



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Left to right: Grayson (1), Kalyska (16), Miranda (mom), Priscilla (2), Malikye (6).

Reuniting A Family

Division of Miranda's family began with domestic violence, caused by substance abuse. Still, there was no reason for the father of her two youngest children to go out partying, then return home out of control. There was no excuse for verbally abusing, physically blocking, restraining, or hitting her. There was no defense of such behavior in front of children. He had a job, yet the couple and four children lived in her mother's house. The disruption echoed through the neighborhood. Witnesses abounded. Miranda's mother took control reporting him, charging him with trespass, and placing a no contact order. The Department of Human Services warned her that she could lose custody of her children. Yet, the intensity of her codependent relationship was stronger than her motherly instinct. She repeatedly took the risk of contacting him and lost. Their family of six ended up in five different places. Only the two youngest were together in a foster home.

Coping with such loss of relationship with partner and children is overwhelming, especially when blame is deserved. Self-destruction and numbing the pain can be the response. Miranda chose methamphetamine. Again, she did the forbidden and was caught. Regaining custody of her children was then all the more difficult. She was in jail and needed a new way to live.

DHS had a safety plan of four conditions to meet.

For Miranda to be reunited with her children, she needed to: 1) have a homelike setting. 2) have a safe environment. 3) have a safety service provider on-site. 4) engage in her treatment program. Samaritan Inn was her only option. Returning to her mother's house or living on her own were not acceptable. And the critical element of time separation from her children was running out. Two weeks after arriving at Samaritan Inn, she regained custody of her oldest child. A month later, the three youngest arrived here, having been separated from their mom for seven months. Only then could she be on a waiting list to move her family to an approved apartment complex with a manager who is a safety service provider.

Miranda was unchurched until she responded to a call for a service in jail. There she cried for help to get clean and sober, and to get her children back. Then going to nightly chapel at Samaritan Inn, she said, "was a turn in the road." Here, she heard a chapel volunteer share her testimony that was so much like Miranda's own life, that she said, "it really hit home." She stopped blaming God, and began forgiving others. Connection was made with a local church and a Christian recovery ministry. She said, "I am reading my Bible. I am a believer!" Now, this family has been rescued and has real hope.

Mission Stores

We do not order merchandise to stock our stores; therefore, we have donation driven sales. From our very first thrift store and request for items no longer needed, the purpose has been to help our homeless neighbors. Sales from our Thrift Store and Furniture Store directly impact lives 24/7. Earnings help to provide food, safe shelter, programs, and pay for operational costs of both our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn for women and children. Revenue accounts for a significant part of our annual budget. Our two stores and warehouse provide clothing, a work program, and employment opportunities for clients, as well as, a service of low cost goods to the community. We maintain a low overhead business model, so more revenue has a greater impact. Our stores provide earned income by providing a service, so we are less dependent on donated income.

Donation Driven Sales

Donations are accepted at our warehouse dock, where you will be helped to unload items. Here we strive to maintain and develop a strong work ethic. Work is a natural, needed distraction from dwelling on and being overwhelmed by problems in life. We believe in the importance of work to have a set of values, accomplish goals, focus, self respect, organization, habit, and strengthened character. Work is done in unloading, sorting, recycling, pricing, displaying, selling, cleaning. Its being part of an operation, interacting with others, preparing for employment, leaving homelessness behind.

As of this writing, our stores and warehouse are not open due to the state ordered closure of nonessential businesses. When that order is lifted, we will need to return to this vital operation of funding the Mission. Will you support the Mission Stores that help the poor in our community?

Roof & Truck Replacements

One of the three main roofs at our Samaritan Inn, for homeless women and children, needed to be replaced. It was a matter of age and deterioration. The membrane roof material had worn down to the fibers. It had been leaking water and temporarily patched, but a new roof was needed. Another, larger roof project at this same shelter needs to be done this summer, hopefully with the partial help of a grant. The third roof was already replaced in 2016, a year after we purchased and remodeled the facility. The buildings were not occupied or well maintained during the years the property was for sale.



Then our panel van blew a head gasket. It was purchased 10 years ago, when it was already well used. The mechanic said that it was not worth repairing. Replacement was necessary. We literally sold the old van to a junkyard. Then, we purposefully searched for a hard to find 10 foot box truck set on a van chasis. It is a vehicle that is easy to drive, with more capacity and versatility than the old van. We found the truck at a moving company that keeps their vehicles in good repair. And the price was reasonable, making it a good investment. It is used to pick up food donations from various organizations and businesses, and used for some property maintenance. Another Mission truck was in an accident (it was the other driver's fault) a year ago and never replaced. This time replacement was essential.

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There are other needs that wait to fit into our budget. The roof and truck replacements were the most pressing. In fact, they were unexpected. The roof had passed a previous inspection, and the van just gave out. Ongoing maintenance costs for Samaritan Inn and the Men's Shelter are significant. Maintaining older buildings and vehicles expends our discretionary income. Last year, Samaritan Inn had an expensive elevator repair and a minivan replacement. We also have security measures that need to be taken.

In addition to these routine expenses, we have major projects to complete. A Conditional Use Permit requires us to demolish and rebuild the restroom for our dining room downtown. It also requires us to restructure the parking lot in front of our office and Thrift Store, so cars cannot back out onto the street. We want to be good stewards of our resources, repairing and replacing items as needed, so we can continue to meet the needs of our homeless neighbors.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Rescue

He will call upon Me,
and I will answer him;
I will be with him in
trouble; I will rescue
him, and honor him.
Psalm 91:15

food needs

Pancake Mix & Syrup
Egg Noodles
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Mayo, Oil, Vinegar
Spices, Salt
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes

other needs

Baby Diapers
Baby Wipes
Sanitizing Wipes
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Bath Towels

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hope at Roseburg
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