



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Only Home They Had

Brittney arrived at Samaritan Inn expecting a baby. She was a single parent with no one else to turn to, nowhere else to go. A few months later, she had a baby boy at the hospital. They returned here, the only home they had. They had each other, all the newborn items needed, full provision, and safety. For personal and bonding time, mothers and children have private bedrooms with shared living areas in a separate building from other guests. Brittney had access to all the social services available to gain independent living. They had hope for a promising future together, a family kept intact.

Mother's Day is a time to honor and appreciate the work and sacrifice mothers make for their children. Motherhood is challenging enough, but being homeless too makes it all the more demanding. We celebrate the day with a special meal and gift items for mothers.

Happy Mother's Day

Happy To Be Reunited

Charlie started running away from home when she was 14-years-old, because of mental, emotional, and physical abuse from her mother's boyfriend. For two agonizing years, Charlie stayed at a relative's home off and on, suffering additional abuse. She said, "I slept under bridges, in cars, on the ground, on benches, and random people's homes. All were unsafe. I felt abandoned, afraid of being alone, and had separation anxiety. I was afraid to get help, because I would be sent to juvie (juvenile detention center)." She did not want to be confined for issues that happened while being an unaccompanied minor.



Nichole left her boyfriend shortly after her daughter ran away. Nichole and Charlie stayed in contact by phone. She said the Department of Human Services had her turn custody of her daughter over to them so they could open a case. Many nights, mother would look for and find daughter camping in a tent. Daily, Nichole would post a message on social media, "Charlie, I'm still looking for you. I hope you're ok, sweet dreams." Everyday, Charlie would look for those words of encouragement, even though many times she did not respond. Then four days went by without

a message. Charlie said, "I was scared that she had given up on me." Then someone grabbed the phone away before Charlie could respond to her mother.

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It was time for mother and daughter to be reunited. For Nichole to regain custody of Charlie, DHS required a supervised living environment and recommended Samaritan Inn. Nichole has an anxiety disorder, especially after two years of stressful separation. Her caseworker drove her to Samaritan Inn, a place she expected to be like a stereotypical shelter in a movie. She was surprised and grateful that the dormitory has colorful quilts and the people are friendly. A few days later, Charlie arrived for the reunion. They met at our entry gate. Charlie said, "I saw her and ran to her and almost knocked her down. I missed her, I was home. It was amazing. I was real nervous about meeting new people, then I opened those doors and saw the people's smiles, and it lit up my heart." Nichole was quiet the first few days, until she engaged people during her daily chore of serving food at mealtimes. Charlie, on the other hand, made new friends in just a couple of hours.

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A few weeks after arriving, Charlie went forward after chapel in tears to talk with the volunteer speaker. She said, "I knew I was missing God and wanted him there by my side. My baptism was giving up all my sins. I felt like a new person." Then Nichole said, "I realized I needed God in my life, to feel the unconditional love. This place has honestly saved my life."

Mother's Day thoughts from *Samaritan Inn*

"Its been hard on the kids, they climb into my bed and stay there." Ariel

"I had my son to think about, mommy-mode kicked in." Christina

"When I was expecting, I determined to raise my son in a church community having faith." Cybil

"Its like, 'what are your kids learning from you?' I believe chapel helped a lot." Naomi

"Where would I be, or would I have my daughter?" Lisa

"I don't want to lose my kids again." Lauren

"My son and sobriety." Michelle

"Its amazing, the babies have a safe place to sleep and moms have a fighting chance." Christina



Evening Supervisor

Samaritan Inn

supervise women and children during check-in, dinner, chapels showers, bed check, lights out. Part-time, hourly wages, resume to rsbgmission@aol.com

Mission Bike Shop

used bike & part donations accepted & for sale in Mission Furniture. Some new bike trailers, parts, & accessories in stock.

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.



Left to right: Gerald, Chris, Jerry, Robert, Alan.

Wheelchairs & Walkers

Five men using wheelchairs and walkers were staying at the Mission recently. Ten women, using similar mobility devices, were at Samaritan Inn. Disabilities do not restrict people from being at the Mission, as long as they are ambulatory, that is able to move about on their own and take care of their own personal needs. Each of these men has a unique life story to tell. Gerald has cerebral palsy caused by an accident when he was a toddler. A broken neck affects his movement, muscle tone, posture, development. Chris was gunshot during an RV home invasion. His prognosis is to walk again although with some difficulty. Jerry has polyneuropathy caused by being assaulted along a bike path. For years now, he has had nerve damage. Robert had toes amputated because of frostbite due to sleeping outdoors. Three years later, he continues to have neuropathy in his feet. Alan has rheumatoid arthritis that causes joint inflammation and pain. He had to abandon his rat infested RV.

"I was sick and you looked after Me" Matt. 25:36.

Intake interviews have been done and plans developed to meet the personal need of each one to achieve permanent housing. There is a waiting time because of a shortage of adult foster care homes and strict guidelines to qualify. Handicap accessible, independent housing is hard to find. Qualifying for disability income is a long, difficult process.

In the meantime, our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn are home to an increasing number of people with limited mobility. It has happened from meeting the need among the homeless, not by design. We are not a medical center, have no medical staff, do not dispense medications. We rescue people that have nowhere else to go.



Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director

items needed

Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cold Cereal
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Raisins
Pillows
Wash Cloths
Bath Towels
White Twin Sheets
White Pillowcases

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.