



Roseburg Rescue Mission

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A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Thanks For Reuniting Us

Tamara was so thankful that she regained the custody of her son Jesse last Thanksgiving. Our Samaritan Inn worked with the Department of Human Services to meet the requirements. Here, she had a home like setting, a safe place, and an on-site service provider. Mother and son were reunited and have since moved to permanent housing. Preservation of family makes for happier, healthier people and a stronger foundation for society. Maintaining the Thanksgiving tradition and giving thanks to the Lord for his provision of food, clothing, and shelter makes us more grateful and humble. There is hope and opportunity for a new start in life better than the problems that caused them to become homeless. This family has been rescued, reunited, rehoused. Still more broken families continue to flow into Samaritan Inn looking for the same kind of help. It happens through the thankful giving of generous donors.

Happy Thanksgiving

A Better Lifestyle

"It started out like, hey, I worked hard today, and I deserve a drink. I'm tired, sore, and feel entitled to it. It's a slow progression. Then you need that drink to function," Ryan recalled. His wife was a fellow alcoholic, until she passed away from medical related issues at just 42-years-old. Ryan quit cold turkey to visit his wife in the hospital during her last days, but it caused him to have seizures. On his own, he could not rent their house. He became homeless and lived in an abandoned house for eight months. He wore a small light on his hat, enough to see but not give his presence away. He got tired of living in a dark, cold place and not feeling good about it.

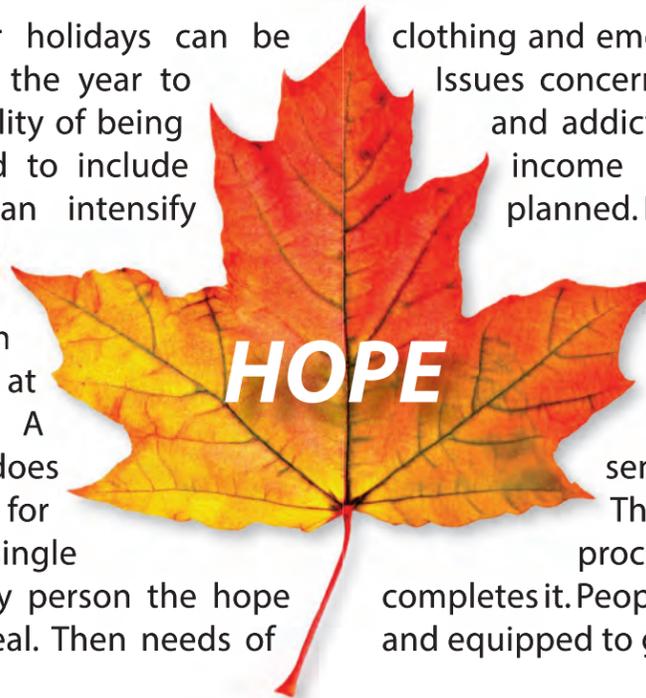
Work back to independent housing

At the Mission, Ryan became part of a better lifestyle of sobriety and healthy living habits. He has had a full-time job at a restaurant for several months. He is at the top of the list for our Transitional Housing Program to work his way back to independent housing by developing his rental history. Ryan said, "Chapel is great, the energy, warmth, joy, strength. I believe in God, I'm saved, I feel the presence of the Lord. It makes me stand taller, do a better job. There is encouragement and comradery of people helping you out. I know that perseverance will pay off in the end."



Thanks For Giving To The Homeless

Thanksgiving and other holidays can be the most difficult time of the year to be homeless. There is a reality of being alone at a time that used to include family and friends. It can intensify the sense of loneliness, cause depression, trigger addiction. Intervention becomes more critical at these vulnerable times. A great Thanksgiving dinner does make an impact of caring for people in transition. A single meal can provide a hungry person the hope to carry on to the next meal. Then needs of



clothing and emergency housing can be met. Issues concerning medical, mental health, and addiction can be addressed. Next, income and independence can be planned. Relationships with people and the Lord can be undertaken. These are levels of need that begin with the most fundamental one of food, each developing a greater sense of hope as they are met. Thanksgiving can begin a process, yet it's the follow-up that completes it. People are encouraged, motivated, and equipped to get out of homelessness.

