



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Mission Bike Shop

Sheila is happy with her bicycle from our Mission Bike Shop. She said, "It's a lot quicker than using the bus, and it keeps me physically fit." Bicycles are an ideal way for our homeless clients to get around town, when they have lost so much and need to start over. Bicycles are inexpensive transportation for anyone to get to work or school, run an errand, or just for recreational use.

Bicycles are inexpensive transportation.

They do not require a driver's license, registration, nor insurance. There are no costly operating expenses for fuel, maintenance, and repairs. All our bicycles are used, donated to us, then sold. We do not buy or trade bikes or parts. We sell used bike parts, but also have some new parts and accessories. Our repair shop is right on the sales floor, and we can install minor items. A receipt with the bicycle serial number is provided. Ride safely.

Caregiving Worker

It's not uncommon for personal caregivers to be at the Mission, whether their housing need is from clients or family members moving to assisted living, passing away, or the arrangement changing somehow. Often caregiving includes a live-in situation linking employment with residence. Assisted living has become so expensive and people generally want to stay in the comfort of their own homes, that bringing a caregiver in can work well. And when that person is a member of the family, it can be a blessing for all parties.

live-in situation linking employment with residence

Family arrangements often include the compensation of room and board, maybe the use of a vehicle, even some allowance, but not always a living wage. There can be issues of one party taking advantage of the other, unmet expectations, disputes. Then other family members can weigh in. The best laid plans can go awry.



When his parents could no longer maintain their home and acreage, Lance gladly accepted the invitation to be their caregiver. He quit his job and moved into their home. He studied online to prepare for a new career that would allow him to spend more time working from home. That arrangement worked well for a few years. His parents had their needs met, and Lance was able to keep his independence. The situation unraveled when his mother passed away at home, and his father moved to assisted living. The executor of the estate, an older sibling, sold the property to pay for their father's care. Lance was homeless. During the pandemic, his new means of employment was no

longer in demand. There was no backup plan for his living arrangement. In addition, there was a dispute within the family that then isolated him. Lance said, "I felt betrayed, disenfranchised, extremely hurt. My entire life was uprooted. I was just a wreck. I was trying to escape and be numb. I felt like I had no options but to live in my car and drink."

There was no backup plan for his living arrangement

Lance said his turning point was in realizing that, "This is enough. I'm defiling my body with liquor, and not honoring my mother's last wishes. I started breaking down, praying, and asking direction from God." Lance arrived at the Mission with nothing but the clothes on his back. He said a Mission staff member had "a chapel message from Roman's about the condition of mankind - that was me, it hit me." He had a new hope to carry on. In short order, he landed a job and rented a room in the Mission's Transitional Housing Program. Lance rejoiced, "I can just breathe, I'm alive, and I'm a Christian. I just know that one day I will be with my family again. And now people at the Mission are my family."



Caregiving Recipient

Julian received caregiving from his grandmother. His need was from having autism, a developmental disorder that causes impaired social interaction. His condition was further complicated with post-traumatic stress disorder, a condition of anxiety and depression, as the result of abuse as a young child. Because his parents lived in a drug culture, he was raised by his grandparents. When his grandmother suffered a heart attack, his grandfather became her caregiver. Even though Julian was 19-years-old at the time, he was not ready for independent living. He went to multiple foster homes but felt neglected. At 21, he voluntarily left foster care. Taking the advice of his case manager, he went to the Mission for a safe environment. Julian said, "I was nervous at first, but quick to meet people, that I could trust, which is shocking, because I usually don't trust easily." He said, "I've been a Christian a few years, but here it's a community thing, seeing people living out their faith. It's like a family here. I got to start reading the Bible. Chapel is nice, very on point, not debating about unnecessary things."

no longer needs caregiving or transitional housing

Within a week, Julian was able to rent a Transitional Housing Program room at the Mission. Now after just over a year of semi-independent living, having a safe environment, getting the needed support, receiving social services, interacting with other people, he is ready to move from here to independent living. He no longer needs caregiving or transitional housing. Julian said, "The Mission has helped me get on my feet. There is no way I could have done this otherwise. The Mission provided the support I needed." Now at 22, he has qualified for and transitioned to renting a one-bedroom apartment in the community. He has matured and wants to be on his own.

Rescue

"I sought the Lord,
and He answered me,
And delivered me
from all my fears."

Psalms 34:4

vehicle donations

are accepted here.

Receipt for tax
deductions provided.

Mission Bike Shop

used bike & part
donations accepted &
for sale in Mission
Furniture. Some new
bike trailers, parts,
& accessories in stock.

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to
help homeless men,
women & children.

Stores generated
27% of Mission
income last year.

estate planning

leave a legacy of
hope at Roseburg
Rescue Mission.

The impact on
people's lives
can be eternal.



Transitional House #2 Opens

Our Samaritan Inn's Transitional House #2 has now opened. Two of the initial four occupants sat at the dining room table to tell their stories. They had been on the waiting list for weeks, waiting for this building to be remodeled. It had been a doctor's office, that we purchased last year as a significant expansion of the Samaritan Inn campus and ministry to homeless women and children. It's a halfway step to build rental history, credit score, and savings. It's semi-independent living to develop confidence and life skills. Each of the four renters has her own private and locked bedroom. They share the kitchenette, dining room, living room, restrooms, and shower. Each one has the responsibility of assigned housekeeping chores. There is no on-site manager, everyone is equally qualified to be there. However, management is close by in an adjacent building, available as needed and present for accountability.

courageous and excited at the opportunity

Lauran and Amber (left to right in photo) have similar backgrounds. Both were living with family members before needing to move out of those stifling environments. They share a tendency to addiction and codependent relationships. In interviewing them, it struck me at how they are so broken and fragile, yet courageous and excited at the opportunity to learn independent living. Already they expressed their appreciation for the Samaritan Inn main campus. Lauran cited, "safety, availability, helpfulness, welcoming, pleasant, clean." Amber valued, "grace, comfort, kindness, compassion, encouragement." Both pointed to accountability of behaviors and God's Word in chapel for newness of life as significant factors in their recovery. Lauran said, "Now, I'm not in the old way, I've left that baggage behind." Amber reflected, "I'm strong here, and learning to be strong when I'm not here."

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



items needed

Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti, Egg Noodles
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Canned Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Cold Cereal
Spices, Salt, Mayo
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Pancake Mix
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
White Twin Sheets
Diapers – Newborn, #5, #6s

chapel volunteers

Samaritan Inn &
Men's Shelter
Apply on our website
or in our office.

items accepted

at our dock
806 SE Pine St
Mon to Sat 9am to 6pm
Clothing, Furniture
Household, Kitchen
Sporting Goods
Electronics, Bicycles
Walkers - Wheelchairs

Items need to be in good condition and working order. Upholstered furniture and Mattresses not accepted.