



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

48 *Years*
1964-2012

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Anonymous Success


Her face and name are concealed for her protection from a domestic abuser. She wants a new life without fear and violence. In the photo she is walking up the steps to the Mission's Samaritan Inn, a place of rescue and hope that she so desperately needed.

She had a great childhood and was very close to her family. She graduated from college and became a successful professional. She married. They had children, a home and more than an adequate income. He became controlling, jealous and physically abusive. After planning and saving, she grabbed a single bag and escaped. She thought it was going to be over, but it was not over. He decided she was his wife. She said, "I was afraid, like a hunted animal. The homes of friends and relatives were places too obvious for him to find me. I kept running, hiding, exhausted." For a time, she had such great fear that she would not eat for days in a motel room, even with vending machines just outside the door. Still, he found her through electronic means. In the process of trying to force her back home, she was severely injured, unable to even walk. She had no

medical insurance, because she had quit her job. Yet, her recent high income kept her from qualifying for assistance programs. She went to a domestic violence shelter, but could only stay 30 days. She said, "It takes time to heal physically and emotionally. Its hard to look for a job with bruises or a limp. Some women just give up and go back home because they just can't take it. The Mission stops the revolving door. I don't think I would have survived on the street."

She felt safe here, because she said he would not come to this place because he would be in trouble if he tried anything forceful. It was an unlikely place for her to be, surrounded by younger women, many with troubled backgrounds. Those in her dorm were tough, on parole or probation, calling themselves "prison chicks". Yet, they lovingly adopted her, like a mascot. They would tease her about getting a totally out of character tattoo, piercing or pink hair, but would escort her to places like the library, because she still had trouble walking and was still very much afraid of being discovered again. She said, "Samaritan Inn is wonderful, great support, loving care." Now, she has a new, full-time professional position. She is putting the pieces of her life back together again, developing a support system, saving money and will soon move out.

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. I am not a victim; I am a survivor, gaining from this experience. Devotion time here is fruitful, helpful, encouraging. We share honestly, praying for each other's needs. I was almost in despair when I came here. I leave blessed by God and ready to grasp the life He has led me to. I am doing this article because we need this place. Thank you."



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Mission's Social Impact - Kingdom Building

LESS

Deception	Taxes
Addictions	Panhandling
Crime	Condemnation
Criminal Justice Costs	Dependence
Gov't Social costs	Needing Clothing
Mental Health Issues	Cold – Wet
Hospital Visits	Hopelessness
Ambulance Calls	Depression
Police Calls	Unemployment
Child Protective Svcs	Hunger
Food Stamps	Welfare
Food Boxes	Fear
Illegal Camping	Child Abuse
Homelessness	Loneliness
Illness	Skid Rows
Domestic Violence	Loitering
Foster Care	Rejection

MORE

Believers	Forgiveness
Gospel Preached	Faith
Church Attendance	Hope
Employment	Love
Tax Payers	Value
Renters	Safety
Shoppers	Programs
Health	Recovery
Education	Truth
Independence	Opportunity
Parenting Skills	Advocacy
Veteran Support	Justice
United Families	Compassion
Work Training	Acceptance
Fed	Counseling
Clothed	Fellowship
Housed	Confidence

Very few, if any, city run missions still exist in our nation, because Gospel Rescue Missions have much lower overhead costs and higher client success rates than government or secular operations. Faith based missions address the needs of the whole person, not just physical symptoms. Nonprofits have less regulation, more clients per employee and fewer benefits. Staff are sacrificial missionaries sent to a subculture within our own country.

The Roseburg Rescue Mission is a parachurch organization; we work alongside the Church as an extension, specializing in the evangelistic and social work to the homeless. The Mission is nondenominational, not the work of a particular Christian denomination but of many churches working together. And most importantly, Missions are blessed by the Lord; they are simply too unnatural to operate without Him.

The Mission also works in cooperation with government agencies to meet the needs and address the issues of the homeless. We do not receive government money so that our religious freedom is not restricted. We are not politically minded or motivated. Our purpose does not include trying to change local laws or influence government agency policies. There is a mutual respect and independence.

The Mission owns and operates two thrift stores in the downtown business district, and we provide a multitude of services to the homeless on the same block. We are uniquely a part of the business and homeless communities. And they coexist peacefully. We have the same concerns as other downtown businesses have regarding image and customer comfort, perhaps even more so. The homeless cannot be categorized into a single group of people; there is a clear distinction between those that follow the rules at the Mission with those that camp out and sometimes cause problems downtown.

Our social impact is in advocating for the overall need of the homeless within the context of the community and the Mission itself. We do not advocate for individuals' personal rights, losing focus on the big picture. We look at the rights of the community, including the homeless, indeed on seeking the rightness of God's Kingdom first.

“Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

As we transform to the Lord's will and His way, all our social service needs will be met. When we become a new creation in Christ, we have a new Christian worldview, a look at humanity from God's perspective as to what we need, rather than our own poorly informed wants. The Roseburg Rescue Mission has a tremendous social impact, empowering the disenfranchised and freeing up other organizations to do what they do best. The Mission is building up the Kingdom of God, that is the Church, the family of believers. So many have been set free of worldly bondage, are now living independently and are a part of the Bride of Christ.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Items Needed:

Powdered Milk
Oatmeal
Garden Produce
Salt – Pepper
Garlic Powder
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Towels
X-Large Women's Clothes
Women's Pajamas
Nightgowns
Toothbrushes

Daily Averages

July 2012
Chapel, Bible Studies: 101
Meals: 227
Beds: 114
Voucher Items
Clothing: 762
Household: 227
Furniture: 21

DONATE A CAR OR TRUCK

Donations are tax deductible



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