



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Family Rescue

When there is no place else to go, there is family rescue. They were in crisis but pulled together to focus on family needs more than personal wants. There was routine to meal and bed times, and restrictions on video games. Mom said, "I got back to being mom to my kids, having consequences to behavior, not parenting out of guilt." It was a model of living to take with them.

Establishing mom as head of now single parent family

Even though it was a family breakup that brought them to our Samaritan Inn, the time here was restoring, unifying, and establishing mom as head of this now single parent family. She knew that she could do it within the structure of Samaritan Inn, but she had a concern about managing on her own. Mom said, "I was actually crying that I have to leave, because we have a place to go." Her faith grew. She said, "The more I listened in chapel, the more He was speaking to me, 'Don't be afraid.'"

To Remain Anonymous

Pam (not her real name) chose a pixelization blur over her face to remain anonymous. It was not from personal embarrassment, family matters, nor hiding from an aggressor, that she wanted to conceal living at our Samaritan Inn. It was out of concern for her new employers, whether they would continue to accept her as a homeless person. They might stigmatize her as somehow being less qualified, or view her as having some negative effect on their operations. Actually, she has two part-time jobs, both with agencies that serve the public.

Concern if employers would accept a homeless person

A major life change upended Pam's life. She had a good, full-time job as a caregiver at an assisted living facility. Her wages were not increasing, but every year, her rent went up. Still, it was the 40 hours per week, working on her feet, that became too much. She tried to find a more suitable administrative position that would better match her college degree, job skills, and physical needs. However, she was not able to find such a position before she just could not continue being a caregiver. She moved in with a friend, but there were overwhelming family issues in that household.



The State Employment Department, known as WorkSource, and Department of Human Services network together to provide job opportunities and social service help. They provide a personal Coach that customizes a plan for each person's specific needs to overcome barriers and get the skills and resources for the right job. They make referrals for homeless and housing assistance resources. In fact, it was WorkSource that told Pam

about Samaritan Inn. They also matched her abilities and needs with two, appropriate, part-time jobs.

Dependable housing options are Pam's next concern. Increasing rents have been a problem for her in the past. Already, she has looked at "room for rent" ads, but is worried about who the roommates might be. She needs both stable employment and housing to be independent. She is on the waiting list to rent a room in the Samaritan Inn Transitional Housing Program house that is shown on the back page of this newsletter. Our hope is that we would have the permits and remodeling done by the time this newsletter is mailed.

On waiting list to rent room in Samaritan Inn Housing Program

"I'm on a journey," Pam said of her recent experiences, struggling to find work, housing, and her time at the Mission. She said, "I feel safe here, equal, like family. I participate, rather than being taken care of. Chapel reminds me every day that God loves me, has a plan for me, to not forget my prayers, fear is a lack of faith, to have confidence." Pam did not need a caregiver for herself, she just needed the resources to become independent again.



A Ripple Effect

When a single event causes spreading results, there is a ripple effect. For Ralph, unexpected changes in the economy impacted his employment and housing. It brought him to the Mission, which further influenced his life. He was working in a customer service call center, when the pandemic caused some employees to lose their jobs. Ralph needed a new position in the scramble of layoffs. He took a lessor one, until landing a higher paying job at a subcontractor to an international corporation. Then, the larger firm had to temporarily shut production down to fix a design flaw. Not only were some of their employees laid off, the ripple effect spread to their subcontractors. Then in a chain reaction, that included not being able to pay his rent, Ralph became homeless. He moved in with a cousin, then to the Mission. He worked odd jobs for a couple of months before finding steady full-time employment. Three months later, he is moving into a one-bedroom apartment in Roseburg. The unsubsidized rent is \$800 per month, and he waited three weeks from application to move in.

Better align myself with what I heard tonight

Without those life changing events, he never would have benefited from his Mission experience. Ralph said, "It's good, if someone comes in here with the right attitude. It can really help, if you take small steps every day. It saved me a lot of money on food. I met a lot of different, interesting people. It has been beneficial, created resilience, adaptability, and patience. In Chapel, I got to hear a few different perspectives, some in music, some in talking. It makes me stop and think about my mind-set. Tomorrow, I can better align myself with what I heard tonight and have a more humble spirit."

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
Twin Size Sheets
Bath Towels
Diapers #4, #5, #6
Men's & Women's PJs

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
Walker & 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.



Added Transitional Housing

A mere two percent down payment, seller carried financing, and other great terms were too good to pass up. Plus, it will be rental income producing property in our Transitional Housing Program. It's also next-door to our Samaritan Inn. Since 2022, we have purchased four of five properties in a section of land just north of our women and children's campus. We have been blessed with three of the four purchases being seller carried financing with preferential terms that made it possible. Three of the four properties were not on the open market, the owners sold when we shared our vision for that area. The fourth house required no down payment. Most were investment properties, not owner occupied. The sellers wanted to help homeless women. It's this community support that is providing the way to expand housing opportunities for low income people. These four houses will provide ten rental rooms to generate income to make the loan payments.

Preferential terms that made it possible

Our hope is to acquire the fifth of the five houses in that section, which will no doubt be our last one for many years. When we began this process, it seemed like it would take more like ten years to accomplish, yet here we are with four of the five houses in less than three years. We are maintaining a focus on good stewardship and transparency to our donors. Mostly old, run-down buildings, that collectively presented no obvious value, were in fact a very clear opportunity to the Mission. We had the time and patience to wait on gathering all the pieces together. The houses are not only worth repairing and renting for now, they are a site for future development of our women and children's ministries.

Thank you, Lynn Antis, Executive Director



Office Manager

Roseburg Rescue Mission
Christian Ministry
Bookkeeper
answer phones,
office operations,
work with dept heads,
human resources,
front desk,
experience required.
Full time, salary.
Resume to:
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Caseworker

Women & Children
Samaritan Inn
Christian Ministry
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.

estate planning

leave a legacy of
hope at Roseburg
Rescue Mission.
The impact on
people's lives
can be eternal.