



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Moms With Older Boys

Gina was a stay-at-home mom. After the divorce, she was unprepared to become head of the household. She and her 13-year-old son, Colton, were rescued from homelessness. They have successfully blended with the culture of Samaritan Inn. It's not always easy for a teenage boy, close to the size of a man, to be readily accepted by women and children that have been abused by men. Nor is it simple for a homeless, adolescent boy to conform to parental and organizational rules that can feel constraining.

Our Mother and Children's building has separate pods, or clusters, of living quarters, each with its own door to the outside. One such pod is designated for moms with older boys. There is a common living room, shared but private restrooms and showers, and four bedrooms utilized based on family needs. This pod provides needed space away from moms with younger children, even teenage daughters, and from unaccompanied women. Then all our residents share the common dining room and chapel.

Happy Mother's Day

Rescued from Addiction

Adam was rescued from environments of drug addiction to the clean and sober living conditions of the Mission. Every place he knew, whether with family, friends or camping on the streets, had the influence and temptation of drug use. He said that money was not even necessary, because other people do not want to get high alone. He tried moving far enough away to where he did not know anyone, but Adam said, "It was lonely there, and I fell away from God. So I went to the Mission, because I knew I could make it on my own here."

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"Everywhere else I had been, I had to depend on other people to have a stable living environment, with no success. They were using drugs, so I used drugs. I can't depend on family members. I knew that if I came to the Gospel Rescue Mission, I could get my life together and not be alone."



Addiction, loneliness, a place where he could stay on track to become employed again, and there would be no arguments about religious beliefs and behaviors were the issues Adam wanted to resolve. He said, "I'm glad I found this place, where I can have a relationship with God, without the religious aspect of specific beliefs that cause people to get mad at each other. It let me down, I would give up, and just wander the streets. Now, I want to give up on all the self-hurt."

Work therapy is a part of rehabilitation that he understands and appreciates. His daily chore at the Mission is washing dishes. He even volunteers extra time to keep himself busy. Adam said, "Hard work pays off, and doing things for others allows you to do things for yourself. It keeps me on track to benefit me and not run me down. I have drug-free people around me, and I stay away from people on the street, so that I won't be tempted. I avoid peer pressure situations."

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His efforts have paid off with a full-time job at a fast-food place. His work is a part of his new freedom from the dependence on chemical substances. He can afford to take a bus, ride a bike, or buy a car. He is on the waiting list for our Transitional Housing Program, because he now has the means to pay the low monthly rent. It's a half-way step to full independence, proven to increase success. He has a supportive community around him, encouraging and holding him accountable. Adam has been rescued from a self-destructive lifestyle to one that has genuine hope.



Rescued From Violence

Sierra was rescued from domestic violence to the safety of Samaritan Inn. Physical abuse had caused a probable, though undiagnosed, concussion. Her husband caused other serious injuries over a period of time. In addition, he controlled every part of her life. He would not let her get a job, so she could not be around other men. He took any money that she had. She was disconnected from talking to or seeing any family or friends. He wrecked her car, and she lost any freedom. She escaped such abuse and captivity to a family member's house, who then drove her to the safety of our shelter. Sierra said, "The fence and gate make me feel safe. Nobody can attack me or know that I am here. This feels like family to me." She was homeless in high school, couch surfing from one friend's house to another, even working to support herself. As an adult, being homeless and living in a campsite was not so far from normal. And that is where she met her abusive husband to be.

She escaped abuse & captivity to safety of shelter

At our Samaritan Inn, Sierra is laying a foundation for independence. After just a couple weeks of settling down, she has two part-time jobs, one as a motel housekeeper, the other in fast food. She is still looking for a full-time job as a waitress. She said, "This place is a lift up, like a hand up not a hand out." Then she quoted, "'So don't worry about...all these things... seek first His Kingdom... and all these things will be given to you as well, Matthew 6:31-33.' Faith is what I need. I need to be around like-minded people. I need Jesus." Sierra has been rescued from a violent, degrading, abusive life to one of peace, improvement, and dignity.

Rescue

"In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me; Incline thine ear to me, and save me."

Psalm 71:2

vehicle donations

are accepted here.

Receipt for tax deductions provided.

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 25% 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.

Discharged To Mission

Discharges from hospitals, clinics, nursing and physical rehabilitation centers, Oregon State Hospital for psychiatric treatment, senior care and adult foster homes, addiction recovery programs, prisons and jails to the Mission are commonplace. Some people are just dropped off here, because the discharging facility has no room to keep them and they have other people with needs entering their facilities. Some organizations have policies that state if a person was homeless upon arrival there or have no other place to go, then they are sent to the Mission without consideration of our situation. Patients will leave a facility against medical advice. Homeless people arrive after surgeries or the trauma of a medical or psychiatric event needing a place to recuperate. Often, they

are accompanied with wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen machines and tanks to assist with breathing. Sometimes, they arrive in medical gowns or general issue sweat pants, shirts, and flip flops. A portion are advanced in years, others are newborn babies with their mothers. Some want to be here, others do not. A few do not meet our minimum requirements to be here.



Disabilities can be accommodated here by meeting requirements

We rescue people that have nowhere else to go. Disabilities can be accommodated here by meeting requirements. Yet, we are not a nursing facility, nor do we have nursing staff. We do not provide medical care, nor do we dispense medications. Our clients need to be ambulatory, that is able to move about on their own and take care of their own personal needs without assistance. Intake interviews are done to determine each person's appropriateness for being at the Mission. Their needs have to be met, and our provision cannot be exceeded. Plans are developed for each one to achieve permanent housing. There are waiting lists for subsidized housing, treatment facilities, and adult foster care homes with strict guidelines to qualify. Handicap accessible, independent housing is hard to find. Qualifying for disability income is generally a long, difficult process. The Mission experience can be one of rehabilitation and waiting for openings in the right places to go. In the meantime, our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn are home to an increasing number of people with disabilities.



Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director

items needed

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Macaroni & Cheese
Cold Cereal, Oatmeal
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Men's & Women's PJs
Strollers 1 & 2 Seat
Diapers #4,#5,#6

items accepted

at our dock
806 SE Pine St
Mon to Sat 9am to 6pm
Clothing, Furniture
Household Items
Kitchen Wares
Knickknacks
Sporting Goods
Electronics, Bicycles
Walkers & Wheelchairs
Linens, Shoes
Purses, Hats
DVD, VHS Movies, TVs
CDs And Players

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