



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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New Life Now

He found Debra and their children at a family member's house. Again, they fled for safety from the abuse and now the stalking. She found our Samaritan Inn and was relieved by the security of a perimeter fence, locked gate, cameras, as well as a host of witnesses and whistleblowers. Here, they transitioned from fear to freedom. This family is no longer to be found here, they have a new life now.

Easter is a time of breaking chains of bondage, restoration of relationship with the Lord, and new life even for eternity. Jesus resurrected from death on Easter morning so, "we too may live a new life" Romans 6:4. The Mission provides a new earthly life for the privilege of sharing the Good News of eternal life. We have been rescued and restored. There is freedom from the past and a great hope for the future.

Happy Easter

Hot Off The New Griddle

Gene started washing dishes here as his daily chore, then joined our program, and learned to cook. He finds a real sense of fulfillment preparing and serving food in our men's kitchen. He said, "The guys appreciate the meal and thank me. I made a lot of good friends at the Mission and at a church. I found a good church through a co-worker that invited me, and I was baptized there." Both heart and stomach are satisfied.

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Employment age discrimination added to the reasons for Gene being at the Mission. Auto mechanics and forklift driving are most of his experience, but he could no longer get a job in those fields. Since being here, he has tried using his new kitchen skills to find a job. More than one restaurant directly told him that he was too old to keep up with their fast pace. A kitchen hood cleaning company told him that he would be too shaky on a ladder. Gene is now able to collect Social Security benefits and will do so before long.



Pancakes are frying on our new griddle top range. Its an inexpensive way to feed a lot of hungry people. Hunger is physically, mentally, and emotionally consuming. It demands satisfaction, takes priority over income and housing, preoccupies one's attention. Food meets that basic need, but does nothing to directly address homelessness. When providing three meals every day of the year is combined with the provision of meeting other needs to independent living, relationship is developed. Trust grows and an ear to hear the Gospel opens. We become neighbors in fellowship, not just providers of life sustaining food. Hunger of

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the heart needs to be satisfied for one to have hope in real life, not just the revolving door of daily appetite and feeding.

To maintain this ministry of meal service to the hungry and homeless, equipment needs to be replaced and upgraded at times. This new range replaced an old one that was worn out, inefficient, and unreliable from years of service. Its a heavy duty commercial, gas range, that has a 36" x 30" flat griddle top and oven below. Next to it is another gas range with a six burner stove top and oven below.

Food, social, and chapel services provide hope.

Beside that is a stock pot range, standing just 24" tall, having a three ring gas burner and holding a single 53 quart pot. Together, this equipment comprises the commercial kitchen on our Men's Shelter campus. Food, social, and chapel services combined provide hope for new life among the homeless.



No Longer Down-And-Out

Silas was down-and-out, a man without money, a job, or place to live. He had no network of family or friends to help him get re-established. Without a car, there were limitations to finding work, housing, services. Yet, he was not panicked. For most of his childhood, he bounced around with his mother to different shelters and transitional housing. Every other weekend, he stayed with his father, but he had no permanent home. When he was a teenager, his father received full custody. Still, it was not a nurturing environment, because his father was into the drug culture. Silas was somewhat protected from it, but as an adult was influenced by it. He graduated from high school, and as a teenager worked odd jobs. As an adult, he worked as a farm-ranch hand a few years, then moved into town to do landscaping, even started his own business doing the same.

available, affordable, transitional housing

So when it came about, that he needed to go to the Mission, his life experiences had prepared him. There was no culture shock. He was ready to live in a shelter and look for work. Within a week, he had jobs attending a motel desk, doing housekeeping, and washing dishes in a restaurant. Since then, he landed a better job at a fabrication company as a sandblaster in their paint shop. Now he drives to work in a car that he bought. Silas is renting a private room in the Mission's Transitional Housing Program. Having available, affordable, transitional housing has been very meaningful to him, providing privacy and livability. A couple of times a week, he stops by to have an uplifting chat with our Operations Manager. Once a week (any night of his choosing), he attends a required housing program chapel for encouragement, even a reminder that the Lord loves and has provided for him.

Easter menu

Turkeys	Hams
Stuffing	Potatoes
Yams	Gravy Mix
Pies	Rolls
Pineapple Glaze	
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.

Easter bags

Socks	Razors
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Body Wash
Shaving Cream	
Brushes	Combs
Wrapped Easter Candy	

Easter eggs

Eggs have to be from a recognized grocery store. Producers must have an egg handlers license. Eggs cannot be boiled in a non-commercial kitchen.





Clean & Sober Living

Pictured above is the Mission's Mens Shelter. We have three housing programs for men: Transient Dormitory, Program Areas, and Transitional Housing Program. All of them are clean and sober living areas. To be clean, in a basic definition, is to not have any illicit drug in one's body. To be completely sober is to not have alcohol in one's system. Sobriety can also refer to any chemical substance, drug or alcohol. Definitions vary from passing a test for detection, discerning behavior, or determining one's mind-set regarding usage. Clean and sober living only takes place in housing designated for it with the accountability to maintain it.

"Treatment First" is the proven solution.

The problem is that policymakers have misdiagnosed the causes of homelessness. They thought it was a housing problem with no requirement to participate in addiction or mental health treatment. The response is called "Housing First". It has helped people off the street, but done nothing to improve their health. Finally government, nonprofit, media, and social policy think tanks are accepting reports that camping is an addiction problem. Putting people in wet shelters or individual units, those that allow drug and alcohol use, then transitioning them to permanent housing does not solve the core issue. Its not even a matter of proper follow up. Once people are in permanent housing, there is no motivation to get sober. They often invite friends, increase addictions, and add to the probability of eviction. It is further exaggerated by people that are attracted to sponsored addiction use housing without cost or work, that otherwise would not become homeless. "Treatment First" is the proven solution, including clean and sober living. Accountability of behavior will slow the growth of camping, achieve higher rates of retention in permanent housing, and produce healthier people living responsibly.



Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Women & Children's Manager

Manage staff & programs at Samaritan Inn.

Christian ministry and social service position.

Full-time, salary, medical, live off-site.

Resume rsbgmission@aol.com

Mission Stores

help homeless men, women and children.

estate planning

leave a legacy of hope at Roseburg Rescue Mission.

The impact on people's lives can be eternal.

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.