



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Back to School

Homeless mothers and their children are provided a safe environment here conducive to students doing well in school. They need encouragement, after the separation of losing home base and neighborhood friends. For continuity, school districts bus students to and from the school they were enrolled in before arriving at our Samaritan Inn. Still, the turmoil can discourage them from doing their best. So we make certain provisions of areas to do homework, school supplies, and clothing.

School supplies and student clothing are needed.

Often, mothers and children leave their previous home with little luggage. They arrive all through the school year. Being properly dressed and equipped increases student confidence. Residents are given free vouchers for clothing in our Mission Store, and school supplies are freely given at Samaritan Inn. For the community, there is a 50% off sale on student clothing and free remaining school supplies in the Mission Store, for the two weeks prior to school starting.

Additional Samaritan Inn Housing

Our first Transitional Housing Program house for women was opened in May. It's now full of renters, and there is additional need for transitional housing among homeless women. We have purchased a second building next door to the house. Location for the sake of developing a campus, was more important than the work to be done on converting this small, commercial office into housing units. Reasonable terms were negotiated on a land sales contract, otherwise known as an owner carried contract. Only a small down payment was necessary to take possession. We had pursued

former condition. Fewer clients return to the shelter from such programs. They have an opportunity to learn independent living skills, while still having full access to the Samaritan Inn campus, staff, and services for support. There is accountability of behavior, visitors, curfew, rent, chapel. Women have a safe, healthy environment to gain confidence. They do not have to remain in addictive habits, abusive situations, codependent relationships. There can be freedom and hope.

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still needing donor
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Salina is pictured here in the living room of our first transitional house. Her employment easily affords her the reasonable rent for a private bedroom and shared use of the house. It's so much more peaceful than the turmoil of her living with a relative in constant friction. Family can be supportive during a season of change in life, but for a live-in adult, it can be stifling. Salina felt oppressed by family expectations and significant differences in religious beliefs. She was stuck in codependency. It broke in a loud argument and the need for separation.

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the owners of this unoccupied building, knowing they had an interest in selling, for nearly a year. We assured them that we would accept the run-down property as is, then remodel it for homeless women. Neighborhood and cost-effectiveness were of greater concern, than the complexity of working through city and county building codes. Plans are now being drawn. This is a work in progress, still needing donor support to complete.

This Transitional Housing Program is an important step between our emergency shelter and independent living. It's a proven method of reducing recidivism, the tendency to relapse into a

At 5am, it was still dark when she arrived at Samaritan Inn. After a couple of months, Salina said, "It's been good. It has helped me stay away from family. You just follow the rules, and you're good. I am at a turning point in my life, discovering the truth about God for myself, learning in chapel. I have a goal to get out on my own, have my own independent life." She likes our house because we did not check on her bad credit or rental history, there was no long waiting list, and she is not in our shelter dormitory anymore.



Home For Now

Gino is pictured here with his home in the background. He lives in one of the upstairs, Transitional Housing Program, rental rooms. He does not consider himself homeless. Self-employment easily allows him to pay the modest rent. Addiction and mental health have never been issues for him. But people do make mistakes in life, then they have to pay a debt to society, so to speak. Gino did something wrong, did his time, lost everything he had in the process, then had no place to go upon release. His parents are deceased and his only brother is in some unknown location. He had never been without a home and was anxious to rebuild his life. His Parole Officer referred him to the Mission, so that he would have everything needed to get a fresh start and a contact address for accountability. Within a month, he had a job, working for a framing contractor building houses. After a few months of saving, he was able to start up his old business again of recycling metal. He began with a pickup truck, then bought a trailer, now has an old, flatbed tow truck. He says business is very good. Home and livelihood have been restored.

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"The Mission is a great place," Gino confirmed, "It provides safety, a place to regroup my thoughts, re-evaluate my life, work toward independent living. I have made good friendships here, gotten respect that everyone wants, developed empathy and respect for others. It's a positive stepping stone, has good meals and a good environment." In regard to the Mission program of chapel attendance, he said, "Chapel is inspiring, a good affirmation of my beliefs. It's good to be around other like-minded folks, a welcome relief from the daily stress of life, a peace on mind." Faith and value have been restored.

school supplies to Mission Office 752 SE Pine St Please!

#2 Pencils, Pencil Cases
Washable Crayons 24 Pkg
Glue Sticks, White Glue
Box of Tissues
Pink & White Erasers
Washable Markers 8 Pkg
Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
Graph Paper Spiral
Wide Rule Spiral Notebooks
Pocket Folders
Colored Pencils
College Ruled 3-Hole Paper
Plain Copy Paper
Wide Rule Paper
Composition Notebooks
Highlighters
Red, Black, Blue Pens
Ruler, 1" Binders
Subject Dividers
Scientific Calculators
Pocket Dictionary
Pencil Sharpener
Children's Backpacks
Over The Shoulder Bags
Hand Sanitizer
Disinfecting Wipes
USB Flash Drives
Index Cards 3"x5"
Thermal Lunch Box
Thermal Water Bottle
Expandable Folder
Student Planner
Headphones/earbuds
Gift Cards For Shoes, Coats



Improvement Projects

A lot of construction projects are taking place this year. Above, the front parking lot of Samaritan Inn is receiving a sealcoat to preserve the integrity of the asphalt. Then new striping paint will mark the parking spaces, handicap zones, and walkways. That work is being done to complete the project of a new section of sidewalk and handicap ramp. Also a new handicap accessible driveway entrance is being installed. Samaritan Inn is scheduled to have the composition shingles portion of its roof replaced. Another building on our women and children's campus received a new roof, and a building on our men's campus had a significant section of roof replaced. A new air conditioning unit was installed in the men's dayroom-chapel cooling center. A remodel was done to the interior and exterior of a house for a women's transitional home. A down payment was made on another building, that is now being evaluated for code requirement upgrades for additional Samaritan Inn housing. A large, old barn was demolished. Several large trees were cut down and others trimmed up.

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Again this year, projects will exceed \$200,000. Smaller jobs and routine maintenance are additional expenses. Funding for these projects is mostly donations from individual people in our community. Other income is from Mission Store sales, transitional housing, churches, recycling. Three private foundations granted money to offset the costs on remodeling the women's home, replacing one roof, and installing air conditioning in the men's cooling center. No government grants are received here. Good stewardship is a priority to do the most with the resources available to us. In our more than 50 year history, we have never built a new building, but we continue adding and maintaining facilities to meet the increasing need among the homeless.

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
Women's Deodorant
Wash Cloths
Bath Towels
White Twin Sheets
Newborn Diapers

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.