



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Christmas Together

On Christmas Day, Cynthia ate dinner together with a lot of accepting people at the Mission. She was homeless, at least without a permanent address to park her small, old motor home. She parks it where she can, eats in our dining room as needed, lives on disability benefits. Christmas dinner here was better than on her own, and a lot less lonely.

Christ was born on Christmas Day to bring us together and reconcile a lost humanity to God.

That first Christmas night, an angel said to the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people... a Savior has been born to you" Luke 2:10-11. Some of "all the people" are homeless and really need to hear this good news message of salvation. We do not have to be outside of society nor of the Kingdom of God. There is hope for a new life now and for eternity.

Together as a community, we can deliver this message through the Roseburg Rescue Mission preaching good news, and providing meals, clothing, shelter and a recovery program. You can be a part of this blessing by sending a life changing gift today.

*Have A Merry Christmas Together!
Lynn Antis, Executive Director*

My Christmas gift for the hungry and homeless And my year-end contribution

Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children have hope for a new life.

I'd like to contribute: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please accept my donation by:

Check: PLEASE ENCLOSE

Credit Card: CIRCLE ONE



Card Number _____

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Thank You!

You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift. A return envelope is enclosed.



Rescuing A Six-Year-Old

Each one went their own way, as they dealt with their problems in life. Sharla had to leave her six-year-old son, Erik, in Roseburg to go take care of another child of hers. The father then cared for Erik, until his health prevented him. Erik went to a foster care home. This three member family was then in as many different places. Sharla needed to rescue her son. The process of gaining custody of him would require that she return to Roseburg, get a job, and provide a stable home environment. It meant quitting the job where she was living and paying child support to the responsible party caring for her other child.

Sharla's local attorney referred her to our Samaritan Inn. For the Department of Human Services to work with her, she needed to have supervision, not just a safe place to live. She could not meet the custody requirements by just renting an apartment or motel room on her own. This safety plan included our manager reporting to DHS any issues regarding the mother or the interaction between mother and child. A DHS caseworker would just walk across W. Umpqua St. from their office to our shelter for visits. There were observed visitations of Sharla with Erik. We provided a nurturing environment for them.

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Sharla arrived here childless, homeless, jobless, penniless, owing child support, and needing to pay for child-care so she could work. After just three days of walking all over town, she got a part-time job at a customer service call center. Erik rode a school bus to the elementary school that he attended nearest the foster home he was transitioning out of. The bus picked him up after school and dropped him off at a children's activity club, until his mother or an approved friend could pick him up. Sharla said that DHS paid the first month's fee at the club but could not help her with child care costs because she earned too much. She is juggling her work schedule with her son's school and after school routine without a car. In tears, she said her job is in jeopardy, because she cannot always keep the timetable.

Some of Sharla's troubles are undoubtedly her own doing; still, she has shown a remarkable determination to overcome obstacles to rescue Erik. She said, "Last Tuesday (10/9/18), I got my son back permanently, because I humbled myself and started over. Without this place, I would still be out there trying to figure out a way to get my son back. The doors of Samaritan Inn were open; otherwise, I would not have my son with me now. And I am able to save up money." Her custody case took six weeks to process.

Mission Rescue includes equipping to reduce the need to be helped again. And we know that all of our social service efforts would accomplish little without the Lord. The closer our relationship with Him, the greater our disposition and character, the better our judgments and decisions. Sharla said, "I have always had a relationship with the Lord, but here I now have a closer relationship with Him. Samaritan Inn is an encouragement, a place to rebuild my faith. Very good people do chapel. They are very real. They give it to you bluntly; this is how it is. They are genuine, not better than anyone." She then quoted, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" Matthew 5:5. Meekness is the virtue of hopeful endurance and strength in undesirable circumstances; it is submission to God.

The faithful have been blessed. A six-year-old boy has been restored to his mother. A mother has been redeemed to focus on her child's needs. Their faith has grown. The Mission has rescued the displaced. And our community has succeeded in providing for the needy among us.

Christmas Menu

Turkey/Ham	Potatoes
Stuffing	Gravy Mix
Yams	Salad
Rolls	Coffee
Pie	Cool Whip
Cranberry Sauce	
Mixed Vegetables	

Homemade pies and cookies can not have milk products in them. Pumpkin pies, cream pies, cream cheese have to be made in a commercially licensed kitchen.

Christmas Gifts

- New Hats
- New Socks
- New Gloves
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Shampoo-Small
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste-Small
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Candy Canes
- Cough Drops
- Beard Scissors
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Shoe Gift Certificates-Kids
- New Dolls
- New Toys
- Child Pajamas
- Shower Flip Flops
- Strollers
- Diaper Bags
- Fruit Snack Packs

Please Do Not Wrap Packages

