



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Keep Us Anonymous

Indeed, Jane (not her real name) and her child will remain unidentified. When first approached, she refused an interview for our newsletter out of fear that a domestic violence abuser would find where they live. With a second request concealing their faces, she agreed. O how many stories have gone untold for the same concern!

We make the location of Samaritan Inn well known so that it is easy for women and for mothers and children to find at anytime they need a safe place. It has a perimeter fence and a gate that is locked from the outside at night. A buzzer and intercom at the gate calls the duty supervisor's cell phone for entry after curfew.

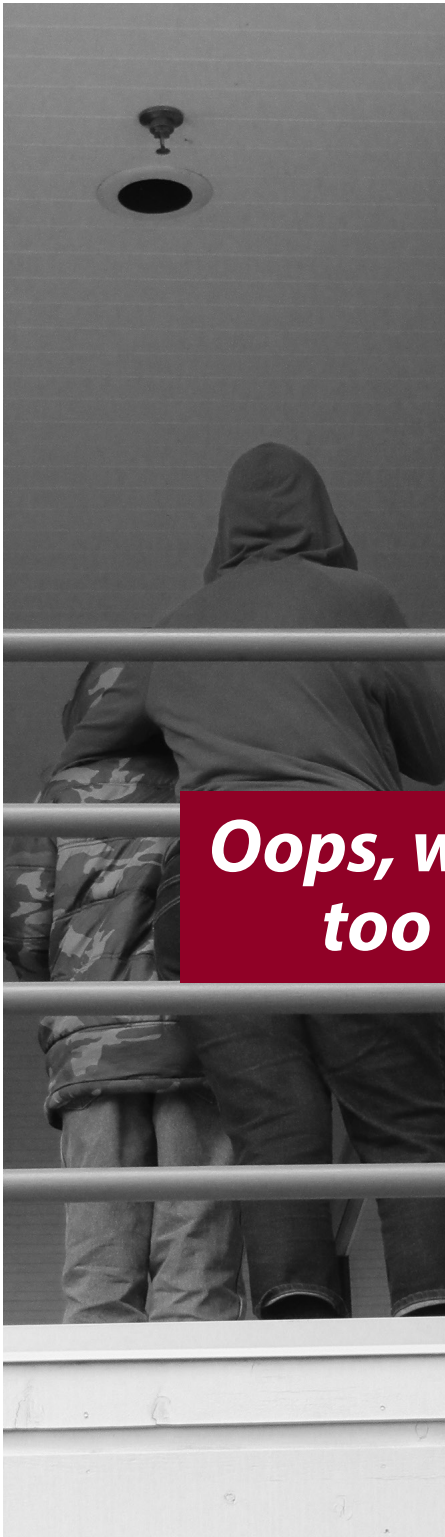
Anonymous stories have to be somewhat generic, as the detail could reveal too much. Jane worked, even two jobs at times. She contributed to her extended family unit. Emotions ran high with issues including cancer, chemotherapy, lying, stealing, jealousy, greed, drugs in the household, and physical abuse. The final episode put her in the hospital, and left her with post-traumatic stress disorder. She fled for her and her child's safety to a family member's house. As is common, through such turmoil, her child acted out, compounding the problem and their new living arrangement. They couch surfed, bouncing between family and friends. Her Department of Human Services caseworker recommended our Samaritan Inn. Jane said, "When someone mentioned a shelter, all I could imagine was a gym room full of beds. When I came here, I cried like a baby." She was so happy to see the

