



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Summer Rescue

Hot weather can be very dangerous to the homeless. They are exposed to the intense element as they work and travel. Extreme heat can cause dehydration, even heat exhaustion. We have a standing invitation to enter the Mission for water, meals, clothing, showers, safe shelter.

Each person carries some burden: broken relationship, lost job, depression, loneliness, illness. The circumstances of their lives are beyond their control, but there is hope at the Mission. Some will join a program, others are ready to look for employment and housing. All will hear the Good News that God loves them.

Summer is also a time to work on projects, as well as, a time that is difficult on our nonprofit finances because people are busy with summer activities. Without your help, we could not provide all the services available. Would you consider those less fortunate?



Rescue For the Rescuer

After years of successful living, Misti relapsed over one fateful, mistaken belief, she said, "I thought I could drink like a 'normy.'" She wanted so to be "normal", that is, free of disorder. Yet, all humanity has faults, some are just manifested in more apparent, self-destructive ways. She had a rough childhood and young adult life, then years of success, followed by heartbreak and relapse. Now she is victorious.

Misti's formative years were marked by loss and rejection. When only nine-years-old, her mother committed suicide. She was raised by inadequate relatives until 14. Then a single foster mother, along with her abusive, alcoholic boyfriend, filled in as parents. She said, "I felt like I didn't belong, not blood, not wanted, not nurtured or loved. So, I started hanging around people that cared, and they drank. The day she turned 18, she moved out to experience life on her own terms.

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A friend brought meth, and everyone else was doing it. The stimulant gave her temporary relief, it seemed. She said, "You are wired, busy, cannot think about anything, so you forget about bad feelings." In the end, the drug remedy was the poison that caused severe domestic violence, divorce, and lost custody of her daughter.

A drug court judge sent Misti to her sister's house, instead of jail. There, she turned her life around, accepted the Lord, even taught childrens' classes at church. Her background and conversion caught the attention of the Mission, and she was hired as our manager of Samaritan Inn. Two years later, she left to manage a large transitional housing facility for over 12 years, leaving only when they insisted on having a resident manager. Then for a couple of years, she managed an operation for victims of domestic violence. But,

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Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children overcome hunger, homelessness, addiction and abuse. Keep your life changing programs going strong this summer.

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life unraveled when her children were grown, the busyness stopped, and her second marriage fell apart. Her ex-husband committed suicide. She said, "I had the same kind of unworthy thoughts (as when a child), not able to save my manager's position and taking a lot of responsibility for the divorce. When I walked into that bar for the first time again, I thought, 'I deserve a cocktail.' But, I am an alcoholic. Something in me, a chemical thing in my brain, takes control."

Misti then was alone, unemployed, homeless, couch surfing, car camping. She said, "I came to the end of myself. I was very sick." While living in a store parking lot, she confessed, "I have never felt the presence of God so strongly in my life. I felt love, like it was going to be ok, like I was a little girl. This was not the plan I have for your life." Then she remembered, "I knew I needed routine, structure, and accountability. Samaritan Inn had it. I would be safe here, and do everything I needed to make it."

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Cor. 5:17

When Misti became the manager of Samaritan Inn in 1998, it was just one residential house. She was here when the second house was purchased, but not the third one. Her return as a client was to a new, much larger shelter at a different location. Her reaction was, "The new Samaritan Inn is amazing. It is more structured, less chaos and drama. There is a whole lot of compassion here, consistency of rules. Programmers and staff are amazing. Its run the way it should be."

She could now look back to admit, "My relationship had been a surface one. Ok God, 'I will give You this, but not this.' I wanted control." Now Misti's profession of faith is, "I surrendered my will and my life to God." She sought out and found a job that would keep her active. With the issues that caused her homelessness being worked on first, now Misti is looking for independent housing.

Mission Stores Help Homeless

Sales from our Thrift Store and Furniture Store go directly to bringing hope to the homeless. Store income buys food and helps with the operational cost of both our Men's Mission and Samaritan Inn for women and children. Earnings accounted for 20% of our total income last year. It is a significant part of our operation that also provides a work program for clients, employment opportunities, and a service to the community. We maintain a low overhead business model, so more revenue has a greater impact.

Thrift store sales are lead by your donated items. When a successful, high overhead, thrift store chain scouts a community for opening a new store, they look for an upscale neighborhood rather than a poorer one. They locate where they will maximize the quality and quantity of items donated to the store, instead of where their customer base is found. Sales follow donated items, because you cannot sell off an empty shelf or not have what people want. Donors and customers are apparently different groups, as we have mailed up to 4,300 newsletters and a local publication has delivered thousands more newspapers with our store discount coupons, and we have received as few as six in return. Thrift store coupons are more a reminder to donate items than to generate sales. So, this very writing is more an appeal to your patronage for donations of items for us to sell.

Please donate clothing, shoes, purses, furniture, household items, knickknacks, kitchen wares, sporting goods, electronics, bicycles, linens.

Items donated to the Mission do not end up in homeless camps along the river, under bridges, or other places requiring cleanup. Vouchers to receive free items are written by our men's and women's managers, who verify that individuals are in fact sleeping here. They are not written in our office nor stores. We do not support homeless camping. When a pitiful soul occasionally drops in from camping, we will provide a barefoot person with shoes and socks, or one who is wet with dry clothing, because of a concern for their health. That compassion is accompanied with an invitation to utilize all of our services.

Our warehouse dock, behind our Furniture Store, is open Monday to Saturday 9am to 6pm to receive items. Expenses are kept low by not having a truck and driver to pick items up, except for large, church secondhand sales.

In the end, we still need customers. Our Thrift Store and Furniture Store are on our downtown campus at 738 SE Pine St and 806 SE Pine St, respectively. Thank you for bringing hope to homeless men, women and children.

Rescue me

and deliver me in
Your righteousness;
turn Your ear to me
and save me.

Psalm 71:2

food needs

Spaghetti, Macaroni
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Mushroom Soup
Refried Beans, Salt
Oatmeal, Pepper
Cooking Oil, Mayo
Bottles of Water

other needs

Baby Diapers #5 & #6
Baby Wipes
Disposable Razors
Deodorant
Socks, Hats
Strollers 1 & 2 Seats

chapel volunteers

Samaritan Inn &
Men's Shelter
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