



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

*A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless*

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## Getting & Keeping A Job

*Homeless men and women need a structured living environment, so they can be successful in getting and keeping a job. Employment is an end to homelessness and a pathway to independence. Having an income lifts self-esteem and pays for housing. A career provides identity and purpose. There is a motivation to work hard and reap the rewards of a higher quality of life. There is freedom then to pursue personal goals in life.*

***Labor Day is a holiday about having freedom.***

*Labor Day is a national holiday to celebrate our country's movement away from exploiting workers employed at low wages, for long hours, and under poor working conditions. It recognizes that laborers raise the standard of living for everyone, increase economic production, strengthen democracy, develop our nation, and promote freedom. At the Mission, homeless people can become a part of contributing to the greater good of society. And Mission donors are a part of every success.*



## Transitional Housing

Misty is a part of the new Transitional Housing Program at our Samaritan Inn. She said, "I love it, because I have my own space. It's clean and makes me feel like it's my own. I am actually getting somewhere. Without it, I would still be on housing waiting lists and the process to get permanent housing delayed."

Turmoil happened in her life during a two year period of losing loved ones. Her son committed suicide, her father died of cancer, then her longtime best friend and fiancé died of a medical complication. Misty said, "I thought I was losing my mind." She turned to substance abuse to ease the pain, then realized that she needed help. She went to a short-term, inpatient treatment program, then to Samaritan Inn, recommended by their staff and common knowledge among clients.

### *not as alone as I thought*

She said, "At first, I was scared to death, new people, starting over, making friends. I have made lots of friends." She appreciates the accountability to keep from relapsing in addiction. For several months, she has had a full-time job as a cashier in a retail store.

Chapel here was difficult at first, because she said, "I was mad at the Lord after all the losses. But chapel helped me get connected again to the Lord. Once I was able to open up, I found out that I wasn't as alone as I thought I was."



## Samaritan Inn Expanded Campus

Here is the reveal of the look and location of the two Transitional Housing Program houses for Samaritan Inn. The main reason for not disclosing them earlier was a concern over the competition to acquire properties in such a strategic location. Now, the remodeling and exterior painting has been completed, and their location has become public knowledge. They are both right next-door on an expanded campus.

To meet the needs of homeless women and children, Roseburg Rescue Mission opened Samaritan Inn with a single residential house in 1985. A second house was added in 1999 and a third one in 2009. Then in 2015, the three houses were traded for a down payment on the old Umpqua Medical Center (pictured above on the left). It's now our Samaritan Inn main campus. The house next-door (in the middle) was purchased in 2022 to begin our Transitional Housing Program for women. Then the old doctor's office (on the right) was acquired in 2023 for additional transitional housing units. At the time, all of these purchases were older, unwanted or unkept properties. The main campus was acquired during an economic

### *continuing to meet the needs of homeless women and children*

recession and is debt free. Land sales contract loans remain on the last two purchases. Both owners wanted homeless women and children to benefit from their properties, so they negotiated reasonable prices. We decided to take advantage of these now or never opportunities. Location was a significant factor, expanding our existing campus, and being right across the street from the Oregon Department of Human Services. Economy and convenience of utilizing our existing manager and staff to operate a larger campus made more sense than developing an additional, remote site later on.

This location addresses current needs and provides room for future development.

Samaritan Inn now has 1.75 acres, buildings totaling 17,500 square feet, 110 beds, and a commercial kitchen.

There are Emergency Shelter beds in a dormitory for women, private rooms for mothers with children, separate living quarters for Program, and two houses for Transitional Housing Program. Of the Mission's total population last year, 19% were men in Emergency Shelter, while 34% were women and children in Emergency Shelter. The need for expansion was clearly for women and children.

## Home For Mom & Newborn

After delivery and discharge, this mother and her newborn went directly to Samaritan Inn. Child Welfare Program had an open case with her to ensure the baby would be in a fit household. There was only one authorized destination for the two of them to remain together as a family. Even if they had gone to their own apartment or motel room, CWP would have placed her baby in foster care. There was a concern, not only about the living environment, but potential visitors and her own ability to be a mother. Samaritan Inn is approved as a supervised living facility. There is a security system that screens everyone before entry to the main campus and staff to monitor client behavior. Mother and child were safe, and there was a focus on the baby's well-being.

### *She was alone and afraid.*

She lost her home when her mother passed away. They were living together under her mother's HUD housing voucher. Then, she subleased a room in a rented house, until the owner found out and evicted her. Because of a jealous boyfriend, she experienced domestic violence by physical abuse, stalking at work, and burning of a storage unit. She stayed in a motel, then in her car. All the complications caused her to lose her job. When her money was stolen, she moved into an unfit living arrangement out of desperation. She ended up alone and afraid, and expecting a baby.







## Freedom From Bondage

Martin's stay at the Mission began as a legal requirement. It was part of an early release program from Community Corrections. As long as he stayed at the Mission, took court ordered classes, looked for employment, and stayed out of trouble, he had his freedom. After 120 days, which he successfully completed, he could then move out of the Mission to some other approved location. He has been highly motivated to work his Action Plan, understand the reasons why things went wrong in his life, and not repeat them. Within a month of being at the Mission, he had a full-time job, that he still has months later. Martin said, "The Mission provides three hots and a cot. You don't have to worry about the next meal. They provide lunches to take to work, clothes, beds, rules, structure to help people get on the right track. I guess that's tough love." He has purchased a car, caught up on some unpaid bills, and will be ready when its time to move on. In the meantime, he has helped several other men find employment.

### ***"Chapel is integral to long lasting success."***

From the conviction of the presence of the Lord at an early age, he strayed away later in life. Martin said, "I like the Mission's Christian based view of the world. Chapel is integral to long lasting success. It provides the moral framework necessary. If my mom had not taken me to church, I wouldn't have the background learned to pray. God has done everything for me, and has been there every step of the way. A great bunch of volunteers come in for chapel."

*Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



### **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  
Men's & Women's PJs  
Strollers 1 & 2 Seat  
Diapers #4,#5,#6  
Deodorant

### **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.*