



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

*A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless*

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## Thanks For Giving

*This has been an unexpected year of the coronavirus, restructuring our operation to a new normal, and the compassionate response by our community. Thanks for giving to the increased expenses of this ministry and improved security of our homeless guests. Already in personal crisis, they have been faced with a contagious virus and its affect on employment, housing, child-care, home schooling, access to social services. Assurance is given. A steadfast Mission and caring community are still here, adapting in our approach to meet needs.*

***Provide the poor with shelter. Isaiah 58:7***

*We have so much to be thankful for. Here is a country with the freedom to preach the Gospel and have a Christian, nonprofit organization for the homeless. Here is a place with three meals a day, clothing, safe shelter day and night, programs, social service help, opportunity and hope. Families are being re-united and kept intact. Mothers and newborns return here from the hospital. Seven staff used to be homeless. Independent living becomes a reality. Faith in the Lord takes root or is re-ignited. We are blessed.*

*Thank you for giving,*

*Lynn Antis, Executive Director*

## Happy Thanksgiving

## Casework

Casework is an evaluation of a person's situation in life. At the Mission it is more than just advice or conditions to receive some benefit. Here we have certain requirements to be met, because we are a shelter, not an alternative living arrangement. That said, our Transitional Housing Program of rental rooms has no limitation of stay. Our New Life Program and Transient Program have limitations to the length of stay. Each person has to be working on a plan of independent living designed to meet their personal need. For a homeless man or women that is capable, our New Life Program is a good place to get started. For those not ready or able for that, their intake interview will reveal the right direction to proceed.

### becoming independent

Addiction issues require classes, a routine of chores, and accountability, then when the time is right, greater responsibility is required. Some need medical attention. Others need a psychological evaluation, medication, and follow up. Some people arrive with a job, and only need guidance in finding housing. Others need help with developing a resume, filling out applications, looking for work. Direction is needed to navigate the Oregon Health Plan, DMV, VA, HUD housing, TANF housing grants for single parents, domestic violence grants, Department of Human Services, food stamps, child custody, adult foster care, senior services, social security. A few need an ultimatum to meet some basic, attainable goal, within a reasonable period of time. We motivate. We launch, sometimes those that failed to launch from home. Success can take more than one attempt, and there is an allowance for that. The focus of our casework is on individual people becoming independent.



## Serving And Receiving

Adam liked serving others as he was receiving help. He said, "I enjoyed working in the Mission kitchen, the fellowship, coffee in the morning, serving food, trying to put a smile on people's faces, the comradery." He said our Food Service Supervisor was like a father figure. Adam wanted to work hard and have family again. It was like he was trying to prove himself worthy of being received back into the family that had severed ties with him.

His family suffered a loss when his sister died. Adam said, "I developed a drinking issue. I never sought help and drank to bury those feelings. I was close to her." He moved into his parent's house and became an alcoholic, depressed, unemployed. One evening all those emotions irrupted into a family meltdown. He was made to leave, grabbing only a backpack and tent. For two days and nights, he lived on the beach of the South Umpqua River, with a diet of only beef jerky and water.

Searching "homeless shelter" on his phone "Roseburg Rescue Mission" popped up. He called for policies and directions. Adam said, "I was very scared. I didn't know anyone here or what it would be like. I had fears of COVID (being diabetic) and fears of being around other men." But a supervisor showed him around, explained the routine, informed him of where to lock and refrigerate his insulin. He said, "I was relieved that I had a bed. It felt so good to have a shower."

### **"I don't take things for granted anymore."**

Restoration would take the right environment and honest work. Adam said, "After getting here, I stopped drinking. I knew I had to make a serious change in my life. I wanted to make it up to my parents. Here, I knew I would be able to progress. I started thinking more clearly. I don't know if I was angry at God, or who I was angry with, but I was very depressed. I stopped going to church and stopped praying. When camping, I started praying again. After that, things started to fall into place."

At the Mission, Adam fulfilled his work requirement in our Kitchen, because food service is the area of his experience. One of our Program cooks called his old restaurant manager, giving Adam a good reference. He said, "I got the job almost right on the phone." After an in person interview and a drug test, he had a job delivering food orders. He requested to be put on our Transitional Housing Program waiting list. Six weeks later, he had his own rental room.

Adam appreciated our chapel time. He said, "I look forward to praise and worship. I really like the music and miss it from when I went to church when I was younger. The sermons always have something different to reflect on and apply to my life, and I look forward to the next one. God is going to give me something. I take them very personally. I don't take things for granted anymore."

*Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



## Thanksgiving Menu Items Needed

Turkeys	Potatoes
Stuffing	Gravy Mix
Yams	Rolls
Pies	Cool Whip
Fruit Cocktail	
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.

### **Dinner At 1pm**

Men, Women & Children  
at Mission Downtown  
516 SE Lane Av.

Women & Children Only  
at Samaritan Inn  
544 W Umpqua St.

### **Coronavirus Change**

This year, we will not be able to have volunteers serve dinner.

Those not sleeping overnight here will receive meals and socks to go.

### **Other Needs**

New socks  
Quilts 60" x 90"  
Twin Sheets  
fitted & flat

**Fall Harvest  
Decorations In  
Mission  
Thrift  
Store**