



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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A Place To Go

When women are no longer safe at home, there is "a place to go" at Samaritan Inn. Most victims of domestic violence stay in their abusive situations too long, because they struggle with the emotional attachment of codependent relationships. Controlling partners isolate them from their support system of family, friends, and employment. Many dependent women are reluctant to leave because of having poor rental histories, credit scores, and work resumes. They fear becoming homeless, finding a safe place to live, getting a job, waiting on lists for subsidized housing, having no income nor vehicle. Mothers worry about child care.

October is domestic violence awareness month.

Child abuse and neglect are domestic violence. Abusive behavior can be learned as a child and become a generational model. Some mothers are ordered by authorities to Samaritan Inn as "a place to go" to maintain custody of their children or be reunited with them. We are an approved, supervised living environment and pattern nonviolent relationships and parenting. In October, be more aware of signs of abuse, encourage, refer to safety.

Transitional Housing

Diane was a victim of domestic violence that led to divorce. Her husband was verbally and emotionally abusive. He caused her to be socially isolated by the embarrassment of his behavior, purposefully messing up the house and arriving very late when entertaining guests. He gambled to the extent of having trouble paying bills. She had to hide money so they could pay the rent. It limited her ability to travel to see family and friends. There was a lack of trust. Diane moved to her son's house, where she lived peacefully for a year. Then she announced, "I want to have my own life, like I had in the past." In an online search, she discovered Samaritan Inn, and to the objection of her son, she moved here.

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She began her new life by immediately applying for and receiving age related Social Security. Diane has worked most of her life in professional positions. She likes to be engaged in meaningful activity. On our Program, she is a supervisor for the emergency shelter dormitory and for the dayroom. Diane said, "It's great helping people, hearing their stories, uplifting them to make them feel better. There are a lot of horror stories, they are sad. There are a lot of young women. It helps me to help other people, keeps my day going, gives me purpose." >



Samaritan Inn

Pictured are the last three of five houses purchased for homeless women and children in our Transitional Housing Program. The exterior work of roofing, siding, and painting is now finished on all the houses. Four of them are completed and rented, making 10 of the 12 rooms occupied. One house still needs to be remodeled internally. We expect that last house to be done by the end of September. Then, adding paved walkways and landscaping should finish the project in October. Expenses continue through this process. Construction always seems to take longer and cost more than expected. Your donations at this time are making a direct impact on developing this program.

Our rental charges are below market rates for this low-income housing program to benefit the individuals in it. Rent income covers most of our operating expenses. There are loans on all five houses, because we do not receive government funding and private foundation grants have become much more difficult to get. Still, this is a very calculated and healthy ministry. The only surprising part was being blessed with these exact five houses in just three years. That has caused the purchasing and remodeling to

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Inn Progress

be done in much less time than expected.

Samaritan Inn now has an expanded campus of two acres, buildings totaling 20,000 square feet, 115 beds, and a commercial kitchen. There are Emergency Shelter beds in a dormitory for women, private rooms for mothers with children, separate living quarters for Program, and now this Transitional Housing Program. There is room on-site for future expansion to meet the growing need of homeless women and children. We have a waiting list to join our Transitional Housing Program as their best option for safety, accountability, and low cost. It's an opportunity to improve rental history,

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credit score, and savings. There is still full access to the main campus for all social services and staff. In each house, renters share the kitchenette, dining room, living room, restroom and shower, but their bedroom is their own private space. It's a time to develop confidence and life skills. And this housing program significantly improves the success rate of achieving and maintaining permanent housing. We took advantage of the opportunity to purchase these properties connected to the main campus and directly across the street from the Department of Human Services as the ideal situation.

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Still, Diane's reason for being here is to develop her own financial independence. At her age and limited income, accomplishing that goal can be challenging, given housing rental rates. Her solution for now is to continue in her Program supervisor position, and rent a room in our Transitional Housing Program. She can work in her fulfilling role and progress to develop her rental history and savings.

Arriving at Samaritan Inn caused her to realize what had been missing in her life. Her hope was gone. Chapel reminded her of that. She said, "I can't imagine a life without God in it. I'm lucky to have chapel right here. I understand the stories told in chapel better than just reading them. I have believed in Jesus my whole life." Our Emergency Shelter, Program, and Transitional Housing, all have chapel messages, because hope in the Lord is the beginning of a new life.

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Pictured below is a front view of the house on the right above. The picture to the left is Diane in that house. She was one of the first to be in it. Most of the furniture in the houses was donated and remains for furnished housing. Utilities are paid by the Mission. Moving in was as simple as signing a program agreement, paying rent, and carrying her bags next-door.





Rescued From A Major Setback

A situation occurred, something went wrong, accusations flew, charges were filed. There was mutual fault. Gauge is involved in an ongoing court case. He spent three weeks in jail. Then his Probation Officer gave him three choices: 1) prison, 2) an expensive half-way house (even though he reports no addictions), or 3) Roseburg Rescue Mission. If he were to go homeless camping, that would be a violation of his probation, he would return to jail and have an additional charge. Gauge chose the Mission, because our Emergency Shelter is free, and he was able to keep his job, that his employer saved, because he is a valuable employee. He was rescued from what would have been a major setback in life, and he is able to send money home to care for his family.

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The presence of the Mission as a option makes us part of his social rehabilitation. Here, his needs are met, and he has a safe environment. He has a flexible schedule, so he can take his court ordered classes. Yet, we have another purpose. Gauge said, "Chapel is pretty good. It gives me a sense of motivation, a positive outlook on life. It has given me a sense of belief that there is something out there greater than us. I am growing spiritually. We don't have to do it on our own."

After a month of being in our Dormitory, he proved his readiness to move into a rented room in our Transitional Housing Program for men. It gives him greater freedom, a later curfew, the ability to do recreational activities with friends after work. Gauge is a productive part of the community. He is making amends for mistakes and growing personally.

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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warm quilts

72" x 90" quilts
go on every bed for
men, women, children.

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

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hope at Roseburg
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