



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Safe And Secure

Angela is an Evening Supervisor at Samaritan Inn, putting her in charge of safety and security on her shift. She checks that the entry gate is kept locked. To the right, in the photo, is the doorbell and intercom, above is a security camera. A brief interview and observation is done before unlocking the gate from a remote location inside a building. There is an assurance that unwanted visitors will not enter the campus to harass clients.

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There is a real need to be safe and feel secure among the homeless, especially for women and children. Often, they are escaping domestic violence and cannot protect themselves on the street. They need safe physical protection from harm in a trustworthy environment. And they need the security of being free from the emotional feelings of fear and anxiety. Danger is removed and worry is relieved. That is being safe and secure.



A Stable Place

Several life changing events, that were out of Jessica's control, caused her to be without a home. Life had been reliable and promising for several years. She was married, a stay-at-home wife with two children. Her husband worked, and they were saving to buy their first home. In the meantime, they rented a nice three bedroom house with a yard. However, divorce shattered their hope of becoming homeowners. Jessica became a single mother, found a job barely making over minimum wage, and stayed in the house paying the rent on her own. Generously, the understanding landlord did not raise her rent for 16 years. Then the next variable of renting a house happened, the owner passed away and their home was sold. Jessica and her two, now grown yet dependent, children had to leave the place that held so many fond memories. She was unprepared for the sudden need to move out, because at that point she had quit her job to care for one of her children that was

seriously ill. Just as her child was recovering, they became homeless. She said it was very traumatizing. They went to a temporary shelter but timed out of it without a housing plan. She had signed up for HUD subsidized housing, but the wait was longer than that shelter would allow her to stay.

The Mission's Samaritan Inn rescued her.

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She said, "It's comforting to know that I have a stable place with a roof over my head and knowing I don't have a time limit to move out. I'm grateful for being here and for the friendships I have made. I enjoy chapel, the spiritual food, the music is wonderful, and the warmth between women that have a respect for God." As long as she is actively pursuing housing options, she can stay at

Samaritan Inn. Our purpose is to get people into permanent housing. She is employed full-time again, taking responsibility for herself and her children. Before long, Jessica will have a stable place of her own again.

On The Right Path

Ryan had been on the wrong path since he moved out of his single-parent, mom's house, when he was just 15-years-old. That undisciplined, couch surfing lifestyle only caused more trouble than he thought he was leaving. He missed a lot of school and got into drugs. As an adult, he struggled to hold onto a job for very long. Without a sense of direction, he dabbled in a variety of things, until he was caught doing something wrong. He did a short stint in jail, but had not learned his lesson yet. That do-as-he-pleased approach to life continued, until a probation violation for still using drugs stopped him. Then Ryan spent a longer period incarcerated. The corrections system had caught his attention, provided recovery classes while detained and after release, and a probation officer to monitor his behavior after reentry to the community. His PO told him, "There is nowhere else approved to go but the Mission." At first, he thought, "I wasn't too thrilled, thinking it would be a lot worse than it is." Now that he has been at the Mission, Ryan said, "It's given me the structure to get on the right path. I like how you guys keep the drugs and alcohol out, so it helps me keep on my recovery. I am looking at the world with different eyes. I was just going with the flow, but it was the wrong flow. I was going nowhere before."

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His perspective has changed. He values the relationship with his mother. He has a full-time, even overtime, job with a construction company. He said, "By choice, I've been working six days a week. It helps keep me out of trouble. I'm on the waiting list to rent a Transitional Housing room at the Mission." Ryan is on the right path now.



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, #6

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.



Back To School

For some homeless children, arriving at Samaritan Inn with their mothers, "back to school" does not necessarily refer to the beginning of a new school year. It could mean getting back in school after a family disruption anytime during the school year. Whether from domestic violence, lost housing, or other turmoil, a stable home environment is the priority. Samaritan Inn provides the assurance of a safe campus, nutritious meals, beds for restful nights of sleep, showers, and areas for students to do homework. There are hopeful living conditions for a better future, so children will be motivated to do their best in school. A stock of school supplies and student clothing are kept on hand to provide what is lacking. Then it means back to their same school, friends, and teachers, accomplished by district busing. It's back to a significant part of normalizing life, after such a dramatic change in their home setting.

multiple "back to school" events since last summer

This is the time of year to replenish supplies depleted by multiple "back to school" events since last summer. Donated supplies are needed to fill requests. Residents of Samaritan Inn are freely given school supplies here and free vouchers for clothing in the Mission Store. For the community, there are free remaining school supplies and a 50% off sale on student clothing in the Mission Store, during the two weeks prior to school starting.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



school supplies to Mission Office 752 SE Pine St Please!

#2 Pencils, Pencil Cases
Washable Crayons 24 Pkg
Glue Sticks, White Glue
Box of Tissues
Pink & White Erasers
Washable Markers 8 Pkg
Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
Graph Paper Spiral
Wide Rule Spiral Notebooks
Pocket Folders
Colored Pencils
College Ruled 3-Hole Paper
Plain Copy Paper
Wide Rule Paper
Composition Notebooks
Highlighters
Red, Black, Blue Pens
Ruler, 1" Binders
Subject Dividers
Scientific Calculators
Pocket Dictionary
Pencil Sharpener
Children's Backpacks
Over The Shoulder Bags
Hand Sanitizer
Disinfecting Wipes
USB Flash Drives
Index Cards 3"x5"
Thermal Lunch Box
Thermal Water Bottle
Expandable Folder
Student Planner
Headphones/earbuds
Gift Cards For Shoes, Coats