



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Escape & Shield From Abuse

Nationally, 57% of homeless women attribute domestic violence as the primary reason for their homelessness. That increases to 80% when a child is in her care. Our Samaritan Inn experiences similar or worse statistics. Victims of domestic violence are generally reluctant, not anxious, to escape from abusers to find a shield of protection. Most struggle with the attachment to codependent relationships. Controlling partners cut them off from their support system of family and friends.

October is domestic violence awareness month.

The mother, pictured above, had to flee from an abusive relationship. She arrived here with her two children and was expecting twins. Six weeks later, she delivered her babies and returned to Samaritan Inn. In the photo, they are just seven days old. Her other children are five and eight-years-old. She needed support to care for her children and keep them together as a family. In October, be aware of signs of abuse, encourage, refer to safety.

Program Benefits

Ronnie benefits from our Program, because he is not ready for permanent housing on his own. Years ago, he was in a vehicle accident. When riding in the back of a pickup truck, it rolled over and landed on him. He suffered a severe back injury, a punctured lung, and brain damage. Ronnie was rendered completely disabled. He receives an SSI payment of \$943 per month. He has tried living on his own, even with a friend. That income met his basic physical needs, but he has not psychologically recovered to fully accepting a new identity of being disabled. He has struggled with addiction as a means of coping, and prescribed medications for anxiety. It has affected his self-image and relationships.

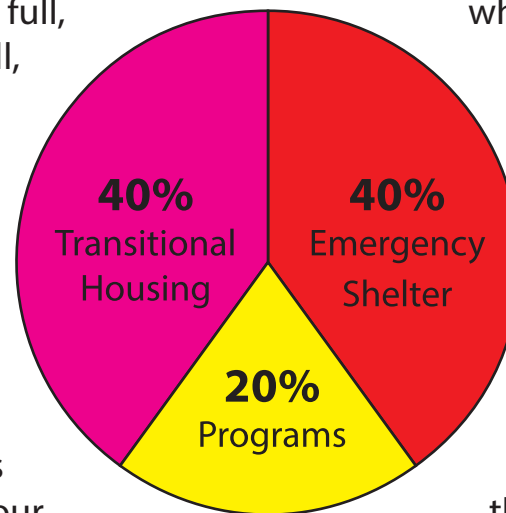
recovery, purpose, & comradery

"I like the Program, because it keeps me physically in shape and healthy, mentally and emotionally. The work is good exercise, walking and cleaning," Ronnie said, "It keeps my mind occupied and off drugs and alcohol. I have a job, roof over my head, friends that care about me, safe place, not being lonely. I'm not really ready for permanent housing." He volunteers in our food service operation, preparing and serving meals. He is a needed part of an organization that is helping him and many others. In the process, he is developing self-esteem. Our Program is providing a time of recovery, purpose, and comradery. Ronnie said, "I'm very glad to be here. I thank God every day that I'm here."



60% Of Men's Shelter Is Programs

Our Men's Shelter is not just some revolving door of transient men coming and going. Most of the men are in our two programs, and several men in Emergency Shelter are on a waiting list to get in the Transitional Housing Program. A balance of options is necessary to meet the needs of individuals, depending on their circumstances. Our Transitional Housing Program is always full, the Program is generally full, Emergency Shelter is never full. The percentages used here are of actual men staying here, not beds available. We do not restrict Emergency Shelter beds available to force men into programs. They enter programs of their own freewill with a desire to succeed. There is room for homeless campers in our Emergency Shelter. We are not a "zero tolerance" for drugs and alcohol operation; we are a "no obvious use" shelter. We do not use drug and alcohol tests for entry into the Emergency Shelter. However, they are required for both programs, upon suspicion of use, and accountability of past use here. There is a balance to be as inclusive as possible without triggering others to relapse.



