



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Rescue The Perishing

Malnourished, dehydrated, diminished cognitive ability, alcoholic, lice infested, trench foot, joints so stiff- he could no longer walk, all described Steve.

He was defeated in life. When the outbuilding that he had lived in for years was finally locked, he no longer had a place to socially hide. He was discovered, transported to the hospital, then moved to the Mission. We shaved his head, trimmed his beard, threw away his clothes. He had no identification, no money, no idea of the month or year, no sense of direction. He was constantly hungry to eat and delighted to interact with people. When Steve heard the Gospel of hope in a personal, eternal relationship with your Savior unencumbered by any human relationship or earthly conditions, his response was, "Tell me more of that Message of hope."

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Sadly, it was already too late for a recovery program to transform him into employability again. Still, he needed rescue and hope. After a few weeks, he no longer needed a walker and was not disoriented. Steve was healthy and very active. Rescue is not limited to programs, employment, and independent housing. The fundamental of Rescue is being delivered from perishing and sharing the Good News of salvation.

Mission's Newest Employee

A latent medical complication from a years-old accident brought Dean to the Mission. He was a US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. During a live fire exercise, someone stepped on a tripwire, causing an explosion. Dean suffered shrapnel wounds in both legs. After undergoing surgery to remove the metal fragments from his legs, he successfully extended his naval career two more years. As a civilian, he actively worked in construction a few years, until remnant pieces of metal began to cause infection. The lower parts of his legs became so diseased that a double bilateral

of time here has provided a transition period of getting accustomed to social interaction and work capabilities from a new perspective. Prior to his accident, Dean stood 6'4" tall. The Mission would be his first living and working environments after surgery. He said, "I was a little nervous at first. Will people think I'm not capable? Will I be accepted, because I might need more accommodation? After a couple of days, I felt part of the Mission. People didn't ask intrusive questions, they just asked how I was doing."

getting accustomed to social interaction & work capabilities from a new perspective

Dean worked on our Program testing electronics donations, then pricing clothing. He was being trained as a Store Clerk and was the next qualified person to become a paid employee. But when the Check-In Supervisor position opened in our Men's Shelter, Dean was the best candidate, and he accepted that responsibility. It has been a privilege helping a disabled military veteran in his mobility transition to new independence. The Mission has a very capable, new employee, and Dean has opportunity. The handicap accessibility remodel has now been completed at his house, and he has moved there. He plans to once again walk, ride a mountain bike, and drive a vehicle. Dean intends to stand at his wedding later this year.

helping a disabled military veteran in his mobility transition to new independence

"I liked the opportunity to get back in touch with God and hear other people's stories. They say something that strikes a chord with you and realize you may have been through that in your life. Other people have their own problems and faith got them through it. That made my faith blossom. I'm reading the Bible more," Dean expressed of his chapel experience here.



amputation had to be done. Upon discharge from the hospital, Dean went to a physical rehabilitation facility. When he completed that treatment, the house that he wanted to move to was not ready for wheelchair access. That is when Dean became a resident at the Mission.

It would be a year and a half before the contractor, who donated time and materials, completed the handicap accessibility requirements. There has been a long delay in achieving the right fit to his prosthetic legs. Dean's unexpected length



Resident To Employee

"There but for the grace of God go I," Trudi would say as she drove by Samaritan Inn on her way to her apartment at the end of the street. Her life was occupied with babysitting grandchildren. She said, "I never imagined I would ever be here, but ever so thankful for it." When her husband insisted on a divorce, Trudi knew the place to go. She said, "I felt safe. It was the people here. They let me know it didn't matter what brought me here. A staff member gave me a hug. I felt at ease." She wanted and needed to stay busy, and our Program provided that. She loves to cook, although now for a larger, extended family. In time, Trudi moved out of Samaritan Inn with two other women that she knew and trusted from here.

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Months later, our Samaritan Inn Manager happened to visit the church Trudi attends, then surprised her with some rather interesting questions, "Do you have the same phone number? Are you still looking for a job?" We were looking to hire a part-time cook, and Trudi is not only a good cook, she loves our women and children. Her employment wages here are allowing her to pay rent and stay in the house she moved to. She said, "I was nervous about coming back. I felt like coming home, because so much of who I am now is because of having lived here. Because of the peace I found here, I was able to stop and listen to God. I was re-baptized at a local church. I have new self-respect. I discovered that I actually have value."

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
 School Supplies

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.*



Restoration

Pictured are the last three of five houses added to the Samaritan Inn campus. They are located at the end of a private driveway, that will be fenced and gated off from public access. The area needs to be secured for our Transitional Housing Program for homeless women and children. The houses are older, and most require significant repairs. The buildings are undergoing restoration, a portion of the neighborhood is being repurposed, and a program of renewal for broken lives is being developed.

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Before each house was purchased, a professional home inspection was done, which helped with the negotiation process and provided a checklist of repairs needed. In addition, security and fire safety are improved. Much of the interior remodeling is done by our own maintenance staff to keep costs down. The inside of the house on the left is completed and now occupied. Our latest purchase is the one in the background, requiring moderate repairs. Kitchen cabinets in the house on the right still need to be upgraded for our program kitchenette standard. A contractor is in the process of reroofing that same house. Then another contractor will replace much of the siding. Plumbing, electrical, rain gutters, exterior painting, tree removal, and excavation is done by contractors. Landscaping is shared by our own workers and outsourcing. This rejuvenation project should be done and fully operational soon. Completing Samaritan Inn's Transitional Housing Program construction remains our priority. When the remodeling of these houses is finished and they are rented out, this five-house program will be a mostly self-sustaining operation. Already, 8 of the 12 rooms are rented. Several other significant maintenance projects on both the Samaritan Inn and Men's Shelter campuses will be addressed next.

Thank you, 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:

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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.