



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Reunited At Mission

Mother and child were reunited at our Samaritan Inn. They had been separated for a time because of trouble in their household. A safe, authorized environment was necessary for them to be together again. The process began with her baby being brought from a foster care home by a DHS worker to Samaritan Inn for one overnight visit per week. Supervision was needed for visits, that would not be approved in their own place by themselves.

This was her only option. When all of the Child Protective Services' requirements were met, she could have full custody again.

Suddenly, she was a single mother without the expectation of spousal financial support. She got a job to become the provider, establishing a new, smaller family unit. They had their own private room here for personal bonding. Their daily needs were met and social services offered, so her options were known. Time was needed to focus on motherhood, responsibility and independence.

Mother's Day is a time to honor and appreciate the work and sacrifice mothers make for their children. Motherhood is challenging enough, but being homeless too makes it all the more demanding. We celebrate the day with a special meal and gifts for mothers.

Happy Mother's Day

Making Connections

They are like conventions with tables for nonprofit social service organizations and homeless people going from one presentation to another, shopping to get their needs met. Connecting Point is the name. On various days, these meetings are held across Roseburg and Douglas County. The largest is a monthly gathering at the Department of Human Services that has 30 to 40 spaces for nonprofits, depending on whether they are indoors during the winter or outside during the summer. Connections are made between homeless people and social services. In addition, relationships are developed between the workers of these various organizations, coordinating efforts to benefit those in need.

With social services to reduce homeless camping

Our offer is a better way to live than being homeless, better than illegal, addiction camping. We dispel false rumors, remove wrong assumptions, open pathways to having a healthier life and a home. It's mobile casework meeting individual needs and breaking down barriers to independent living. Many already know about the Mission, some have stayed at our Men's Shelter or Samaritan Inn for women and children. They know their options but need assurance in a personal, friendly, helpful person to connect with.



Chuck, our Operations Manager, and Susanna, our Women and Children's Manager, are pictured working our desk at a recent gathering of nonprofits. They welcome homeless people with the opportunity to go to our clean and sober living environments, be safe from abusers, have meals, showers, clothing, beds, dayrooms, programs, and transitional housing rentals. Questions are answered about conditions and concerns that might be keeping them from utilizing our services.

Encouragement is given to find solutions to problems. Hope and opportunity are present to have a new life.

Attending these connection meetings is a part of our Mission Mobile Outreach. We go out to homeless campsites to rescue men, women, and children off the street and bring them to our shelters. It's an evangelistic outreach to share God's Word and His love for them. We are domestic missionaries to this largely unreached people group.

Mission Mobile Outreach to rescue homeless people off the street

Overcoming barriers while maintaining our values is a challenge. We do not allow the use of drugs or alcohol on our properties, so that recovery can be attained here. We preach the Gospel, so that true hope can be known. Housing is not an end-all. If people are not ready to be placed in permanent housing, the result will be failure. Recovery has to happen first. We have beds available and an environment that allows the time for rehabilitation. We are making connections with people offering social services to reduce homeless camping. The City is rightly pushing people out of campsites with regular cleanup times. The Mission is there pulling them into our shelters. There is resistance, and there is also success.



Learning How To Trust

Relationship trust failure caused Serenity to become homeless. She wanted family and home so much, that she missed the warning signs. The commitment was all one-sided. There was no marriage. Her name was not on the title of the house they bought. Her sacrifices of quitting a good job too far away to commute, selling her car, and providing her savings to buy the house were all gone. And now, she is expecting their baby from a man that will not be a part of the family. Serenity said, "He kicked me out. It's not fair. I was taken advantage of. I thought it would be equal." She feels embarrassed but wished to tell her story as a warning to others.

"I have a home for now, I don't feel so lost."

Samaritan Inn would be home, while mending her emotional wounds and loss. She has custody of her three-year-old daughter, Autumn, three nights a week. Autumn has a different father, who has custody the other half of the week. Mother and daughter appreciate having their own private room here, that Serenity remains in even when Autumn is not here. She said, "I can breathe a little easier. It's comfortable to relax together, not worrying about her getting into other people's stuff." Serenity has a new job and gets to work on her bicycle that was repaired in our Bike Shop. She said, "Children's chapel is the start to wind down our day. Autumn looks forward to the videos and remembers the characters. The Bible stories are not just history based. They are kind of fun and relate to modern problems. I am finding a relationship with God. It helps my depression. It's a way to live my life, keep my hopes up, and not make mistakes. I have a home for now, I don't feel so lost."

Men's Caseworker

Christian Ministry
Do client intake interviews, social work, follow-up, outreach to homeless.
Full-time, salary, medical, Resume to: rsbgmission@aol.com

items needed

Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cold Cereal
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Men's & Women's PJS
Baby Wipes
Kid's Shampoo

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to help homeless men, women & children.

estate planning

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



Food For Hungry & Homeless

Melrose Community Church Awana Club kids collected 1,700 pounds of food for the hungry and homeless at the Mission. Kids gathered food within their church to feed other kids, as well as men and women. They competed among their classes for the most weight donated. So, they brought heavy items like cases of bottled water and number 10 cans of food to their church. Then, we picked up the food in a Mission truck. It's an annual event for them to see which class wins, and to know the impact they have on those in need. Awana is a kids club from toddlers to teens, committed to develop a strong sense of belonging in the church, believing in the Gospel, and becoming steadfast members of their church community. Indeed, they have succeeded in doing just that.

Thank You Melrose Community Church Awana Kids

Roseburg Rescue Mission is a nondenominational, parachurch organization that is not affiliated with any particular church or denomination. We serve three meals every day in dining rooms for those that stay overnight and meals to go for anyone else. Receiving meals here is not conditioned on attending chapel messages.

Donated food was a very important part of the 73,350 meals served at the Mission last year. We are dependent on donated food and financial contributions to continue this feeding program. The kid's club pictured above is an example to other groups of how they can become involved in being a part of the Mission ministry. This is a community supported operation that benefits our neighbors, where both donors and receivers are encouraged. As the food stamp program begins their new rules of eligibility, we will have an increased need of food for the hungry and homeless.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Recycle Cans & Bottles

Cans and bottles can be donated at the Mission Warehouse dock. Or they can be taken to BottleDrop Roseburg then a donation made to Roseburg Rescue Mission from your online account. Plastic caps can be left on plastic bottles.

Reuse - Repurpose

- 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.*