



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

48 *Years*
1964-2012

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A Christmas of Hope

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a time we hope for peace on earth, for family gatherings, even children hope for presents. Our homeless neighbors hope for homes of course, but more basic, they hope for a new life free of the circumstances that brought them to the Mission. Here, hope is fulfilled in meeting needs by providing food, clothing, shelter and a rehabilitation program. There is a traditional Christmas Dinner, gifts for all and a Mission home with new friends. Hope is fulfilled in the Christ of Christmas being proclaimed as our eternal hope. This surrounding makes for new, productive citizens.

Together we can be a part of the miracle of changing our community one heart and soul at a time.

Please send a life changing gift today.

Have a blessed, Merry Christmas!

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

DINNER MENU ITEMS NEEDED

Ham	Turkey	Potatoes
Pineapple	Gravy	Mix
Yams	Salad	
Rolls	Pie	
Ice Cream	Coffee	
Cranberry Sauce		
Mixed Vegetables		

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT 1 PM

*Your generous year end
gift will bless others!*

My Christmas gift for the homeless

Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children in need.

I'd like to contribute:

- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$ _____

Please accept my donation by:

- Check:** PLEASE ENCLOSE
- Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE

Exp.: _____

Card Number: _____



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



*Thank you for using the enclosed envelope. You
will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift.*

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Left to Right: Jacob(8), Irene(3), Nadeana, Ian(5)

A Home For Christmas

Nadeana, her partner and their children were living in a tent by the South Umpqua River. They had been with some so-called friends in an apartment until they were evicted with a 24-hour notice to leave. Her roommates' uncontrollable behavior caused her to become homeless. For two months, the whole family camped out. Some people helped by leaving them food, but others harassed them with name calling and racial slurs. One day they returned to camp to find it totally destroyed. Their tent, clothing and food were all torn up, thrown around and urinated on. They were devastated. They left the area, bought a \$200 trailer and continued to camp. He became increasingly despondent, at first unable then unwilling to work. A month later, the Department of Human Services (DHS) arrived and took her children for not providing a proper, sanitary living condition. The trailer was impounded for being on public property in a location where permits were not allowed. At that point the children's father left them; he had a no contact order for failing to properly provide for the family. Alone, Nadeana continued to camp in a tent for another month.

It was fear that ruled the day, fear of losing her children if she had reported the activity that happened in her apartment, fear of DHS when they lived in a tent, fear of going to an unknown homeless shelter. She needed help and would have been much better off going directly to social services first. Her sister, living in another state, located the Mission's website online. A friend drove her to our Samaritan Inn.

"We were living in a tent by the river"

Abandoned, desolate, vagrant, Nadeana arrived with just one small backpack. At 28-years-old, her only occupation had been that of being a mother. She said, "I had to pull myself together. I was an emotional wreck when I came here, depressed. My father had recently died, my children's father left, kids taken, never had to live away from family, never in trouble with the law before." She had a lot of healing to do before she could return to her former state of motherhood. She needed to have much more than a codependent relationship with her children; she needed a healthy, nurturing one. It took a full year of living at Samaritan Inn, taking required DHS classes and regular visits before she was reunited with her children.

Here at Samaritan Inn, Nadeana received physical, emotional and spiritual nourishment. She received counseling, Biblical teaching, prayer and referrals to other social services. Our staff supported her with letters, evaluations and joint meetings at DHS. She went to our chapel, devotions and a church in the community. She had been raised going to church, but now she was convicted of the need for the Lord to do a mighty, ongoing work in her life. Nadeana said that, "While at Samaritan Inn, I accepted Jesus into my heart." Samaritan Inn was the approved, appropriate living environment to bring her children home to for their reunion. Now they have a home, that they will be moving into by Christmas. And a Merry Christmas to all!

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Luke 2:10 -14

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATION
SALE
Mission
Bargain Center
and
Thrift Store**

Ideas for Christmas Gifts

- Stocking Hats
- Baseball Caps
- New Socks (all ages)
- Gloves - Jersey for men
Knit for women
- Deodorant - small
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste - small
- Hair Brushes
- Combs
- Candy Canes
- Bibles/Bible Tracts
- New Underwear
- Bus Pass
- Cough Drops
- Telephone Card
- Postage Stamps
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Gift Certificates for Mothers & Children for shoes & haircuts
- Baby Dolls
- Child Pajamas
- Slippers
- Strollers
- Diaper Bags
- New Toys
- Fruit Snack Packs

Please do not wrap packages. Items needed by December 20th.

