



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Bicycles Restore Freedom

Wayne rides his bicycle to work and wherever he goes. It has restored freedom to his life. He is pictured here with his bike in the Mission Bike Shop. Wayne not only bought his used bike here, he was employed in the Mission Bike Shop. He began needed rehabilitation by volunteering in our Program, working in the warehouse and maintenance departments. After a few months, he was hired on to our staff as a bicycle repairman. He restored some of the donated bikes, with either new or used parts, then priced them to sell in our Bike Shop, which is located in the Mission Furniture Store. He salvaged usable parts from other donated bikes, then priced them to sell in our rotary bins. Remaining bike frames and unusable parts are sold elsewhere as scrape metal. Wayne would also repair customer's flat tires and install some parts. He also sold new and used bicycle trailers. Mission Bike Shop is a win-win situation for our clients and customers. It's a beneficial service to both, and truly a nonprofit operation. *continue on page 2→*

Mission Bike Shop Is A Win-Win Situation

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After being our bicycle repairman, Wayne later became our staff maintenance man. He already knew a lot, but learned even more on the job about facility and grounds maintenance. He has used that experience to now be employed doing maintenance work for a company outside the Mission.

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For years, Wayne was a forklift driver, until an on-the-job accident. While physically lifting material, that had fallen off a forklift, he injured his back. It took weeks to recuperate, then he was placed in a rehabilitation work program. During that period of time, he was involved with a personal dispute at home, that caused him to react by relapsing from many years of sobriety and with aggression. He ended up at the Mission, having lost a relationship, home, job and car. He needed to rebuild a new life. He needed accountability for sobriety and now the Mission’s rehabilitation work program. Wayne said, “I felt like the Prodigal Son that needed redemption from the Father. I paid a price and came back here to redeem my relationship with God and everybody else. I am thankful for the Mission, the accountability helped me maintain.”

Mother Reunited With Children

Mackenzie’s life has been greatly affected by a medical condition and her response to it. She has fibromyalgia, a chronic condition characterized by widespread pain, fatigue, and other symptoms like sleep disturbances and cognitive difficulties. It affects muscles and small tissues throughout the body, making it difficult to perform daily activities. A couple of years ago during the pregnancy of her son, she experienced increased symptoms of pain, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and mood changes.

dealing with medical condition and self-medicating

Mackenzie was unable to work at that time. Her only income was Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for the disability of one of her children. She was barely able to rent an apartment for herself, two daughters, then a son after he was born. In time, the four of them moved into her mother’s house. However, it was against the subsidized housing rules there, and they had to move out. Her daughters went to the custody of their father, and her son went to live with his grandmother. Mackenzie was in crisis between not having her children, dealing with her medical condition, and self-medication with alcohol and illicit drugs. It’s not uncommon for those that suffer from the pain of fibromyalgia to go from prescription medication to other sources of relief.

Every bridge with family and friends had been broken. She was in no condition to be employed. Mackenzie was homeless and on the street. New, so-called friends directed her to a tent camp out of town. A campfire was her source of heat this past winter. Addiction was rampant throughout the camp.

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She said, “It was scary. There were people using Fentanyl and shooting up. It was sad. I felt lost. I felt like a 12-year-old girl, scared and alone, not having anybody, not able to trust anybody. I got robbed. I was hopeless, did not care about anything, especially myself. I felt like a loser for being homeless, losing my kids. I was in a self-pity party at my

lowest point. Then God gave me some clarity, a spiritual awakening. I stopped using, left camp, and went to a friend. My mom looked online for shelters. I purposefully went clean, so I could go to Samaritan Inn.” She had a profound, life-changing experience in a homeless camp.

grow faith, recover sobriety, reunite family

Now at Samaritan Inn, she had reinforcement and encouragement to grow in her faith in the Lord, recover sobriety, and reunite with family. She said, “I like chapel here, because it keeps me in touch with God, reminds me why I’m here, and keeps me on the right path.” She does a daily devotional on her phone and goes to church every week with her daughters. She attends Celebrate Recovery (for hurts, hang-ups and habits) one evening a week. And she takes needed

classes for addiction recovery. Mackenzie said, “I need this place (Samaritan Inn) for the routine and structure, the discipline and stability for now, and the accountability to not relapse.” She said that she would not accept subsidized housing now, because she needs more sobriety time here first.

In the photo, Mackenzie is on the play structure at Samaritan Inn with her daughters, Nevaeh (7) and Haven (5). Her girls attend an elementary school four days a week, while living with their father. She now has custody of them three days and nights a week at Samaritan Inn,

because we are a DHS approved living environment with a homelike setting, a safe place, a safety service provider on-site, and Mackenzie is taking all her required classes. She is still working on regaining custody of her son Tatum (2).

custody of them here three days and nights a week

She is now ready to return to employment and has begun to drop off her resume to businesses within walking distance to our shelter. Mackenzie said, “I’m grateful to be here, it’s wonderful. My girls love it here, to play outside, play with other kids. They are happy that mom is here and not on the street.”



- items needed**
- Macaroni & Cheese
 - Spaghetti, Egg Noodles
 - Tomato Sauce
 - Diced Tomatoes
 - Canned Pork & Beans
 - Refried Beans
 - Cold Cereal
 - Spices, Salt, Mayo
 - Canned Fruit & Veggies
 - Pancake Mix & Syrup
 - Ground Coffee
 - Bottles of Water
 - Twin Sized Sheets
 - Tricycles, Wagons
 - Strider Bikes
 - Pajamas- All Sizes

- 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.



Last of Five Houses

In the short, miraculous time of just three years, Roseburg Rescue Mission has been blessed to have acquired five houses. Actually, there are four houses and a remodeled doctor's office. All five properties are adjoining each other and the existing Samaritan Inn campus. There are no other properties to purchase in that section of land. All five houses are our new Transitional Housing Program for women and children. This fifth house was made possible only by a significant estate planning donation that paid for more than half the cost. As of this writing, the first three houses are remodeled and occupied, the fourth is being remodeled, the fifth and last one is near the closing of escrow. Twelve rental rooms with shared living quarters will now be available to homeless women and children. Each of the five buildings has been approved for an occupancy of five, providing a total capacity of 25 people.

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The vision for future development of these properties, with the old houses on them, needs to be clear. It is not to spoil the footprint of land by building in the spaces between houses. When the loans are paid off, new commercial construction needs to replace old buildings. These properties are in a very special location with opportunity to develop new ministries for the existing and growing needs of homeless women and children. Expanding the existing Samaritan Inn campus made more sense than developing a new, separate one. Expending resources on old, residential houses that will eventually be replaced by new, commercial buildings is more cost effective and efficient, when considering the ongoing expense savings of having just one set of staff on a single campus. That future development will no doubt be done in phases, as it can be afforded and to address specific needs.



Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Caseworker

Women & Children
Samaritan Inn
Christian Ministry
Client intake

interviews, social
work, follow-up,
encouragement.

Part-time, hourly wage.

Resume to:

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
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.