



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

SEPTEMBER 2025

752 SE Pine St • PO Box 1937 • Roseburg, OR 97470 • (541) 673-3004 • www.roseburgrescuemission.org



238 Beds

Stacy had to move out of her rented room, when the owners of that house passed away. Beds are in abundance here, because some are not utilized. Our Samaritan Inn for women and children has 115 beds, our Men's Shelter has 123, for a total of 238 beds. Programs are available based on individual need. Three options are provided on both campuses: Emergency Shelter, Program, and Transitional Housing. There is a constant flow of homeless people entering our facilities, transferring between programs, and moving on in life.

Emergency Shelter, Program, Transitional Housing

The majority of our new residents are from failed living arrangements in the community, not from addiction campers in public parks. Law enforcement encourages campers to go to the Mission, however, most just move to a new campsite. We require that no one be obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol, so that they are healthy and not triggering anyone else to use or relapse. Our focus is on everyone's well-being and preparing them for successful living first, then assisting with permanent housing next.

Healthy Companionship

Child abuse set in motion a troubled life for Suzanne. Broken parental trust led to bad teenage relationships. It caused her to have low self-esteem, struggle with confidence, blame herself, be submissive, be excessively tolerant, have a lack of motivation, have emotional dependence, and socially isolate. She said, "I had an attraction to abusive men because of a want to be loved and I thought I could change them to love me as I should be loved." As a result, her adult relationships were never healthy. Suzanne's condition developed into a disabling mental



illness. She had worked enough by that time to qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). It was enough to support herself and children. She stayed busy volunteering to be the caregiver for her mother and sister. Then in a short period of time, they both passed away leaving a large void in Suzanne's life. When her last child moved out, Suzanne was left alone. Her emotional state was so fragile that she turned to heavy drinking. She just could not manage on her own any longer.

That is when Suzanne's niece recommended

Samaritan Inn. She said, "My niece had stayed here previously. She knew this was a safe and good place for me, and she was so right."

"She knew this was a safe and good place for me, and she was so right."

"I love how it started out because there is chapel every night, and it led me to find God again. I am reading my Bible, going to church again, and to Celebrate Recovery meetings. Now, I'm four months sober. I feel awesome." She joined our Program as a Supervisor. She said, "I love it. It helped me set boundaries, prioritize things. Before, I really didn't care about people because it was like what could they do for me. Now, it's what can I do for you. I've grown."

"I don't trust myself yet," Suzanne said regarding independent living. She is on a waiting list to get into our Samaritan Inn Transitional Housing Program. She said, "I want to continue in the Program Supervisor's position (even after moving into our housing program) to keep busy. If I got bored, it would be real easy to fall back."

on a waiting list to get into our Samaritan Inn Transitional Housing Program

"It's really easy now to make friends here. People seem to like me. I'm not isolated. I won't need to take a bus from transitional housing to meet with friends, because I'll just be next-door." She has a good rental history, credit score, and income, making it possible for her to move back out on her own. But she knows that her need right now is accountability to stay sober and get stronger. Independent living is not her immediate goal. Suzanne rightly wants to continue in developing her relationship with the Lord and new friends. There is healthy companionship right here.



Able To Sleep In Peace

Emotionally exhausted, Sarah withdrew to Samaritan Inn. The constant turmoil became too much. Her roommate's arguing became yelling then threatening. In fear she packed and fled for her safety. She hid in her car parked on residential streets. After a few nights of attempted sleep in an unsafe and uncomfortable backseat, she drove to Samaritan Inn. She could shower to be presentable for her employment as a restaurant cook. Sarah said, "I did not want anyone to know where I was. Here, I saw the locked gate, security camera, and was able to sleep in peace. Stress has been taken off my shoulders."

Roommates can be unpredictable, yet so often necessary to afford a place to live. They can be a source of companionship and/or problems. Property management companies are not mediators for tenant squabbles. Waiting lists for housing are too long for that. At Samaritan Inn, candidates are interviewed for qualifications and compatibility for our Transitional Housing Program and roommates. Occasionally, these Program renters are transferred to a different house for harmony and another opportunity for successful living. Many times, homeless women here have found compatible roommates and moved out together. Even for those choosing to live alone when they leave, this program is still a place to gain rental history, credit score, and savings.

"a better understanding of life, hope, more joy"

Having birth defects, moving between foster homes, struggling with self-esteem has caused Sarah to have personal and employment relationship difficulties. She has bounced between living arrangements and working environments. She has lacked a role model and a lifestyle pattern to follow. Samaritan Inn is a well supervised setting that promotes healthy living. God's word is foundational. Sarah said, "Chapel gives me a better understanding of life, hope, more joy. Before, I didn't feel like there was hope. That's all that I wanted in my life. I just want to be happy again."

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.



Adding Security

Pictured above is the new security fence for our Samaritan Inn's Transitional Housing Program. For a hundred years, the three old houses behind the new fence did not need to be a gated community. Change of use caused the need for added security. Homeless women and children need a safe place away from unwanted visitors because of domestic violence situations and a need to protect children. This new fence has no pedestrian gate, just a vehicle gate. Access to the back part of this campus addition is restricted to the single point of entry and exit on the main campus next-door. A new pedestrian gate has been installed towards the back of the campus, allowing passage between the main campus and the new Transitional Housing Program. This design meets all City codes and accomplishes a proper balance of security and curb appeal.

as the need changes or increases

Recently, a review of our Men's Shelter security resulted in rerouting a portion of our men from a secure, keyed entry to a more secure, manned screening entry. Adding security here was to increase the protection of people in congregate settings. When the reasoning for it was explained, there was a general acceptance. A new normal now exists, and in time new clients will not know the old system.

Balancing security and convenience is necessary. Buildings and campuses need to be inviting, not confining. Compounding that challenge is designing these features into properties not built for our purpose. New construction would have security built into the plan. Our security measures today would probably have seemed overdone in the past and will no doubt be inadequate in the future. There is a certain acceptance of adding security as the need changes or increases.

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:

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.