Thanksgiving Dinner Menu

Turkeys, Potatoes, Gravy Mix, Stuffing, Yams, Rolls, Pies, Cool Whip, Coffee, Fruit Cocktail, Mixed Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce.

Homemade pies and cookies cannot have milk products in them. Pumpkin pies, cream pies, cream cheese have to be made in a commercially licensed kitchen.

warm quilts needed for winter

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

Thanksgiving Gift Bags

Every man, woman, and child, having dinner here or to go, receives appropriate and assorted hygiene items, as well as socks and candy in a gift bag.

fall harvest decorations are for sale in Mission Store. Shop our stores to help the homeless. Stores generate 25% of Mission income.

Turned My Life Around

Penni said, "The world is cruel, and people can be ignorant. Who can you trust? It's like a fight out there." She has struggled with disabilities, including a speech impediment and low self-esteem, her whole life. She used to be employed. For a few years, she was a caregiver for her grandmother then her mother. Penni's biggest loss was when her mother contracted cancer and passed away, the one person that loved her like none other. It was a greater tragedy than her more recent divorce; however, this latest reversal caused her to become homeless. At a loss, she went to live in a tent camp. She drank. Penni said, "They are up all night and all day. There are a lot of drugs. I was lonely and scared."

It's surprising that people like me.

Fear caused her to seek help at our Samaritan Inn. Now, she is better able to monitor her medical problems as well as her depression and anxiety. Penni said, "I'm not lonely here. I'm making friends. It's surprising that people like me. Samaritan Inn is loving, and they take care of you. They talk to you and treat you like a sister. I can trust people." She has made a connection with a chapel volunteer and goes to church with her. Soon, Penni will move out to a managed apartment complex. She said, "I have learned how to turn my life around and to love again."





Reversing Downward Spiral

Each negative event in Joshua's life pushed him downward another rung of a spiral of loss. His single mother constantly moved to be with her latest boyfriend. Joshua suffered abuse. At eleven-years-old, authorities removed him from his mother's custody, because she chose to remain with her boyfriend in his insect infested home. Joshua went to multiple foster care homes. He rebelled and identified with like minded youth. He did poorly in school. As an adult, he stayed with a relative. They had a falling-out, and he became homeless. He couch surfed with whoever would accept him, being exposed to all kinds of behaviors. His life was just reacting to immediate circumstances, resulting in a criminal record. That made it harder to find employment and housing. He needed an environment to live a determined life, making positive decisions to climb up the spiral of success.

A determined life, making positive decisions

The Mission provided the stability of meals, clothing, shelter, safety, accountability. Joshua advanced by taking court ordered classes for addiction. He moved up in our Program as a supervisor taking responsibility. He got a good paying job in a mill, based on the recommendation of another man working there and living here, not on his own poor work history. Then he progressed to buying a car, improving his credit score. He is on a waiting list for our Transitional Housing to increase his rental history. Each positive event provides the means up the next rung of success. Joshua said, "I believe in God, being at the Mission has strengthened my relationship with him. I forgive myself and others. I just want the simple things earned by hard work, to have a home with a white picket fence."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Women's Caseworker Opening

Client intake interviews, social work, follow-up, encouragement. Part-time, hourly wage.

Resume to:
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chapel volunteers

Samaritan Inn & Men's Shelter
Apply on our website or in our office.

Mission Bike Shop

used bike & part donations accepted & for sale in Mission Furniture. Some new bike trailers, parts, & accessories in stock.

vehicle donations

are accepted here. Receipt for tax deductions provided.

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leave a legacy of hope at Roseburg Rescue Mission. The impact on people's lives can be eternal.