



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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A Mother's Day Message

Emily's mother had an addiction problem that poured into her life too. Poor supervision and a lack of intervention caused the daughter to follow the mother's bad example. Emily sought relief in the same substance that was causing the problem she wanted to escape. She said, "I started weed at 15; it was the in thing to do. I was emotionally unstable in life, back and forth between my mom and grandma. I was looking for my grounding. I was very shy, smoking weed made me socially acceptable. I got to hang out with everybody. It numbed me to escape reality." At the same young age, she started using meth, another party drug. She said, "I just wanted to try it; everyone else was doing it."

Twenty years have elapsed since that fateful plunge into a destructive lifestyle. In the wake of that time lie cycles of addiction and freedom, on again-off again relationships, employment and dependence, and motherhood. Emily has three children, (left to right in photo) James (10), Brianna (15) and Seanna (12), with periods of having custody of them and not. The grandmother's behavior has now affected the third generation.

A few years ago, Emily stayed at Samaritan Inn for seven months. She said, "It is a safe place, has boundaries, structure, accountability, and reconnected me to God." She remembered the roots of her grandma taking her to church and the presence of the Lord through her troubled life. Oh for the fourth generation to now have the same Christian motherly influence. When she left here, she experienced years of success in uniting her family, clean and sober

living, employment and housing. Then a series of events set progress back. When her son got sick, she stayed home with him, because he was her priority. She lost her job, then her housing. She is now back here once more. She said, "I feel so blessed to have this place. It is important to know that my kids have a safe bed to sleep. All the staff and programmers are always giving of themselves. Its like walking into a family. I cannot wait to get my own place, but this is a great middle ground to be."

Samaritan Inn is helping to stop the generational cycle of abuse. Mothers and children alike benefit from the model here of a healthy society. This is a controlled environment that allows people to develop new thought patterns and plan a future. For many, it is a new experience to be out of a subculture of addiction and abuse. It is an introduction to wholesome living and the Word of God. Independence is far better than the destructive nature of codependent

relationships that were formed only for the sake of acceptance or survival. One can actually thrive and enjoy it!

Mother's Day is set aside as a time to honor mothers for their very important role. There is no complete substitute for mom when a child has known his or her mom and she is fit. The family unit is a special, close bond like no other. And keeping all the siblings together provides comfort, stability, belonging, identity. Lifelong memories are made. Intact families ideally function as a unit, not as individuals focused on themselves. They look after the well-being of one another, then the world around them.

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MAY COUPON

Tear here

**25%
OFF**

Entire Purchase

**MISSION
THRIFT & FURNITURE
STORES**

738 and 806 SE Pine St.
Roseburg
Mon-Sat 9 AM-6 PM

Credit Cards Accepted • One coupon per customer • Expires 5-31-17

Mission Stores Help Homeless

Roseburg Rescue Mission has two stores, our Thrift Store and Furniture Store. Both are located on our downtown campus, one at 738 SE Pine St., the other at 806 SE Pine St. Our stores do not define us as an organization; they complement our operation. Our identity is in helping the homeless. We could exist without our stores, although at a significantly reduced level of service. They exist to provide income to operate both our Men's Mission and Samaritan Inn for women and children. They also provide a work program for our clients, employment opportunities, and a service to the community. As a nonprofit organization, they are an earned income venture to balance the donated income that we are dependent upon. Some missions do not have thrift stores, others have a wide variety of income producing businesses. We do what we know best, thrift stores.

We spend the store income on helping the homeless. Here is a history of recent activity: 2007, purchased Thrift Store property (other existing store now used for social services); 2008, remodeled Thrift Store and warehouse; 2009, purchased third house of old Samaritan Inn; 2010, remodeled men's and women's shelters adding beds; 2011, purchased old Bookstore property; 2012, opened new Dayroom, Chapel and Dining Room; 2013, opened new men's program area and added Dormitory beds; 2014 and 2015, purchased and remodeled property for our new Samaritan Inn and demolished old Bookstore; 2016, paved and landscaped old Bookstore area and remodeled our Men's Dining Room and Kitchen; 2017, the project is set in motion and the announcement is expected as early as next month's newsletter. Several more projects are on a list waiting for future income.

That is why we do not have a larger thrift store.

If our goal were to have a large store, we could do that. We could have a high overhead store operation, justifying it with the hope of increased net income. The risk is not worth it at this time. We cannot jeopardize services to the homeless for the sake of having a flagship store. Had we done that a few years ago, instead of pursuing the old Umpqua Medical Center for our women and children's shelter, today the availability and cost of it would make it unattainable, even with the income from a larger store. All of our service improvement projects for the homeless have priority. Our flagship is the new Samaritan Inn, indeed the whole Mission operation. That is why we do not have a larger thrift store.

Our niche in the thrift store market is to be a low overhead operation with a high level of sustainability even in an economic downturn. And we sell certain items others do not, because there is not a lot of money in it, like previously owned mattresses, televisions and bicycles. Our Furniture Store has more to do with service than sales per square foot. Our Thrift Store has a good selection of clothing, knickknacks, and kitchenware.

Please take advantage of the attached discount coupon to get a good deal on your purchase and to give hope to the homeless. Thank you.

Sources of Income 2016

Donated Income	60%
Individuals50%
Foundations6%
Churches, Businesses, Civic Groups4%
Earned Income	40%
Thrift Stores24%
Transitional Housing Room Rentals12%
Recycling1%
Parking Space Rentals2%
Other1%
Government	0%
No Funds Requested or Received	

Rescue Roseburg

BASIC SERVICES

For Men, Women and Children

Food: 3 meals every day at Men's Mission and Samaritan Inn.

Clothing: Available to all who are staying at either shelter.

Housing: 128 beds for men in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Transitional Housing Program. 104 beds for women in Dormitory, New Life Program, and Family Rooms.

Recovery Program: Open to men and women.

Dayrooms: Open all day at both shelters. Restrooms, showers, laundry, telephone, social service help. No requirement to stay here to use these services.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Pancake Mix - Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti
- Elbow Macaroni
- Corn Bread Mix
- Garlic Salt, Season Salt
- Pillows
- Shave Cream
- Disposable Razors

Chapel Volunteers Needed for Men's Chapel
Call John Roy 541-673-3004
website to "Volunteer"

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