



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Christmas Memories

Memories of Christmases past can be joyous or sad. Some have childhood memories of expectations that fell short, broken family relationships, their own guilt of failures. And Christmas is not like other holidays that just come and go in a day, it's a whole season, ever growing in length and intensity.

Holidays have existed for thousands of years to get us to stop our work routines for the sake of remembering a person, event, or cause, lest we forget. Christian and secular holidays have merged, fought for dominance, argued about the meaning of traditions. Even so, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

*“A Savior has been born to you” Luke 2:11
He will bring peace on earth between God and mankind,
and between each other. Celebrate, reconcile differences,
make new memories, remember the poor.*

For some of our neighbors, the Mission will be home this Christmas. Hopefully by next year, they will have their own places and memories of this Christmas when the community collectively said, “You are not forgotten, we remembered you.”

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Merry Christmas

Year-End Rescue

As 2020 draws to a close, it's a time to reflect on the rescue of so many hurting men, women and children. This has been a year of healing, restoring, saving those lost in a very confusing and changing world. The coronavirus greatly affected employment, housing, and all social services. The political climate, unrest, and natural disasters complicated life even more.

At the Mission, our intake interviews helped each person to sort through their personal needs and available resources. We adapted to the changes by improving security and screening methods. We cancelled our major project for the year, but accomplished many smaller, meaningful ones instead. Thousands of dollars were spent on air cleaning equipment, security cameras and locks, disinfectant supplies, sneeze guards, a security window, a restroom remodel including new windows for air and light, safety rails, and a new Information Center. In addition, we replaced a roof, purchased a box truck, removed a very large tree, replaced siding and painted the exterior of Samaritan Inn, as well as opened our new Bike Shop.

Happy New Year

Please consider a year-end, tax deductible gift to sustain this life-saving ministry. We do not receive government funding, so private donations support this evangelistic outreach. Contributions received during this Christmas and year-end season greatly affect the work that can be done next year. We hope it can be at least as aggressive as this year in directly impacting lives and making facility improvements. You make a difference. We are called to care for the hungry, homeless, single mothers, fatherless. Together, we are that light on a hill in a dark world. We are faithful rescuers.



Together Again

After five months of being separated from his mom, four-year-old Atravian was reunited with her at Samaritan Inn. He was able to have DHS supervised visits with his mother, Shawna, when she was living with a friend. He was then able to have unsupervised visits with her when she moved into the care of Samaritan Inn. Atravian had spent his separation time with his father's mother.

Seven-year-old Novah faired better than her brother, only being apart from her mom for two weeks. The difference was that her biological father was in prison and unavailable. Novah had spent her separation time with her mother's mother.

Trouble started for Shawna after her parents divorced. By her junior year in high school, she was taken into a rebellious group of peers, that drank and used drugs. She dropped out of school that year. When living with Novah's father, before expecting the child, her boyfriend came home one day with methamphetamine. Shawna was indifferent. He had been using it, then enticed her to do the same. She recalls the temptation as, "Look at this. I said, 'why not.' I don't know why exactly, just poor choice." After Novah was born, he met someone else. Shawna dealt with the rejection by being a meth user. Even though she has consistently held jobs, she struggled with addiction. Her last trouble happened after four months of recovery. Shawna said, "I thought, 'I got this.' But, you always have to be facing your demons and fight your addiction." She relapsed hard, yelled at people uncontrollably, police were called, she was arrested, and her children relocated. Because she maintained her work ethic, her employment afforded her the ability to post her own bail and keep her job.

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Shawna began to change her ways on her own, but desperately needed the help of Samaritan Inn. She said, "When my kids were taken, I knew I wanted them more than the drugs." Immediately after her release from jail, she went to an out-patient treatment program. She wanted to show the judge that she had initiated the process to regain custody of her children. Still, she lost the court case, because she did not have properly supervised housing. After arriving at Samaritan Inn, she had full custody of her son in five weeks.

Roseburg Rescue Mission is about more than just reuniting families and holding people accountable. We teach Biblical Truth, the moral compass to keep people from being indifferent and falling into worldly traps. Genuine recovery is not just housing, employment, and abstinence from drugs and alcohol; it is in having a new identity in the Lord of Life. In our children's chapel, Shawna and her children learned valuable lessons. She named "Biblical character" and "God's mercy" as especially important. She said, "I believe in God, and I pray." Together again, they pray out loud every night as a family.



Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Christmas Menu

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.

Christmas Gifts

New Hats
 New Socks
 New Gloves
 Deodorant
 Body Wash
 Shampoo-Small
 Disposable Razors
 Shaving Cream
 Toothbrushes
 Toothpaste-Small
 Hairbrushes
 Combs
 Candy Canes
 Cough Drops
 Hand Sanitizer Gel
 Shoe Gift Certificates-Kids
 New Dolls
 New Toys
 Childrens Pajamas
 Basketballs
 Soccer Balls
 Art Supplies For Teenagers
 Legos 8 Years & Up
 Fruit Snack Packs

Please Do Not Wrap Packages.

