



Roseburg Rescue Mission

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A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Thanks For Giving Hope

This mother and her three-year-old son had no home on Thanksgiving and no invitation to join family or friends for dinner. Still, they were not alone, not in an unfamiliar place, nor among strangers. Samaritan Inn had been their home for several weeks already. They were safe. Other homeless mothers, their children, and unaccompanied women were at the special Thanksgiving dinner at our Samaritan Inn. They were accepted and in good company.

There was hope in the surroundings of celebrating Thanksgiving and meeting their needs to gain independence. They were blessed right then, yet held onto the hope that their plan for permanent housing would put them in a more private, family setting next year at this time. Life would not always be like past living conditions of being taken advantage of and abused. They now had the hope to make their own way and with a freedom they had not yet known.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thankful For New Life

Cat was in trouble and facing prison time. Her drug addiction lifestyle had caught up with her. However, she was given an option by the Douglas County Drug Court. The Diversion program redirects a person's sentence to treatment instead. She did some jail time, then inpatient addiction treatment. Upon completion, she went to our Samaritan Inn, an unofficial, yet authorized, part of her treatment program. Cat was homeless and still had months of court mandated classes to take. Samaritan Inn provided a drug and alcohol free living environment, supervision, and safety. Our gated community restricts unwanted contacts from anyone that might disrupt recovery progress.

I have purpose. I'm genuinely happy.

"My old life is gone, but my new life has not quite started yet," Cat said. During this transition time, she is learning new ways to deal with stress and emotions. She has also become a Seeker, one who is intently pursuing the Lord. In addition to going to chapel services here, she is attending a local church with friends. She is pictured below on the Samaritan Inn program as a supervisor at the Dayroom desk. In a very ambitious way, she is also employed in the community. "I'm thankful for my chance to start a new life," Cat said, "My desire to stay sober is stronger than my desire to use. I was hopeless, angry, and had low self-worth. Now, I have purpose. I'm genuinely happy."



Thanks For Giving All Year

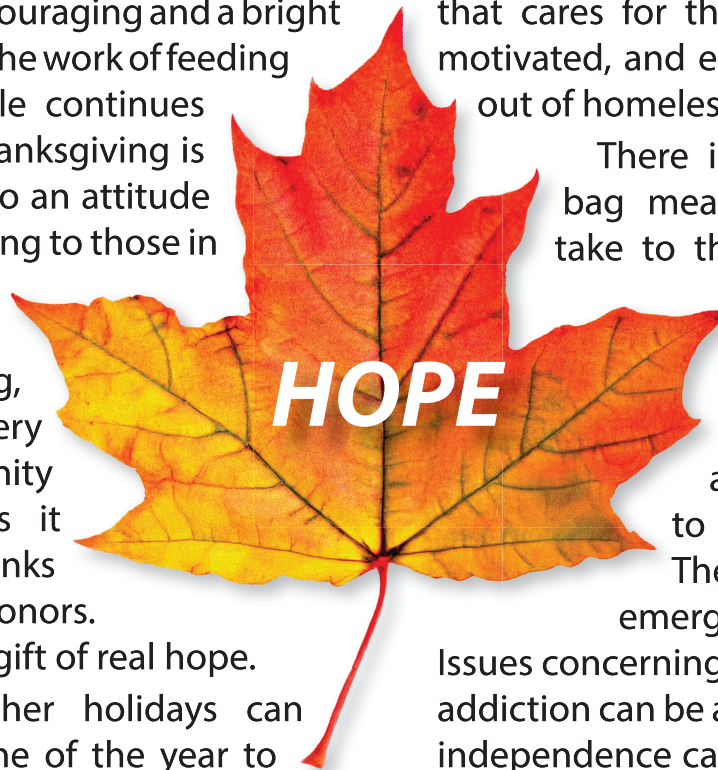
When the exhilaration of the special Thanksgiving meal, served at lunch time, is over, the busyness settles into serving leftovers for dinner. Breakfast is made the next morning, and three meals are offered every day all year. Celebrations are very encouraging and a bright spot in our routines. Yet, the work of feeding hungry, homeless people continues with no end in sight. Thanksgiving is a specific day, but it's also an attitude of being grateful and giving to those in need. Roseburg Rescue Mission satisfies the need for food, clothing, shelter, and programs every day. It's the community of support that makes it happen. And the thanks for giving goes to our donors. Your contributions are a gift of real hope.

Thanksgiving and other holidays can be the most difficult time of the year to be homeless. The reality of being alone, at a time that used to include family and friends, is the most striking. It can intensify the sense of loneliness, cause depression, trigger addiction. Intervention becomes more critical at these vulnerable times. A great

Thanksgiving meal does make an impact of caring for people in transition. Then follow-up services and programs generate hope to have a new life. They know the special meal and other services are provided by a community that cares for them. They are encouraged, motivated, and equipped to work on getting out of homelessness.

There is thanks for giving brown-bag meals to men and women to take to their employment, for meals to go for those not staying overnight, and for meals served in dining rooms. A single meal can provide a hungry person the hope to carry on to the next meal. Then needs of clothing and emergency housing can be met.

Issues concerning medical, mental health, and addiction can be addressed. Next, income and independence can be planned. Relationships with people and the Lord can be undertaken. These are levels of need that begin with the most fundamental one of food, each developing a greater sense of hope as they are met. Thanksgiving can begin a process, yet it's the follow-up all year that completes it.



Thanksgiving Dinner Menu items needed

Turkeys, Potatoes, Gravy Mix, Stuffing, Yams, Rolls, Pies, Cool Whip, Coffee, Fruit Cocktail, Mixed Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce. Homemade pies and cookies cannot have milk products in them. Pumpkin pies, cream pies, cream cheese have to be made in a commercially licensed kitchen.

warm quilts needed for winter

72" x 90" quilts go on every bed for men, women, and children.

fall harvest decorations are for sale in Mission Store.

Shop our stores to help the homeless. Stores generate 27% of Mission income.

Thanksgiving Gift Bags

Every man, woman, and child, having dinner here or to go, receives appropriate and assorted hygiene items, as well as socks and candy in a gift bag.





Trying To Fill That Void

Joshua was faced with a situation in which he felt inadequate and undeserving of success. A lack of self-esteem kept him from appearing before a panel of interviewers. He had already worked at the same place for a year through a temporary employment agency. It was more of a formalization to a great position. Yet, it would have been an evaluation of his worthiness. All of the rejection in life from childhood on rushed back. He was overwhelmed, panicked, then escaped by being a no-show to the interview. He felt empty inside, then binged in unrestrained drinking, eating, and shopping. Joshua said, "I was trying to fill that void, to get over that failure." It was a setback that left him jobless and homeless.

growing stronger in confidence and faith

He felt helpless, yet had another decision to make. Joshua said, "I didn't feel like going down to the river, because it's a bad place. I went to the Mission to get my life back on track." He knew that "filling that void" inside would require regaining housing and employment. Still, he had both, when things had gone wrong.

Indeed even then, there was a void. Joshua said, "I have to pray all day long, or the tempter comes and tells me I am a failure, when I know that I am a child of God. For anybody down and out that comes in here, don't think this is the end. You put your trust in God. This is a place of hope." Joshua now has a good full-time job with benefits, a car, and is renting a room in our transitional housing program. He is growing stronger in confidence and faith.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Women's Caseworker Opening

Client intake interviews, social work, follow-up, encouragement. Part-time, hourly wage.

Resume to:
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vehicle donations

are accepted here. Receipt for tax deductions provided.

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