



Roseburg Rescue Mission

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A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Dinner And A Gift

Christmas dinner and gifts at the Mission are for everyone. Dinner is served in our dining rooms for those staying here, and meals to go for those staying elsewhere. Gifts are not just presents of toys for children, every adult receives a gift bag for here or to go. Men, women, and children are recognized and included in the celebration. Decorations add to the annual remembrance. God gave us the Christ Child to bring peace between His creation and Himself. Jesus was born to bring us the Good News of salvation and freedom from condemnation. We can rejoice in that.

There is room at the Mission for homeless men, women, and children. There are places in our emergency shelters, programs, transitional housing, and mothers with children areas. An environment exists here free of the influence of addictions. There is hope in restoring lost employment, housing, relationships. Safety and security are provided. And Christmas is celebrated. In the midst of the frustrations of homelessness there is a time to be merry in all that the Lord has provided.



*Merry
Christmas*

This Is Freedom

Her face is blurred and her name is changed to tell her story and keep her privacy. She will be called Cindy. Because of parental abuse, Child Protective Services in another state placed her in a behavior modification school when she was 13-years-old. At just 15, she was sent to an adult homeless shelter. Oregon does not do that. As an adult, Cindy worked and was independent. She lived on her own and sometimes had a woman roommate. Her childhood left her with a sense of rejection and low self-esteem. Meeting men was awkward. She was cautious yet vulnerable. Cindy fell into the schemes of a predator. In hindsight, she could see how he carefully baited the trap, but at the time it appeared genuine. They met when he was traveling for his job. He was not forceful and seemed understanding. In time, when her roommate moved out and she could not pay the rent on her own, he paid the rent, making her dependent and obligated. A few months later after maintaining an online friendship, he asked her for a more personal relationship. She quit her job and moved to meet him without her own housing, income, money, family, or friends, totally dependent on what would happen next.

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The trap closed, literally it was the roll down door of a rented moving truck. She was conditioned into submission during a week of rationed food and water in a locked box truck. Cindy said it was like the Stockholm syndrome, "a psychological condition in which a person taken hostage sympathizes with or becomes emotionally involved with his or her captors." He was not wanting a ransom but a slave to do his bidding. She said, "I was deep down in submission, every sense of fight was gone." The details are intense and years long.

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Year-End Homeless Rescue

Concrete walkways are being poured as a part of the completion of the Transitional Housing Project at Samaritan Inn. They will provide a safer path for those using walkers or other assistance to move about, a cleaner and drier means to go between buildings, and a partition between different types of landscaping. River rock will be used for drainage, gravel for vehicle usage, steppingstones for some foot traffic, bark for ground cover and vegetation. Our intent is to keep it safe, simple, low cost, and easy to maintain.

Interior and exterior remodeling of the four houses and one doctor's office, purchased in the last three years, is now complete. All 12-bedroom units have been rented, and a waiting list of applicants remains. A dozen women have been rescued, not only from homelessness but from a tough rental market. They have been saved from poor living conditions, domestic violence, and addiction. Opportunity exists here to build a new life of safety and independence.

This new housing program has been a success. Location was critical, by expanding

our existing campus and being across the street from the Department of Human Services. We took advantage of the property opportunities of availability, pricing, and terms. Three of the five purchases were land sales contracts. We bundled a bank loan on three houses to buy one of them without a down payment. Another was purchased with just two-percent down. In 2025, the last two houses were purchased and the last three were remodeled. Some of the

work was done by contractors. Much of it has been done by our own maintenance staff to keep costs down. A couple of significant estate planning donations made it possible. Still, there are loans on all five properties. Rent income covers much of the loan payments, utilities, and maintenance.

This project needs one final push of support to see it through completion.

Please consider a tax deductible, year-end homeless rescue gift. We do not receive government funding, so private donations support this ministry. You make a significant impact in caring for the homeless. Thank you for being a rescuer. Have a blessed New Year!

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Cindy arrived at Samaritan Inn with expectations of past experiences. She thought her use of a walker, because of an injury by her captor, would affect her stay. She was relieved when greeted at our security gate by a program member using a walker herself. Indeed, the concrete walkways being installed right now are to accommodate those with limited mobility. She began her stay here in our Special Needs pod that has four bedrooms and its own living room. Cindy said, "It's the first time I've been able to breath in a long time."

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She receives Social Security Disability Insurance but has had difficulty finding a rental with handicap accessibility that is affordable. That problem has been solved by Cindy moving into our Transitional Housing Program rentals. She is not responsible to find a roommate, nor move for not paying the whole house rent if someone moves out. And as she said, "There are no forced move out dates to end up on the streets." All our programs include chapel attendance, and she appreciates what she has learned. She now attends a local church. Cindy is learning freedom in Christ.





A Sense Of Relief

Landlord violence and employment abuse from the same person caused Alyssa to be homeless. She paid rent to the very one that paid her hourly wage. She described the house as a shack and her timecard as never fully honored. It was abusive, but it was known. A dispute with her landlord-employer occurred in the house, ending in Alyssa being forcefully shoved. She left in her pajamas, barefoot, and without packing a bag. Suddenly, she was homeless and jobless. She stayed at a friend's house for a couple of days. Alyssa was only able to borrow what she detailed as "a very large, loose, Hawaiian print, spaghetti strap dress and oversized flip-flops." She searched online for a homeless women's shelter, then arrived at Samaritan Inn wearing a somewhat embarrassing outfit.

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"I felt a sense of relief, it was a secure situation," Alyssa said. She was expecting an industrial building, but found a surprising place that she said has warmth to it, feels like a home, like a gated apartment complex. She said, "The intake interview explained things and helped me not feel hopeless, that we would actually help her out. It's a stable place, because people here care." She became a Program Dorm Mom, helping women in our emergency shelter area. She found a new job in fast food and is in management training there. Alyssa said, "Chapel adds to the sense of the routine, steadiness. It helps me feel more grounded. I have absolute faith in God. There is a sense of community, heart, inspiration, conviction in spirit and soul." She stated, "People work hard, this is their home. I love everything about being here and being part of this place."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



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The impact on
people's lives
can be eternal.