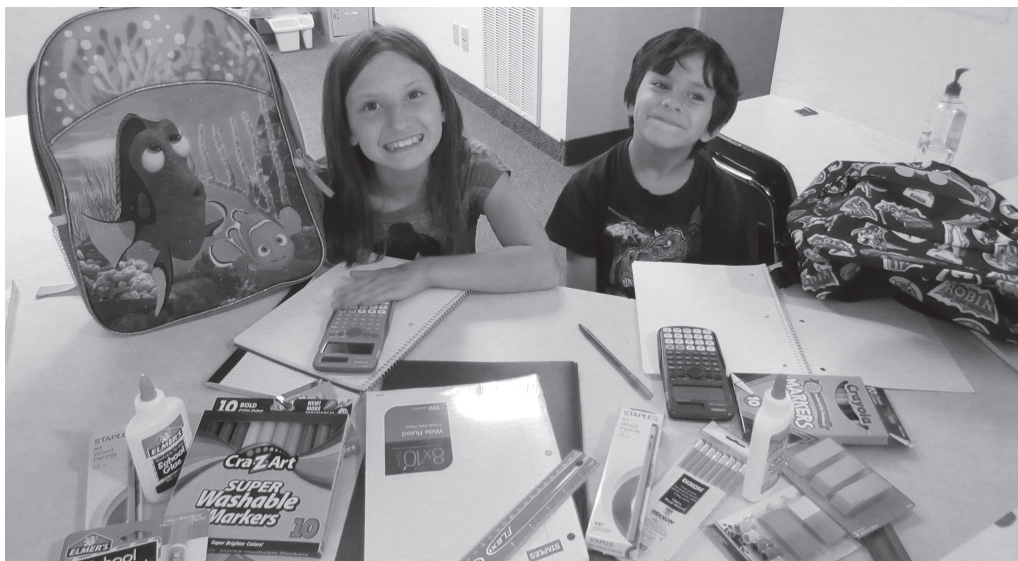
living arrangements and the freedoms. Jane and her child have their own private bedroom here. In our mother and children's pods there are shared living rooms but private restrooms and showers. She said, "The food here is good. Staff are easy to talk to. You can talk about the past, and they are not judgmental!"

***Oops, we moved
too early.***

Jane got an almost full-time job, and put her child in school. They have been on waiting lists for housing for eight months. They got anxious to have their own place, so they moved into a motel. They stayed there two months, being tormented between their independence on the one hand, and what she described as excessive rent, noise, drugs, prostitution, mold, insects, and stealing by motel staff with room keys. Oops, we moved too early! Back to Samaritan Inn they came to wait for their place on the housing lists. "Samaritan Inn is so clean and quiet. It does not have all the noise of neighbors getting into trouble," she complimented.

Here she said, "I am learning Biblical truths, forgiveness. I have been battling that for a while. I would have to say, I forgive (my abuser) from afar. I cannot hold that against (that person). I am learning to be a stronger person. I think that is why God has led me to this place. We all stumble and fall, and we are all learning. Anybody that is needing help needs someone to talk to. Don't be afraid." For now, Jane and her child are safe and waiting for independent housing.





Back To School

Akyra (8) and Nathaniel (9), sister and brother, are showing their new backpacks and school supplies. They will both be going to third grade this fall. Going to school with new supplies and wearing nice clothes will make them more eager to get on the bus. Homeless children often have some reluctance about going to school, especially if it means appearing to be poor. They have enough of a disadvantage dealing with other issues to also have to deal with teasing or bullying by their peers regarding appearance. Equipping them with necessary supplies can give them the confidence needed to overcome the pressures of school and moving around.

While staying at Samaritan Inn, school age children are required to be in school, when it is in session. The school bus arrives out front in the morning and afternoon, taking children to and from the school they were enrolled in before moving here. Not having to change schools, in the middle of the year, reduces some of the stress of being homeless.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7

Often times, mothers and children are fleeing domestic violence, leaving in a hurry with little baggage and no school supplies. Many homeless children have never had a new backpack, supplies or anything with a new tag on it. They come to us, not just at the beginning of the school year, but throughout the year as trouble strikes their lives. The need is ongoing.

Samaritan Inn provides homeless mothers and children a stable living environment. Here the school day routine includes: wake-up, roll call, breakfast, bus out front, homework, playing, dinner, chapel, lights out. Its a very friendly discipline, that mothers often take with them when they move to independent housing.

Homeless children need school supplies, yes; but they also need a safe place to be, nutritious food, clean clothes, a warm bed, a time and place for homework, boundaries, to see confidence in their mothers, to know that God loves them. They need to be happy, anxious to go to school to learn and socialize. They need self-assurance, faith, hope, love, the Mission and a community of support.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Children's Backpacks
Over The Shoulder Bags
Pencil Pouch
Pencil Sharpener
#2 Pencils
Pencil Top Erasers
Spiral Notebook Graph Paper
Notebook Paper College Rule
Spiral Notebook
Composition Notebooks
3-Ring Tab Dividers
Scientific Calculators
Facial Tissue
Scissors
Rulers With Metric
Highlighters
Colored Pencils
Glue Sticks
Crayons 24 Count
Pens-Red, Blue, Black
2" and 3" Binders
Markers Fine Tip
Dry Erase Markers-Dark

ITEMS NEEDED:

Oatmeal
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Canned Vegetables
Spaghetti Noodles
Tomato Sauce
Garden Produce
Mayo, Oil, Vinegar
Deodorant
Disposable Razors
#5 Diapers

Vehicle Donations Accepted



Receipts for
Tax Deduction
Provided