



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**51** *Years*  
1964-2015

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## *Food, Family & Friends*

*Thanksgiving is not a time to be hungry or alone, not at the Mission. It is a time to know God's love and provision for each one of us. There is a warm dining room out of the chilling autumn air. A prayer of Thanksgiving is offered up to the Lord, Who supplies the harvest feast. Then a hot meal of traditional Thanksgiving food is served. Many hungry people gather together. Memories come back of past holidays, some good and precious, some painful and regretted. Yet there is hope and opportunity here to overcome obstacles and start a new life. A compassionate community allows a time of regeneration and the formulation of a plan of independence. And those that receive today will be a part of the understanding contributors of the future. Past Mission clients have fanned out over the years into our community to untold households, businesses, churches, volunteering positions. May the little boy in the picture never know hunger or be without family and friends. May he never know being homeless. May there not be a continuing generational cycle of need.*

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving,  
Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



### **My Thanksgiving gift to feed the hungry**

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### **Dinner Menu Items Needed:**

- Turkey**
- Potatoes**
- Stuffing**
- Gravy Mix**
- Yams**
- Salad**
- Rolls**
- Pie**
- Ice Cream**
- Coffee**
- Cranberry Sauce**
- Mixed Vegetables**

## Bentley Got His Mom Back

Bentley needs his mother, as any three-year-old does. There is just no perfect substitution for a little boy's mom. We are designed that way. So restoring families is the best option, when those relationships are healthy and nurturing. When a supportive environment can be provided, both child and mother can thrive. But when the parent cannot provide that surrounding, the child suffers.

Bentley's mom is Kayna. She said the problem started with the pain of a kidney stone. Her doctor prescribed pain medication. "Wow, I really like this. I could do this all

the time," she said. "I don't feel any pain. I was happy, this is great." Reflecting back now, she said the pills seemed to cover emotional pain and depression that she had been hiding for years. When the first prescription ran out, Kayna said, "I went doctor shopping for more pills, and would buy them from people off the street." In time, desperation led her to burglary to steal pills out of people's homes. And the pills became a gateway to even harder drugs. Kayna went to jail; Bentley's mom was gone. So, he went to live with his grandma.

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When his mom was released from custody, she went to the Mission's Samaritan Inn, alone. She got a job as a housekeeper at a motel. After four months, she was ready to move out with a friend. Bentley was still at grandma's house. That arrangement worked for three months, until a time during a visit to

his mom, well, he acted like a three-year-old does. Mom was back at Samaritan Inn; the friend did not want the antics of a small child around her. Just as mom was ready to be mom again, her living plan fell apart. Shortly after that, Samaritan Inn moved to its new location. Kayna said, "I felt a lot more comfortable bringing him here than the other place. It's kid friendly, more room, more things available, bigger bed rooms, living rooms, homier for the kids. I love the security with the gate locked at night. Myself, child and car are safer. The location is closer to our doctors, grocery store. I can walk to work. There's a lot more room when we eat. There is more separation from the single women." It was the improved environment of the New Samaritan Inn that helped to restore this family.

Bentley roared like a lion, that is, in a children's chapel play about Noah's ark. Volunteers now have more room to hold a separate chapel for moms and their small, active children. Kayna said "I am so much closer to God; chapel is one of my favorite things here." Mom and son are attending a local church and even went on a church picnic together recently. Bentley got his mom back!



## Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Mission at 1PM

"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter...And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Isaiah 58:7-10

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