of going to church in her youth. Linda said, "I like hearing God's Word. I learn something, and I'm then ready to go to sleep. I've been forgiven, and its comforting. The guest speakers are good. I love the singing, its peaceful, calm."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



items needed

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti, Egg Noodles
- Tomato Sauce
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Pork & Beans
- Refried Beans
- Cold Cereal
- Spices, Salt, Mayo
- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Pancake Mix
- Cornbread Mix
- Bottles of Water
- Mens & Womens PJs
- Stollers
- 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.*