



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Seasonal Workers

Roy worked as a seasonal firefighter for several years. He has done yearly harvesting in orchards and vineyards, and temporary work as a fin clipper at a fish hatchery.

The Mission has historically supported seasonal workers. Wineries and blueberry farms, tree planters and firefighters, disaster relief organizations, national park concessionaires, state and county fairs, traveling carnivals, Christmas tree growers and package shippers, fishing boats and canneries, farms and ranches, annual call centers and tourist attractions, all and more depend on seasonal workers. The Mission is often a place for the off-season and a transition to the next short-term work.

Mission helps to support the economy

Our role in society is more than relocating people to permanent housing. We are the church to seasonal workers and wanderers, bringing a message of hope and comfort. The mission helps to support the economy and the necessary temporary workers. For some it's a way of life, for others it's short-lived. We are a clean and sober living environment that can be counted on to be safe and available for these important seasonal workers.

Roy is now on Mission paid staff, as a year-round maintenance man. He has good memories of seasonal work, but is glad to have more consistent employment.

Leaving Addiction Camping

This is Brittany's account of her experience while she and her boyfriend were homeless camping at "The Point," located at the south end of Deer Creek Park. They were caught up in the drug culture of addiction camping. She said, "It was chaotic, all the drug use, dirty with trash, drug paraphernalia, and puppies everywhere. I got bitten tons of times." She said there was sex trafficking with 16 and 17-year-old girls getting drugs and being used. It's the go to place to buy drugs. The camp is cleaned out regularly, but people just move back shortly afterward. Camping equipment is quickly replaced by certain nonprofit organizations and by "boosting,"



a slang term that means shoplifting. Domestic violence was also a part of her camping lifestyle, including verbal, emotional, and physical abuse. The last episode was in their tent, it was a drug induced fight. Brittany was convicted of using excessive force to stop his attack. She spent a couple months in jail, then was given an option.

In the Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court, Brittany had a choice between joining a diversion program or going to prison. She chose the program of addiction classes and monitoring. And because

she was homeless, her probation officer required her to live at our Samaritan Inn. After six months here, her P.O. gave her permission to move to some halfway house. She said, "It was horrible. There were lots of drugs and alcohol. The rent was too high. I couldn't effectively do the program there. I was triggered (to relapse) a lot."

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She moved back to Samaritan Inn to complete her program. Brittany said, "I absolutely love it here. It's safe. I love helping people. I was the 'Dorm Mom.' Helping others builds my self-esteem, motivates, and gives me purpose." She said, "I'm getting the hang of Chapel here. Recovery is God based. I'm learning faith. Sometimes a message or song hits me good. It's doing something. It's nice to be here around other women. The number one reason that people go back to old behaviors is a lack of support from others." Brittany now has a full-time job in the community and still helps at Samaritan Inn. She said, "If you get bored, that's when you wander off."

Pathway was law enforcement, court ordered rehabilitation, Mission's living environment.

The pathway to leave addiction camping started with law enforcement, then court ordered rehabilitation and the Mission's clean and sober living environment. It's this course of disciplined action that is the proven method out of a self-destructive lifestyle. Any effort to aid addiction camping only works against the success of this system, enables individuals to remain in a deplorable and declining condition, and promotes a drug culture that draws in our youth, hurts businesses, and puts an unnecessary burden on the community.



Leaving Camp

Stephen camped out for just a couple of weeks while re-evaluating his situation in life. A series of events left him unexpectedly broke and homeless for the first time. He had been working as a cook in an assisted living facility, when it was purchased by a new investor and the food service department was downsized. He lost his job, then left his apartment. While eating in a restaurant, all his bags were stolen. He lost his birth certificate, social security card, photo albums, keepsakes, and money. That is when he took a bedroll to camp along the river alone. Stephen said, "The Point is not my type of people, they are drug addicts. I stayed away from them." He said that while camping, "I was anxious, scared, mad, on edge, bewildered, not knowing what to do next, lonely." He hesitated to go to the Mission, until he got down to his last few dollars. Then he ventured in.

When he arrived, all he had was what he was wearing, and he was hungry. He received a meal, a clothing voucher to our store, a shower, and a warm, safe bed. He had a dayroom and social services to get re-established. Stephen is pictured above in our Men's Shelter kitchen. He worked on our program, doing what he likes, cooking. Now, he has a cooking job at a restaurant in the community and is on the waiting list to rent a room in our Transitional Housing Program.

"I feel like God loves me."

He has a true sense of belonging. Stephen said, "I don't feel lonely anymore. I feel like God loves me. You guys have been a big help to me. I feel like I have become a part of something. I never married, have no kids. It's pretty neat, the services are great."

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
Bath Towels
Strollers 1&2 Seat

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to help homeless men, women & children.

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.



Working To Stay At Mission

Staying at the Mission is free, it always has been. There is no reason for a homeless person to need money for any of the Mission's services. Yet, people will panhandle individuals, churches, nonprofits for money to stay here, claiming that we charge. Often, that panhandled money is used for drugs and alcohol, hurting people not helping them. After a person's first few days and nights here, there is a work requirement for able bodied people to stay. There are exceptions for those with handicaps. Some are assigned a light duty chore or even given a medical waiver of the requirement. The misunderstanding and/or abuse probably comes from an option given to pay five dollars per night in place of working. It was established many years ago for those with incomes to pay each night instead of doing a chore here, because they are already busy with employment in the community.

Staying At The Mission Is Free

Work is therapy. It's involvement in the household, contributing as a member for the benefit of one another. At the Mission, we strive to maintain and develop a strong work ethic. It produces a set of values, accomplishment of goals, focus, self-respect, organization, habit, and strength of character. It provides purpose as a part of our identity and well-being. Activity is a normal function of the mind and body. The opposite is then true, a lack of activity is unhealthy, even depressing. Work is a needed distraction from dwelling on and being overwhelmed by problems in life. Doing chores here is a needed transition back into the working world. There may be a need to learn a skill, keep a schedule, deal with others, take instruction, earn a job reference, or just have time for healing.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Recycle

Cans & Bottles

Cans and bottles can be donated at the Mission Warehouse dock. Or they can be taken to BottleDrop Roseburg then a donation made to Roseburg Rescue Mission from your online account. Plastic caps can be left on plastic bottles.

Reuse - Repurpose

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.