



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Warming Centers Are Open

Heated dayrooms and dormitories are provided for the homeless in our Men's Shelter and Samaritan Inn for women and children. For our clients staying overnight, these services are always available. Day or night, when temperatures drop to 36 degrees or below, including windchill, our Warming Centers open to include people that do not regularly stay here. Generally, this group of increased winter clientele are homeless campers needing to be rescued. Campers do not stay out in the cold for a lack of shelter beds, meals, clothing, or social service help.

Homeless are safe, sound, and sober.

In Mission Warming Centers, the homeless are safe from danger, sound from injury, and sober of intoxicants. There is no reason to fear being out in cold weather, harmed by anyone, or tempted to relapse in addiction. Our security measures have a screening process to gain entry and to remain inside. It's an uplifting, hopeful environment, even a means to develop a new life. We have beds available, a Program, and Transitional Housing.

Caregiver Needed Readjustment

The high cost of assisted living is causing family members to stay or return home to care for disabled loved ones. It's more affordable and personal. A caregiver can be attracted by the easier and less stressful way of making a living than reporting to a workplace environment. But often times the compensation is just room, board, and an allowance. When the person being cared for has to move to a medical care facility or passes away, the caregiver can lose both home and job at the same time, without planned provision for that inevitability. As the years of caregiving go by, that person loses work history, job skills, and employability. The one providing care then needs help of their own. It's not uncommon for men and women at the Mission to have been, or still are active caregivers.



For ten years, Larry lived with his father to care for his needs. His father was a Vietnam War veteran that had physical and psychological disabilities. During that time, Larry only did occasional, odd jobs. When his father passed away, Larry was unprepared for independent living.

Loses work history, job skills, and employability

It happened during the COVID pandemic, which complicated replacing his lost Social Security card and kept him from being employed. He was unable to pay his father's mortgage payment, that eventually caused a thirty-day notice to vacate the home. He stayed at a friend's apartment for a couple of weeks, until the manager told him that it was a violation of occupancy rules. Then, Larry slept in a cemetery for two nights, being unaware of the Mission. When he heard about our shelter, he expected a

place that would only be open for the night, then he thought he would have to leave. When he discovered that there are three meals a day, clothing, showers, dayroom, program, transitional housing, and social service help, Larry said, "This is a very soul relieving place, you can rejoice about your existence. You can definitely get up on life and direction."

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Larry cleaned up to be presentable for a job interview at a temporary employment agency. For his first temp job, he rode his bicycle 15 miles each way to be a fire watch. For the past couple of months, he has been working in a warehouse distribution center. He is now renting a room in our Transitional Housing Program. He has his own room again, like when he was living with his father. He is making the readjustment needed to become independent.

Of Mission chapels, Larry said, "It's a nice way to calm my mind at the end of the hustle and bustle of the working day, listening to the Word nurturing your soul, replenishing your being of who you are inside, and your relationship with God, and gives you strength to go another day."



Rescuing Mothers & Children

Michelle and her boyfriend both worked at the same fast-food place. They rented a motel room on a monthly basis. She took needed time off work when expecting their baby, Dyllan, now 18 months old. Reduced income, close quarters, and addiction caused stress. She suffered the domestic violence of screaming, arguing, physical violence, and throwing her phone so she could not call for help. Michelle fled for safety. Roseburg Police referred her to the Domestic Violence Hotline, who referred her to the Department of Human Services, who referred her to our Samaritan Inn. Before calling here, she was concerned about a possible waiting list and having to be in a dormitory with other families. Michelle was thankful that there was no wait, and she had a private room with her baby.

There are several assistance programs available.

There are several assistance programs available, that Michelle was able to utilize. Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) helps families experiencing domestic violence with moving costs and items to stay safe. She received a one time grant of \$1,200 to leave abuse and protect herself. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides a monthly cash benefit to families with children who meet income limits. She receives \$432 per month for herself and one child. Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Assistance (WIC) is a supplemental nutrition program for low income women and their babies. She receives \$25 per month on an electronic benefit transfer card. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is to help pay

items needed

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Macaroni & Cheese
Cold Cereal, Oatmeal
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti, Macaroni
Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard
Cornbread Mix
Bottles of Water
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Men's & Women's PJs
Strollers 1 & 2 Seat
Diapers #4,#5,#6

warm quilts

72" x 90" quilts
go on every bed for
men, women, children.
Mother's & children
can take quilts
to permanent housing
when they move
from here.

Mission Bike Shop

used bike & part
donations accepted &
for sale in Mission
Furniture. Some new
bike trailers, parts,
& accessories in stock.

for groceries. It used to be known as food stamps. She receives \$532 per month for herself and one child. Early Head Start is a learning and care program for newborns through age 2. It does not offer a busing service to get children to the centers. There is a waiting list and referrals are helpful. Hours of service are 7:30am to 1:45pm. Michelle and Dyllan were referred by WIC. Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) helps families who are working, in school, or receiving TANF to find, keep, and pay for childcare. It has to be a State certified care facility with an opening available. There is a family income limit and a monthly copayment. She has been on a childcare waiting list for over a year, and can expect to wait for 18 months or longer. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides subsidized housing for low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. She applied for that program through Housing Authority of Douglas County (HADCO). She is on a waiting list that averages 25 months to receive a housing voucher. TANF is not considered income for housing, only a small copayment is required for no income families.

Domestic Violence is reason for emergency shelter

Domestic violence is a common reason for needing emergency shelter beds at our Samaritan Inn, and a lack of childcare is the reason for extended stays here. Michelle is a victim, yet an overcomer. She used the city bus to take Dyllan to Early Head Start. She went to Worksource and got a job as a housekeeper. The timing of her employment and childcare worked for a couple of months. She hired a new friend to pick Dyllan up after childcare and babysit him, while Michelle continued to work to satisfy her employer. She gave the babysitter \$100 for two weeks of care. He was only picked up one day. When Michelle had to leave work early the next day to pick Dyllan up herself, she was fired.

Lack of childcare is reason for extended stays

When her name reaches the top of the HUD housing voucher list, they will be able to move from Samaritan Inn. When her monthly TANF grant expires after a five year lifetime benefit, she will need an income for living expenses. Then she will pay 30% of her employment income for housing. Still, the sooner she can find a job that will work with her childcare needs, the better off they will be. If her name reaches the top of the ERDC childcare list while still at Samaritan Inn, she will have more employment and housing options even before receiving the housing voucher. They will not timeout of Samaritan Inn as long as they do everything they can to become independent.

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.