



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Domestic Violence Protection

Safety was found at Samaritan Inn. So extreme was the abuse, that the father went to prison. The mother temporarily lost custody of their children, until she entered the approved housing of Samaritan Inn. A supervised living environment was required for a time, before unrestricted custody could be reinstated. Stability was needed and appreciated. When this mother moved out, she said, "I left with a lot of structure. I got a schedule and now still keep it."

October is domestic violence awareness month.

A common reason that women and children become homeless is domestic violence, including child abuse and neglect. Many mothers and children are reunited here or arrive as single parent families by order of authorities. Many of our mothers were abused as children. Now as parents, that learned behavior can be passed on. There is a generational cycle that we are actively involved in restraining. In October, be aware of signs of abuse, encourage, refer to safety.



“To Rebuild My Foundation”

Fentanyl caused the death of James' 21-year-old daughter. It's a very strong opioid, that is illegally put into pills made to look like pharmaceutical medication. Her fatal consequence caused James such great emotional stress, that he voluntarily checked himself into a facility that specializes in depression. Upon his release, he entered the Mission for further healing and re-establishing himself. Just the few days of going to the funeral service caused him to lose his job and place to live. He needed to stabilize with his antidepressant medication and prepare to re-enter the workforce. James was still living in the fallout of a chaotic childhood. He said, "My mom was a raging alcoholic that caused little supervision or authority." At 14-years-old, he began using drugs supplied by friend's older brothers. He said, "I didn't want to be the odd man out that didn't partake in using substances." At 14 he became a father, at 15 he was paying child support, at 16 he was in

adolescent substance abuse treatment, at 17 he was on medication for depression.

As an adult, James has developed a substantial resume. At the Mission, he quickly joined our program, understanding the benefit of productive work. In our stores and warehouse, his abilities became obvious. He is now our most recent employee. On staff, he

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started as our Bicycle Repairman, then moved to Store Clerk. He is renting a room at the Mission on our Transitional Housing Program, that provides greater independence yet maintains accountability, a later curfew, and attending chapel services. James said, "Mission chapel has had a strong, positive effect. There are other people that have experienced my pain and suffering,

and we can gather together in shared faith in something bigger than ourselves under one God. This is an environment to succeed in my spiritual journey. The Mission provided me a home to rebuild my foundation."

Rescued Off The Street

On the streets of Roseburg, Gail said, "I was scared that I would not be able to deal with my emotions and behavior and disability without the (drug of choice). I knew deep down inside that I could not maintain it and it could break at anytime. I was afraid of dying on the street as a lost soul without purpose and not go to Heaven." So Gail stopped using the drug and went to the Mission. He had been here before off and on. He said, "I don't see anyone on drugs around here. I need this program, because I am wrecking my life. Man this bunk is so comfortable. I missed all the people here. There are so many great people here. The Mission is sanding off the callouses of my heart, because my heart was so calloused because of drugs. I couldn't feel anything, no compassion, no remorse. I was rough with people, rough on myself. I was in the dark and couldn't see."

Dignity and self-respect are being restored.

Life sometimes becomes overwhelming for Gail, stemming from a childhood accident that caused brain injury. He receives a monthly payment of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). His diagnosis is a lengthy list, including Anxiety Disorder, PTSD, Bipolar, and an impairment to employment. So he is prone to self-medicate with drugs to cope with stress. Even so, he now has a housekeeping job at a motel. He wants to be productive and occupied with a purpose outside of himself. Dignity and self-respect are being restored. Still, it is up to him to work his plan of recovery, taking advantage of the opportunities provided. In time, he will be ready for permanent housing, but for now he needs accountability and the Mission community for support. Gail has been rescued off the street, because he wanted to be rescued from addiction and hopelessness.



Assistant Operations Manager

Supervise Men's Dayroom, Food Service Dept., do client intake interviews, social work, assist Operations Manager. Full-time, salary, medical

Resume 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.



Intake Interviews & Casework

Autumn does a thorough intake interview on new arrivals to Samaritan Inn. She starts a file on each woman or mother with a child or children. Autumn, our staff Caseworker, does an evaluation of each person's situation, so a plan of independent living can be developed. She screens women without children for a possible fit in our program, if the client is not ready to look for employment. She determines a mother's circumstances to meet their family's needs. She may need to coordinate with a school district, Department of Human Services, other nonprofit social service organizations. There may be issues to work on including domestic violence, medical, psychological, addiction, employment, identification, developing a resume, filling out applications, food stamps, TANF housing grants, child custody, adult foster care, social security. Reasonable timelines are set to accomplish steps of progress. Understanding and encouraging are so important to help each person attain their goal.

a plan of independent living can be developed

Autumn began in ministry as a volunteer in church doing Bible studies and summertime vacation Bible schools. She extended her outreach to being a church camp counselor and going on foreign mission trips. She received a Certificate in Biblical Studies from a Bible college. She applied to an open staff position here with a resume of relevant experience. Her background of working with troubled youth in special Christian camps prepared her for helping our families. She said, "We are not always going to get people to go to church, so we have to go where they are, like Samaritan Inn. I have heard professions of faith; it's the whole point of being here." Autumn's walk began one step at time, building confidence, being an example of the awesome possibilities that can await in a field without enough workers.

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
Strollers 1 & 2 Seats
Deodorant
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Diapers #4,#5,#6
Baby Wipes

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, Kitchen
Sporting Goods
Electronics, Bicycles
Walkers - Wheelchairs

Items need to be in good condition and working order. Upholstered furniture and Mattresses not accepted.