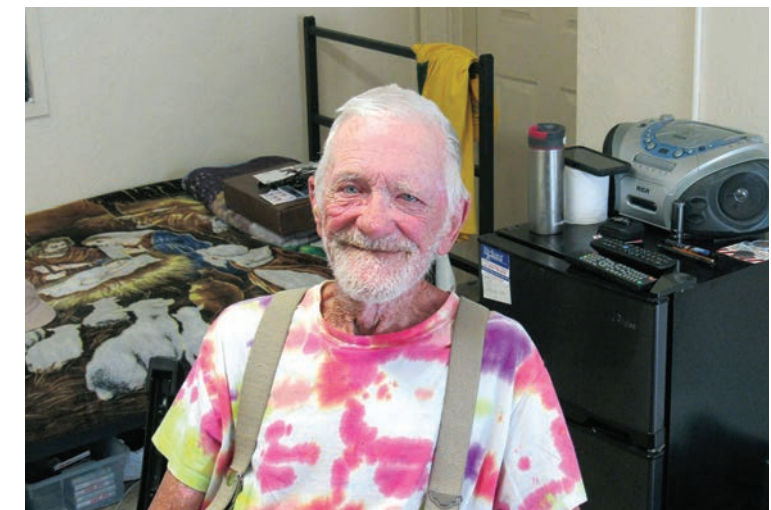
Each of the three options for staying in the Men's Shelter has requirements for behavior and progress. Emergency Shelter is the entry point for every man and may be the exit point, if the individual already has income, stability, and just needs to find permanent housing. He may not need to utilize a program. Men that need time for healing, recovering, and deciding what their next step will be can join the Program. They move from the large dormitory to smaller ones with shared living rooms and kitchenettes. Transitional Housing is for those with an income ready for that halfway mark to independence. They rent private rooms, building up their rental history, credit score, and savings. Men can launch on their own from any of these three options. There is a basic policy that no one times out of their stay at the Mission without an appropriate place to go. Individuals have a responsibility to cooperate with our staff's case management for placement into other housing. Programs provide additional support to achieve successful independent living, and greatly reduce the revolving door of a transient lifestyle.

Transitional Housing

In our Transitional Housing Program for men, half are currently employed in the community and half receive age or disability related Social Security income. They pay reasonable rent for rooms in our two Single Room Occupancy hotels. As a general policy to qualify, they have moved from either our Emergency Shelter or Program. Their motivation is to have a private room and build rental history. As a matter of natural attrition, half of our renters transition to permanent housing each year. Our case management helps them overcome issues of affordability, availability, and qualifications, including references.

private room & rental history

Robert has successfully overcome past addiction problems. He is trusted that a private room will not enable a relapse, but strengthen his independence. He receives a monthly SSI check for a disability. Robert has rented places in the community before, sharing expenses with roommates, but circumstances and dishonestly made it unreliable. He said that he likes our Transitional Housing Program because, "There is peace and quiet. I can sleep better, that helps me keep calm and not as nervous as I used to be. There is privacy and a lock on the door helps keep things safe. The Mission helps just knowing the consequence to drinking. And I like chapel, because I want to learn more about the Bible." Robert is communicating with family again, deciding whether he wants to move closer to one, or share rent with another. He may wait for subsidized housing. He has time and options.





A Brighter Future

Opportunity led Robin from an outlying part of the county into Roseburg for employment, housing, and social services. Her lifelong disability has prevented her from having a driver's license, limited her job prospects, and restricted her housing options. She has never collected a disability check and has always worked to support herself. However, Robin's learning disability has kept her from competing with the social dynamics of certain work environments and the fast pace of others. Tired of part-time, minimum wage jobs and renting a bedroom in someone else's place, she applied for and received a full-time job with benefits. It was possible because the job is within easy walking distance from our Samaritan Inn. She works swing shift hours, so she can enter our campus late and sleep undisturbed in an available private room. Now, Robin has a brighter future that includes a higher income and a centralized location to access community services. The urban setting allows her to walk and use a city bus as her transportation.

centralized location to access community services

"The staff are always smiling and trying to get others to smile," Robin said, "They are very nice here and help provide what we need." She has a support system here that is allowing her to take charge and move forward in a greater self-sufficiency. Robin is now on our waiting list to join the Transitional Housing Program at our Samaritan Inn. She is also on the HUD subsidized housing list to get her own place in the community. She has the ability and determination, Robin just needed the opportunities to make it happen.

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
Ground Coffee
Bottles of Water
Disposable Razors
Toothpaste – Small
Diaper #5, #6
Shampoo, Body Wash

items accepted

at our dock

806 SE Pine St

Mon to Sat 9am to 6pm

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.