



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Hydration Station & Cooling Center

Receiving donations of water and buying bottled water by the pallet load became a new normal with the pandemic. Continuing to hand out bottles of water keeps the homeless hydrated, especially during summer heat. It's part of the meals to go program for those not staying overnight. They are given out at breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day at the Men's Shelter. Water dispensing stations are available to fill disposable and reusable containers for others staying here.

Buying bottled water by the pallet load

Air conditioned dayrooms await the homeless at the Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn for women and children. Cooling Centers are for safety from excessive summer heat, that can cause heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and dehydration. They are also secure from those that are obviously under the influence of intoxicants or behaving aggressively. Social service help and encouragement are present. Your donations go directly to helping the homeless be hydrated, cool, and safe.



Recovering A Lost Lifestyle

Diana had been a Registered Nurse for 15 years. She was a professional with a great deal of responsibility, caring for the needs of others. She had been married for a similar length of time and is the mother of two children. Her family attended church regularly, volunteered, and were firm believers. Life was dependable. However, Diana fatefully discovered that life is fragile, can unravel rather quickly, and cannot be taken for granted. People, relationships, employment, housing can change. Faith can be tested.

One pivotal day, Diana found her husband's stash of drugs. He had relapsed. Then she followed his lead and used the forbidden substance as well. It began a downward spiral that destroyed everything they had known together. She became a different person. In time, she lost her identity, marriage, family, home, career, even her faith. Diana was homeless. She said, "I had nowhere else to go, no other family or friends with the room or ability to take on another person. I had

never been in a homeless shelter." When she found out that she could actually stay during the day and until she could find permanent housing, she said, "I was relieved. I don't know what else I would do. I have never lived on the street. It's scary." Her first impression of Samaritan Inn was, "I was surprised at how well everyone was getting along." Within a couple of weeks, she got a job as a motel clerk. She is actively working on redeveloping job skills to return to the medical field, this time as a medical receptionist.

Diana said that at first, she just barely tolerated chapel at Samaritan Inn. She was not so opposed to attending. She found them educational, but questioned how God could have let all the bad things happen.

It was more a matter of being confronted with blame. She said, "I was on fire for the Lord, now I'm in a state of confusion. But hope in God is returning. I'm remembering memorized Bible verses that are now coming back in mind."

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Rescued And Hope Restored

Jeremy recalled, "I spent a night on the street by the duck pond, no tent no sleeping bag, never done that before. It was cold and wet. I didn't sleep well. So, I decided to panhandle on Garden Valley Blvd., holding a sign that read, 'Anything Helps.' I ran into a guy there that said, 'Let me take you to a place under a bridge.' But they were smoking weed, and I don't belong there. Then, he took me to the Mission." Jeremy had no idea there is a Rescue Mission. What he did know was that a couple of weeks earlier, he had wrecked his car, lost his job, then gave up his apartment for a lack of rent. His only local family is a brother, who is barely getting by.

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His first impression of the Mission was, "I thought it was a lively bunch, talking and joking around. You don't get that very much anywhere else. It was dry and warm." He started applying for jobs right away. But it took him a while to settle down after his life changing ordeal. When he focused on employment relevant to his work experience, he landed a job in a restaurant.

Before long, he became an evening shift manager. The first possession he wants to restore is a car to get back and forth to work. Jeremy is on the waiting list to rent a room in the Mission's Transitional Housing Program.

Having his picture taken by a cross on the wall of the Dayroom-Chapel was Jeremy's idea. He said, "This place has allowed me to grow in my faith and encourage others as well. Some chapels are uplifting, some are educational. I read my Bible every day. He has been rescued and hope has been restored.



Women's Caseworker Opening

Client intake
interviews, social
work, follow-up,
encouragement.
Part-time, hourly wage.
Resume to:
rsbgmission@aol.com

items needed

Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cold Cereal
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Mens & Womens PJ's
Strollers 1 & 2 Seat
Diapers – #4, #5, #6
Baby Wipes

estate planning

leave a legacy of
hope at Roseburg
Rescue Mission.
The impact on
people's lives
can be eternal.



Stores Fund Homeless Programs

Brian's homeless addiction camping lifestyle caught up with him in the form of a series of strokes then a heart attack. The resulting slurred speech, limited use of one arm, and overall weakness caused him to enter the Mission with the motivation to change his ways. He needed rehabilitation. Brian received it on the Program working in the Mission Store. His health, social skills, ability to focus, organization, and work ethic improved.

As Brian was benefiting from work therapy, he was also contributing to the Mission Stores funding homeless programs. Knowing that increased his self-esteem. He had purpose in self-improvement, helping others, and providing a service to the community. He was interacting with people again, and an active part of a meaningful operation. He sorted, priced, and displayed clothing and household items in the Mission Store, so residents here could get free clothing vouchers and community members could buy low cost items.

Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle.

In addition to providing rehabilitation, funding homeless programs, and offering thrift store services, the operation reuses, repurposes, and recycles. This is a part of being good stewards of God's creation. The process keeps many tons of waste out of landfills and reduces garbage disposal fees. Mission Stores are filled with items (like clothing and furniture) to reuse for the same purpose they were made. There are products that can be refurbished, used for a different purpose (like into a flower pot), or used to create artwork. The Mission warehouse has commodities (like cans and bottles) that are eventually melted down or ground up to a base element that is recycled into something new. Items that do not sell in the stores or have been sorted out in the warehouse are sold or given to bulk material handlers.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Recycle

Cans & Bottles

Cans and bottles can be donated at the Mission Warehouse dock. Or they can be taken to BottleDrop Roseburg then a donation made to Roseburg Rescue Mission from your online account.

Plastic caps can be left on plastic bottles.

Reuse - Repurpose

- Clothing, Furniture
- Household Items
- Kitchen Wares
- Knickknacks
- Sporting Goods
- Electronics, Bicycles
- Walkers & Wheelchairs
- Linens, Shoes
- Purses, Hats
- DVD, VHS Movies, TVs
- CDs And Players

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