



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Room At The Inn

A Christmas theme is that there was no room for the newborn Jesus at the Bethlehem inn. He was wrapped in cloths and laid in a manger, an animal feeding trough, outside (Luke 2:7). There was no room in the world for the Savior of it. Christmastime is a reminder of what has changed. Do we have room in our hearts and in our shelters?

Samaritan Inn had room for the homeless mother and her children pictured, because that Newborn Babe opened hearts and shelters to deliver the Good News of peace on earth between God and mankind, as well as between each other. Homeless men, women, and children hear the Message of salvation, and they are not being turned away for a lack of room. By displacing the things of the world, we make room within ourselves and for others. We become new and want to share.

Merry Christmas

Ready For A Change

For a few months, Greg has had a full time job with benefits as a maintenance man at an apartment complex. He got the position a month after arriving at the Mission. He has done millwork throughout his life, beginning as a green chain puller when still a teenager. But a degenerative bone disease slowed him down and changed his life. For a few years, Greg had his own window cleaning business and did seasonal work through the winter. It proved to be too much for his medical condition. He worked odd jobs until the money ran out. Yet, Greg maintains a “pull yourself up by your own bootstraps” attitude. He just needed the Mission long enough to become self-sufficient again. He’s not waiting for a subsidized housing program.

by his own bootstraps attitude

Greg’s time here has been more than an adjustment of accepting physical limitations and reduced job prospects. He has been re-evaluating what is truly important in life. Greg was baptized at a local church while staying at the Mission. He said, “I asked a friend to tag along to church, because I was ready for a change in my life. I wanted to start praising the Lord. I learned that we have to change what we are doing, and do what He wants us to do. Chapel here is nice, that it’s daily, because it’s a reminder to take time to praise the Lord and pray.”



Family Is Cherished At Christmas

Family and home are more dear at Christmas. Being together in a safe, loving environment fulfills a need within. Setting aside our problems in the world for the season, frees us to have a peace and joy unlike any other time. Homeless moms and their children can even forget their situation in life, if just for a little while. Our community can provide them a Christmas celebration, that they otherwise would not have had. The frustrations of being homeless can be changed to having good memories and developing hope. The extra effort put into the Christmas dinner at Samaritan Inn is more than a small, poor family could provide for themselves. And the

Christmas presents are no doubt more than their family budget could afford.

Christmas is about children, from the birth of the Christ Child to leading them to Him. Children are vulnerable. Homeless children are even more so, being subject to worldly influences rooted in poverty. Childhood is a critical time of developing beliefs, morality, ethics, worldview. Providing a home environment, even one temporarily in a homeless shelter, that nurtures children, greatly reduces any reason to rebel against their situation. They have love, provision, even a reason to respect their mother’s decision to go to Samaritan Inn.

Christmas Menu

Turkeys	Hams	Fruit Cocktail
Stuffing	Potatoes	Pies
Yams	Rolls	Cookies
Gravy Mix	Cool Whip	Coffee
Mixed Vegetables	Cranberry Sauce	

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 winter quilts

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

Christmas Gifts

New Hats	Candy Canes
New Socks	Cough Drops
New Gloves	Hand Sanitizer Gel
Deodorant	Diaper Bags
Body Wash	Children Pajamas
Shampoo-Small	New Toys
Disposable Razors	Doll Clothes
Shaving Cream	Children’s Back Packs
Tooth Brushes	Art & Crafts For Teenagers
Toothpaste-Small	Stollers
Hairbrushes	Scooters
Combs	Fruit Snack Packs

Items needed by December 20th. Please Do Not Wrap Packages.

Structured Independence

Debby is sitting at the dinette set in the kitchen of a Transitional Housing Program house at Samaritan Inn. It was move in day. Life was getting back to a sense of normalcy. She was in a two bedroom home with just one woman roommate. Low rent will be easily affordable with her part-time waitressing job.

A couple of years ago, Debby’s life was so different. She was married, had children at home, and a good job. Tragedy struck when a close friend, living in their home, committed suicide, and she saw the aftermath. She said, “That image in my head, I couldn’t get rid of. It caused me to drink every day.” Her husband divorced her. She became estranged from her mother and son. “I’m tired of losing my family, tired of being tired,” she lamented.

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Debby moved to Samaritan Inn for its location to her new job and accountability to her sobriety. After months of success, she was ready for the next step, but not being alone. She chose our Transitional Housing, because of the structure along with more independence. She said, “Rents in the community are too high, and this is better than a place by myself and relapse.” She will continue to attend a weekly chapel in this program where she relates to speakers. Debby said, “It’s making my relationship with the Lord stronger. I have hope and faith again.”





Year-End Rescue

As 2024 draws to a close, we are in the process of purchasing the small house pictured above. It is connected to our Samaritan Inn facility, further expanding the campus. In 2022, we bought a house, then in 2023 an old doctor's office, both of which are next-door. Earlier this year, we completed the remodel of the doctor's office. In the course of doing the work, we met the owner of this third property. He was willing to sell. We were able to buy it, using the equity built up in the first two purchases. No down payment was required. Already the first two buildings are Transitional Housing Program units for our homeless women clients. The plan is for this next building to be the same. Moderate rent from each bedroom unit will cover most of the monthly overhead. Still, there are closing costs and remodel expenses.

Have A Blessed New Year

This project is being done in a cost efficient manner. Because Transitional Housing is semi-independent living, and it's an expansion of our existing women and children's campus, no staff have been added at this time. Indeed, the availability of these properties and the difficulty of recruiting staff has driven this method of meeting the increased housing need of homeless women and children. A foundation is being laid down now, while it is obtainable, to build upon for projected growth.

Please consider a tax deductible, year-end rescue gift to help complete this life transforming project. We do not receive government funding, so private donations support this ministry. You make a significant impact in caring for the homeless. Together, we are "A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless" in a dark world. Thank you for being a rescuer.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Caseworker

Women & Children
Samaritan Inn
Christian Ministry
8am to 2pm Mon to Fri
Perfect for mom
with kids in school
We Will Train
Hourly Wage
Resume to:
rsbgmission@aol.com

**warm winter
coats needed**
men, women, children

Christmas decorations

for sale In
Mission Store &
Mission Furniture.

vehicle donations

are accepted here.
Receipt for tax
deductions provided.

estate planning

leave a legacy of
hope at Roseburg
Rescue Mission.
The impact on
people's lives
can be eternal.