



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Meals To Go Every Day

A new normal, in the Mission's food service, began with the pandemic. We never stopped serving meals, but changes were made. For safety's sake, isolation procedures were developed to limit the number of people in areas at the same time. Food service, for people not staying overnight, shifted from a soup to a sandwich kitchen. Meals to go were put in zip-lock baggies, along with a bottle of water, for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day.

So no one ever has to go hungry.

There remains greater safety from viruses and violence for all. It's more inclusive, because some people have social anxiety and avoid the congregate dining room. A basic necessity of life is met, without enabling people to be homeless. For those staying here overnight, three meals a day continue to be served in our dining rooms. A workable balance of justice and compassion has developed, and more meals can be served.

Happy Easter March 31st

Churches, and para-churches like the Mission, celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter. Secular organizations cannot acknowledge His redemptive action to set us free from bondage. There is the difference between the Mission and a shelter. And much of homelessness is about bondage. We are not a church, do not perform the sacraments or ceremonies, do not have morning chapel messages. We are an evangelistic outreach with a purpose to connect people to church services in the morning, even Easter morning.

action to set us free from bondage

We celebrate with a special Easter dinner, hygiene gift bags (even with meals to go), and an Easter egg hunt for the children at our Samaritan Inn. The tradition and memories are preserved, lest they be forgotten or just blend with worldly observances.

Easter is kept on the Sunday following the first full Moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox (March 21st). This year, the full Moon is on the 25th, and Sunday is on the 31st.

Thank you,

Lynn Antis

Executive Director



Preparing For The Future

Homeless men and women have a safe place at the Mission while preparing for the future. This is not just a waiting room, nor a guest resort. Even for entry level services, there is required sobriety, work therapy, chapel services, and social service achievements. This is a program of readiness for the next step.

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Our clients are held accountable to be clean of drugs and sober from alcohol. For most, it's sufficient to successfully move forward to employment and housing. To skip accountability and push functioning addicts into these positions is a recipe for disaster. People can wait here in a healthy environment for their appointment date to enter an off-site, inpatient recovery program. If a person is on a timeout from here for behavioral issues, then receives an acceptance into treatment, we will waive any remaining time, as long as sobriety is maintained. It provides preparation to get into the right mindset of self-determination, instead of entering treatment strung out or detoxing, hoping some program will do the work of recovery for them. The longer a person can stay sober, the more successful treatment will be.

into the right mindset of self-determination

Work therapy is an important part of the process. For the able-bodied, chores are assigned. For those with handicaps, there are light duties or waivers. Work is an essential part of life and rehabilitation. It occupies the mind and provides purpose. Work takes the focus off the self, stimulates exercise, produces conversation, and strengthens character. Chapel services put the focus on our Almighty Creator and Savior as our help in time of need. God's Word is fundamental to understanding our existence, design, hope. Ultimately, this life is preparing for eternity.

Social service achievements are planned and followed up. People wait for birth certificates and picture identification. There are waiting periods for medical treatment and recuperation. There are delays for adult foster care, mental health treatment, subsidized housing. Finding employment is not as difficult as it used to be, but saving money to enter the rental market can take time. Some are here developing a rental history in our Transitional Housing Program. Others are restoring relationships, waiting on Social Security for age or disability, or completing parole or probation. Mothers wait for custody of their children.

We have limitations of stay, except in our rental housing, because

the Mission is not an alternative lifestyle. Yet, there are legitimate reasons for extensions. For most, there has to be a launch date, unless the system just fails some individuals. And it does. When there is no place to go, and a person is not self-sufficient, we do not just put them out. Again, there is a workable balance of justice and compassion.



Andrea is one of the first to be in our Transitional Housing Program for women, and the very first to move out into permanent housing. She stayed in our dormitory for a couple of months, then rented a place in one of our houses for eight months.

She had struggled with drugs, lost her children, then tent camped with her boyfriend. When he was arrested, she was afraid to camp alone, so she went to our Samaritan Inn. Andrea said, "I needed to hit rock bottom to get responsible, to work on getting my kids back. I needed the accountability of Samaritan Inn." And she was held to not use drugs, do cleanup chores here, and take court ordered classes at off-site locations. As a Christian, she appreciated our chapel services, especially the volunteer provided music. A social service achievement

was to get her lost Social Security card reissued, so she could be employed. Within a month of being here, she landed a job, that she still has.

savings, rental history, credit score improved

While living here, her savings, rental history, and credit score improved. Andrea was approved for a non-subsidized, permanent housing apartment, paid the rent and deposit, and has launched to independence. The unit that she was renting at Samaritan Inn will soon be occupied by one of several women on our waiting list. Andrea and many other women need this place, so they can be preparing for the future.

Easter Menu

Turkeys	Hams
Stuffing	Potatoes
Yams	Gravy Mix
Pies	Rolls
Pineapple Glaze	
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.

Easter Bags

Socks	Razors
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Body Wash
Shaving Cream	
Brushes	Combs
Wrapped Easter Candy	

Easter Eggs

Eggs have to be from a recognized grocery store. Producers must have an egg handlers license. Eggs cannot be boiled in a non-commercial kitchen.



Funding Chart 2023

Donated Income	58%
Individuals	49%
Foundations	6%
Churches.....	3%
Earned Income	42%
Mission Stores	27%
Transitional Housing Room Rentals.....	11%
Recycling	2%
Parking Space Rentals	1%
Other	1%
Government	0%
No Funds Requested or Received	

Funding Sources

In 2023, funding sources for Roseburg Rescue Mission remained consistent with historical trends. Donations from individuals continued to be the primary means of support. Private foundations and churches kept pace with their annual levels of giving, causing total donated income to be the dominant source of funding. Earned income, that requires a product or service to be offered in exchange, produced a steady stream of income. Store sales have never been better, and transitional housing revenue increased with new housing units added. Recycled product sales were mostly from unsold, baled clothing, with some from metals, cans, and bottles. Some recycled items produce no return. Parking space rentals over the years have more than paid for the lot, and the paving and landscaping of it, on our downtown campus. Government grants are not a part of this Christian ministry. There is diversification in funding sources that provides stability to the operation.

All donations are tax-exempt.

This organization is incorporated under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporations Act and registered with US tax code section 501(c)3, so all donations are tax-exempt. Nonprofit organizations do not pay taxes on property or income, including in kind donations like clothing, furniture, vehicles. Store sales and rental incomes are also tax-exempt, because they are programs. The government provides this because donor monies have already been taxed and nonprofits offer a wealth of services. We provide receipts for all financial and in kind (product) donations that can be used by individuals and companies as tax deductions. That is a significant incentive for people to make contributions, and our tax exemption provides the Mission more money to benefit the community. Our Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers that live locally. Nonprofit organizations, by their very definition, cannot have profit sharing. Donated and earned income go to benefit the homeless.

chapel volunteers

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

items needed

Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Cold Cereal
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Quilts 72" by 90"
Winter Coats
Diapers #4,#5,#6
Baby Wipes
Pajamas – large
Twin Fitted Sheets

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.*