



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Thrift Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Give Thanks

Christina and her three children give thanks that their hunger and need for safe shelter were satisfied. They settled in to a Thanksgiving feast, content within our gated community of Samaritan Inn. There would be no substance abuse or domestic violence here. This would be a peaceful holiday, rearranged but the tradition not lost. Outside, issues in their family and the world raged, but for now there was an opportunity to just breathe. Other families and single women in similar situations, along with our staff, would share in the hope. Men are served at a separate shelter a mile away.

“Give thanks to the Lord” Psalms 107:1

Giving thanks is as much or more in giving as it is in receiving. Thanksgiving begins with bringing in the harvest, then sharing it with others, that no one goes hungry. The prayer before eating, the meal itself, and the fellowship are the celebration. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” Now is the time to begin our thankfulness with an offering of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for giving.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Happy Thanksgiving

Never Stopped Serving Meals

Restaurants and non-profit social service organizations have closed for various periods of time during the pandemic. But Roseburg Rescue Mission's two commercial kitchens, at the Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn, never stopped serving meals. We had to adjust our methods, but no one went hungry. For those not staying overnight, breakfast, lunch, and dinner changed to meals to go.

Two years ago, we purchased a new stock pot range to improve our “soup kitchen” ability to make larger pots of soup and beans. When the pandemic hit last year, we bought a commercial slicer (for meat, cheese, and bread), shifting to be a “sandwich to go” kitchen for those not staying here.

an invitation and introduction

At the three set mealtimes every day of the year, one only needs to show up to have a meal. There is no qualifying application, no charge, no use of food stamps, no work to do, nor requirement to be living here. No questions are asked, just an accountability to not be visibly under the influence.

We do not receive food from government programs or food banks. Some food is purchased, but most is donated by individuals, businesses and organizations. Our needs are listed each month in this newsletter.

Hunger is physically, mentally, and emotionally consuming. It demands satisfaction, takes priority over income and housing, preoccupies one's attention to other matters. Food meets that basic need, yet has to be combined with a definitive plan out of homelessness, otherwise the problem remains. Meals at the Mission are an invitation and introduction to life saving programs and hope for a new life.



Overcoming Obstacles

Being victimized as a child caused Sabrina to have low self-esteem, depression, trouble forming and maintaining relationships, and other psychological consequences. That in turn affected the third generation, and so on. She was broken and could not repair the damage on her own. Intervention, in the form of a trustworthy environment, was needed. Understanding, accepting, and overcoming obstacles would take a lifetime.

At just eleven-years-old, she was abused by a non-blood member of her household. In spite of that, Sabrina's mother chose her partner over her daughter. She said, "I thought it was my fault, and that my mom didn't love me." Sabrina was adopted out to a fine, single, career mom, but the emotional scars remained. In time, she entered a troubled relationship, that became an abusive marriage and family. They had two children that were physically abused. When she was accused of not reporting her husband, she lost custody of them. She went to Samaritan Inn. Sabrina said, "I was very naïve, what the world wanted me to do. I wanted everything handed to me, but I soon got out of that mentality. I wasn't the only one looking for help. I learned about God and humility. I understand that He is our Father and He created us. It brought me closer to my family, and they should come first before my needs." Sabrina regained custody of her children while living in Samaritan Inn's supervised environment. She took classes to become a Certified Nurses Assistant, got a job as a caregiver, and moved with her kids into subsidized housing.

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Still, she felt incomplete as a single mother. Her lack of self-worth again caused her to settle for a bad relationship. Sabrina said, "I wanted a boyfriend, instead of meeting the needs of my family. I thought that the love of a man would take care of me." Then, family pressured her to allow grandparents to adopt her children over a concern for her stability. Here was the generational cycle. The child that was adopted out was now adopting out her own children. Sabrina said the situation with her mother, "affected me to want my boyfriend over my own girls. I felt unworthy." That relationship eventually failed. She worked as a private, live-in caregiver, but when a client would pass away, she would be homeless again.

Back to the sanctuary of Samaritan Inn she returned. She was reminded of her value and encouraged. She now works for the Department of Human Services, providing caregiver services that are not live-in situations. She took a job at a local call center, seeking greater job and financial independence. In the photo above, she is working a program supervisor position here. Sabrina said, "Now, I feel much more independent than I ever have been. Its ok to be me. I like the Book of Job. He overcame so many things. I know I can overcome things in my life."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Thanksgiving 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.

schedule

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

Bottles of Water
 Disinfectant Spray
 New Socks
 Quilts 72" x 90"
 Twin Sheets
 Furniture
 Household Items
 Kitchen Wares
 Sporting Goods
 Electronics
 Clothing, Bicycles
 Walkers – Wheelchairs
*Items need to be in good condition and working order.
 Mattresses not accepted.*

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