



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Safe At Last

"I was afraid, like a hunted animal," she said, "The homes of friends and relatives were places too obvious for him to find me. I kept running, and hiding, exhausted." She had such fear that she would not eat for days in a motel room, even with vending machines just outside the door. Still, he found her by tracking her phone or credit card. In the process of trying to force her back home, she was severely injured, unable to even walk.

She escaped to our Samaritan Inn. We have a perimeter fence, security gate, cameras, and an intercom. Each person is screened before allowed entry. Pursuers know that they are being watched here. She was safe at last.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

She felt out of place. She has a college education, was a successful professional, had a good income and a nice home. She said, "I am a Christian and it comes with certain expectations, like staying in a marriage, even longer than is safe. God brought me to Samaritan Inn to be healed and find the direction He wants me to go." She does not want her identity revealed but wants her story told for awareness and action to have a safe place.

Safe & Stable Housing

While Wonda was out, her landlord moved a man into her shared rental space. There was no time to argue for her safety, only the chance to leave. She fled the threat of danger to the only protected place that she knew would accept her. Wonda went to Samaritan Inn. Here, she has a safe environment, a place of accountability to maintain sobriety, and a supportive residence to keep her employment. She has been sober for 15 months and did not want a stress factor to affect that success nor her long-term job. Now, Wonda has stability and opportunity to become independent.



Much of her life has been unstable, marked by divorce, addiction, domestic violence, the suicide of a partner, relapse, and periods of homelessness while camping in a city park. Her drinking started in her mid-thirties because of the stress of life. After a divorce, she met the love of her life. All was well until he and his buddies started using drugs. She threatened to leave. That is when the domestic violence started.

“I stayed hoping he would be who he used to be.”

Wonda said, “I stayed because I kept hoping for that day when he would stop using drugs and be who he used to be.” Then, she used drugs because he did. But, he never stopped and eventually committed suicide. She was left alone, wandering between times of relapse, homelessness, various jobs, and rental rooms.

Now, Wonda has stabilized in her addiction and employment.

At Samaritan Inn, she has stable housing but a poor rental history and a long wait for government subsidized housing. She is a candidate for our Transitional Housing Program, where she can rent a room in a shared house with only women. It’s on our secure Samaritan Inn campus with all the social service benefits included. She can develop a rental history, save money, and improve her credit score. Already, she has purchased a car, increasing her independence and opportunity for promotion at her place of employment.

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“I love Samaritan,” Wonda said, “I feel safe and have a chance to get back on my feet. If I had to pay rent, I would not be able to buy a car or afford insurance and repair costs.” Referring to our chapel services, she said, “I like church. I always have. It’s like the preacher is up there talking to me. It puts me at ease. It’s uplifting, hopeful, encouraging, more positive.” When she recently faced that housing crisis, she knew Samaritan Inn was available. She did not go back to addiction camping in a city park, because Wonda knew there is a better way to live.



Forgiveness & Hope

Darren was the first contact of our Mission Mobile Outreach last December. Our outreach team ventured out in a newly equipped van. The first stop was a city permitted camp. We knocked on the chain-link gate and Darren answered. After telling him our purpose of encouraging and even transporting campers to the Mission, he responded with gratefulness and doubt. He said that our records would show that he had broken a large window in our Dining Room a few months earlier and struck a supervisor a couple years ago. He had restitution to pay for a new window and no way to pay it. We extended an invitation to return, as long as he was sober and willing to work off the debt. He was thankful but said that he was in a bad way and needed more time.

He remembered the invitation back to the Mission.

We saw Darren around for a while, then no one knew where he had gone. He reappeared at the Mission in July, seven months later. He had been in a recovery program and in jail for a time. He remembered the invitation back to the Mission for a new life. He had not been excluded forever. There was forgiveness and hope. Now, he is thriving. He is in our Program as a part of the maintenance crew. Darren said, "The Mission is way better than camping. There are facilities for hygiene, grooming, showers, hot meals, and the dishes are clean. This trip around is very helpful. There is stability, a productive routine which contributes to sustainability. It's a good launching pad for something better. I'm getting used to working again. A potential employer can see that you have reestablished yourself and become a productive member of society. I'm a member of a team that accomplishes tasks."

Mission Stores

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

Mission Bike Shop

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

chapel volunteers

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

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.*



Engaged In Restoration

Roseburg Rescue Mission is not a recovery resort. To the best of their ability, clients need to be engaged in the process of their own restoration to independent living. Work therapy is a critical element for success. It's a needed distraction from dwelling on and being overwhelmed by problems in life. Work produces a set of values, accomplishes goals, focus, self-respect, organization, habit, and strength of character. This is a nonprofit organization, so benefits to the Mission from work done here go to services provided to every client. Each one experiences the improvement in their own life. They see the importance of their contribution to the whole operation. They are needed. As they are receiving services, they are providing help to others. They are engaged in the restoration of their own lives and a part of something bigger than any one person.

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Dan is pictured above driving our forklift, moving a bale of unsold clothing to be recycled. He started in our Emergency Shelter, working a few hours a day. Then, he joined our Program in a position of greater responsibility and privilege in Program housing. Dan was hired to an employment position as a Store Clerk and rented a room in our Transitional Housing. Now, he is our Mission Store Manager. He has chosen to continue to rent a room here, although he has the freedom to move out and keep his employment here. He has been engaged in his own restoration and that of others. The revenue generated from the Mission Store pays the income of store employees and some of the overhead costs of the whole Mission. Dan benefits and so does every homeless person here.



Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director

meals to go needs

Sandwich Ziplocks
Bottles of Water
Lunch Meat
Sliced Cheese

other basic needs

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Macaroni & Cheese
Cold Cereal, Oatmeal
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cornbread Mix
Tomato Sauce
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Bottles of Water
Bath Towels
Baby Wipes
Deodorant

estate planning

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

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