



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Thanks For Rescuing Us

This mother and her identical twin three-year-old boys are thankful for being rescued. There were dangerous connections from her past that wanted to pull her back into a destructive lifestyle. Now, she has children to protect and a good job to keep. She needed separation from a tendency to co-dependent relationships and instruction on independent living. She said, "The structure here is good. The security makes me feel safe. I am comfortable in a Christian facility because I feel safer that God is here, and I can openly talk about Him."

She "Gives thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" Psalm 107:1. This is a prayer of Thanksgiving to the Lord for His unfailing love and provision for the hungry, thirsty, wanderers, depressed, prisoners, rebels, afflicted, needy. Now, I want to be thankful with a gift to the Mission to rescue the homeless.

Happy Thanksgiving

Director's Message

The name, "Roseburg Rescue Mission," identifies the location of our operation. However, the lifeline of hope extends throughout Douglas County. A significant portion of our income is from donors living in Douglas County, but not in Roseburg. Many of our Board Members and Staff commute to this city. This is a county wide ministry for services, support, staff, and volunteers. We do not receive city, county, state, or federal funds. Our primary source of income is from individual people. Other revenue is from store sales, transitional housing, foundations, churches, recycling, in that order.

Thank you Douglas County

"Rescue" is the next word in our name. A rescue operation from a personal disaster begins with the removal from an unwanted situation. Arriving at the Mission is the beginning of success. And prevention from returning to a similarly chaotic life is worked on. Once a person is rescued from dangerous waters into a boat, so to speak, they need to be kept from jumping back in.

"Mission" is the last word. It is the act of sending out from the Church to evangelize the lost, and the place in which it is done. It is the social services offered to meet physical needs for the privilege of preaching the Gospel.

*Thank you,
Lynn Antis
Executive Director*



Clients Want To Be Staff

Our clients understand homelessness and the Mission operation because of their experience. When becoming staff members, there is no surprise or culture shock. There is understanding and empathy for the homeless. More than half our paid staff man-hours are from men and women that were on programs. Seven such positions are now occupied, including three store clerks, a maintenance person, a men's supervisor, a women and children's supervisor, and our newest position of cook. An eighth position is open. This is a vocational rehabilitation and employment service for the homeless. They have responsibility that builds confidence, develops resumes, and provides income.



Samantha, known as Sam, was married for 25 years. They had three children, a mortgage payment, a car, a cat and a dog. Her husband worked in the field of education, she worked in retail. She said, "I thought we had the perfect life, we even went to church." But he met someone else online. When she lost her job, they could no longer afford the house payment. The family split, with the husband pursuing a new relationship, the grown children going their own ways, and Sam quietly becoming homeless. She settled for unhealthy, codependent, even abusive relationships for protection, rather than be lonely and vulnerable on the streets.

"a good place to start life over"

Our Samaritan Inn, for homeless women and children, was recommended to her. She said, "Samaritan Inn is a blessing. I have a roof over my head, showers, food, feeling safe, a good place to start life over. There is good support from staff and program." That was four years ago. Since then she left our shelter and worked a couple of different jobs. Recently, Sam became a paid staff cook at Samaritan Inn, because she wanted to return to a place that had such an impact on her life and be a part of helping other women.



Thanks For Giving

I am thankful for

"Mommy, Kenzie, Trudi, my sisters, family, school, friends, my tablet, unicorns, princesses, doctors, all the staff here at Samaritan Inn."

Nickname: Pumpkin, Age 5

"My mommy, my sisters, my friends, my family, my toys, and food." Nickname: Peanut, Age 3

"Having a place to stay. Chapel time brings me closer to God. I got baptized at River Forks." Sabrina

"God's continued grace and forgiveness." Trudi

"The structure that helps with my sobriety." Taylor

"A place to be and where people are needed to work together to help each other." Robert

"A secure bed, otherwise I would be sleeping under a bridge." Gene

"The friends and support of the Mission that brightens my holiday." James

"A sense of purpose and getting up in the morning" Ty

Thanksgiving items needed

Turkeys Potatoes
Stuffing Gravy Mix
Yams Rolls
Pies Cool Whip
Fruit Cocktail
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.

warm quilts needed for winter

72" x 90" quilts go on every bed for men, women, children. Mothers & children only can take quilts to permanent housing when they move from here.

chapel volunteers

Samaritan Inn & Men's Shelter
Apply on our website or in our office.

fall harvest decorations in mission store



Mission In Support System

Jerimey arrived at the Mission upon his release from prison. He had been convicted and sentenced because of an out of control disagreement with a roommate. He has been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, a mental illness that can affect one's thoughts, mood and behavior. For many years, he operated his own business, coping with his condition by self-medicating on illicit drugs. His time in corrections broke the addiction, successfully substituting it with medication and counselling. But once out of that controlled environment, Jerimey needed the transitional place of the Mission to continue that routine. He is required to stay in Douglas County, because the violation happened here, yet family and friends have left the county. While at the Mission, he began the long process to get Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), a supplement to his new, lower stress, part-time job. After a few months, he left the Mission, reconnecting with his high school sweetheart. Jerimey had a whole new life, for a while.

When a football-player-sized stepson-to-be, especially when still a minor, challenged the incoming authority figure, there was trouble. Separation was needed. Three years after first being at the Mission, Jerimey was back. They still plan on being married, they just cannot afford to run two households.

"There are some stand-up guys here."

Jerimey said, "I have enjoyed meeting new people at the Mission. There are some stand-up guys here. I thought the Mission was all druggies and mental health people, but that is not the way it is." He continued to say, "The Mission brought me closer to God. His love is unconditional. He is not going to fault me for my past. He is always beside me through thick and thin. My success has been from medication and therapy. Counseling sessions turned my life around and having a support system of family, the Mission, friends, and God."

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to help homeless men, women & children. Stores generated 22% of Mission income last year.

Mission Bike Shop

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

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, Kitchen

Sporting Goods

Electronics, Bicycles

Walkers - Wheelchairs

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