



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Cooling Centers

Air conditioned dayrooms await the homeless at our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn for women and children. Cooling Centers are for safety from excessive summer heat, that can cause heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and dehydration. Security from violence is just as important. Our screening process, not allowing anyone obviously under the influence of intoxicants or behaving aggressively, helps to protect people from harm. The homeless can seek assistance at the Mission without the fear of being triggered to relapse in addiction or injured.

Summer rescue from danger

Rescue Missions free homeless people from danger and provide the means to not return to a bad environment. We are a hand up operation, not a handout one. Still for the sake of meeting basic needs for those choosing not to stay here overnight, bottles of water and meals to go are available three times every day. There is a balance of fairness and compassion.

Belief, Behavior, Belonging

Harry was taught to believe in himself, behave as an addict and criminal, and have belonging and loyalty in a like minded family and gang. He was raised in a home environment of addiction and abuse. Harry, his mother, and siblings were mistreated by his step-father. He ran away from home at an early age, surviving by stealing and selling drugs. Prison was considered a badge of honor and acceptance among his peers. Life changed for Harry in the events of a prison riot. People were injured, loyalties tested, character revealed. Harry was ratted out by his own people, betrayed for their own benefit. What was he to then believe about himself, how was he to behave, where would he belong?



When Harry was released, he went home to care for his mother. It was a mother's dying plea to her son to be clean and sober and to get right with God, that caused him to make that promise. Still, he struggled. He cried out, "I am fed up with everything, my life is a disaster. Lord, how am I going to do this? I went to the Mission for the Program. I was in tears, broken down. I gave myself to the Lord." Harry's belief about his identity changed, when it was as if the Lord said, "Its about time. I've been here the whole time

waiting for you." His behavior changed, when he began praying every morning and going to church and mission chapels. His belonging changed to a new community of people that are unselfish, humble, love, care, give back.

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What a person believes about themselves and the world around them affects their behavior and sense of belonging. If one continues to identify with the world, they are still prone to behave as such, and their belonging is with like minded people. Rescue and recovery requires addressing the needs of the body, mind, and spirit. A recovery program of meetings focused on the self expects a mental understanding to produce results. In that setting, the client is a patient, not a contributing member. Dignity, self-respect, worthiness need to be restored.

***Belief in the Lord,
Behavior in productive work,
Belonging in a good community***

Rehabilitation is in finding a new identity, taking the focus off the self, being involved in work therapy. Recovery is belief in the Lord, behavior in productive work, belonging in a good community. It is not in taking a vacation from responsibility. A lack of purpose and exercise is unhealthy, even depressing. Work produces a set of values, accomplishment of goals, focus, self-respect, organization, habit, and strength of character. Engaging in Mission life prepares our clients to transition back into the community. Some benefit from a clinical approach, many succeed with a distraction away from problems to a concentration on a new life. Still, life begins with the fundamental of our belief.



“Some Help & A Fresh Start”

Joseph said, “I was hoping for some help and a fresh start, and that’s what I got. John (Operations Manager) was very helpful, letting me know what resources there were.” Joseph posted his resume on an online employment website. An employer contacted, interviewed, and hired him on the same day. For a few months, his life was being restored. But he made a mistake in thinking that his past was behind him and he could do certain things his own way. Joseph experienced a setback, losing his freedom and job. He returned with a clearer understanding of his situation and a greater determination to succeed. This time, he joined our program for a couple of weeks. A fellow Mission resident suggested that he contact an employment agency to work at the same mill as he does. Joseph got a job stacking plywood and lumber. He has since been promoted and given a raise. Now, he is renting a private room in our Transitional Housing Program, developing a rental history.

“believe that I am worth more than how I feel”

Because Joseph’s parents were drug addicts, he was mostly raised by grandparents and foster parents. He said, “The reason I don’t use drugs is because I saw how it ruined my parent’s lives and my childhood.” Yet, alcohol has been a downfall for him. He hung around the wrong people and places. Now, the Mission environment keeps him sober. He said that he has learned from his mistakes, yet sometimes the consequences can be a real struggle.

Mission chapels remind him of going to church as a child and those times of being part of a family. “The messages speak to me, make me believe that I am worth more than how I feel,” Joseph said, “The stories about (chapel) volunteer’s past struggles and how they made it through touched my heart, made me believe I can make it through the dark times.”

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.



Stepping Out In Faith

Susanna stepped out in faith to be an employee here. She said, "I wanted a job that was also a ministry, investing in people's lives, where women find healing. Roseburg Rescue Mission is in my hometown. The Lord has helped me through my own set of challenges. My hope is that other women can have hope as well. Its in pointing them to Christ and the Truth, that sets us free. This kind of work is very rewarding. In my first year here, I have learned a lot about this place and myself, my confidence level. I have really grown and realize that I can lead in the way God made me. Its exciting to see someone go from not believing to wanting to know as much as she can about the Lord."

We are called to engage the community.

Out of the comfort zone, into exploring areas of ministry causes a person to grow. As one seeks the right match of abilities to opportunities, there is guidance. Steps of faith can be taken within the Church where advice from experienced Christians can help direct one's path. We are called to engage the community. It may be the person living next door, someone in the workplace, a ministry at church. It may be in the parachurch, Christian ministries working as an extension of the Church. There is the Social Gospel, working among the poor with a combination of evangelism and rehabilitation.

A Christian's light is to shine so that it can be seen. Abundant life is in stepping out in faith, not as one who is just redeemed, but entrusted to ministry. Overcoming doubt, working hard, and receiving modest wages or recognition seem to be the obstacles. Yet, the reward in personal growth and relationship with the Lord are immeasurable.

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
Bath Towels
Women's Deodorant
Diapers Size #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.*