



Roseburg Rescue Mission

Men's Shelter • Samaritan Inn • Mission Stores

A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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Innocently Homeless

Through no circumstance of their own, this brother and sister were homeless. They embraced each other in a show of support. Their mother was close by, being watchful, but stayed out of the picture. Consequences in her life brought them to the Mission, yet she was determined that their condition would only be temporary. Already, she had succeeded in bringing them into the safety and provision of our Samaritan Inn. They were motivated to have a home, along with the work and responsibility to maintain it. That effort would be more than worth the outcome of having the comforts of home.

Effort more than worth the comforts of home

Yet, not every homeless person feels that way. For some, there is an addiction to homelessness, however that happened. There is a lack of motivation, even reasons to not cast blame on them. They cannot maintain a home on their own. At times, it's the advance of age and increase of medical problems that cause them to enter the Mission to get the help they needed all along.

Rental Housing Dilemma

The dilemma is between choosing the uncertainty of renting a room in a house or paying the higher cost of an apartment. Shelia was renting a room in a house for \$500 per month, that was not owner occupied. When the owner decided to sell their investment property, the renters in all three bedrooms had to move out. Most home buyers occupy their houses, and they do not want to deal with evicting renters. It's up to the seller to prepare their real estate for sale.

Housing designed to be a permanent rental

Shelia could afford the room rent on her part-time, minimum wage job. However, finding suitable housing on rather short notice proved impossible. She was not caught completely off guard. She had already applied for subsidized housing, but was still on the waiting list. Even though she remained partially employed, she would be homeless until receiving the housing voucher. Then, she will be able to move into a housing unit that was designed to be a permanent rental. That stability and affordability removes the rental housing dilemma.



In the meantime, Shelia needed emergency shelter. She went to our Samaritan Inn, a place where there is no housing predicament. There are available beds, no costs, and no evictions for those diligently working on independence. Her basic need of room and board was satisfied. Transportation became her next challenge. Her job is in a smaller city outside of Roseburg. It was not a problem, when her rented room in that house was in the

same city. Shelia has a learning disability that has made finding employment difficult and kept her from ever driving a vehicle. She got the job by just walking into a business with a resume in hand. She uses a bus, with limited access between cities, to get to and from work. It's another dilemma between choosing the very long commute for work or enduring the search for another job that meets her needs. Again, the housing voucher will remove this dilemma, when she is able to live and work in the same town.

Choosing long commute for work or enduring search for another job

During the wait for permanent housing, Sheila has the support of Samaritan Inn, that includes encouragement and the strengthening of her faith. As a Christian, she appreciates our chapel messages. As an engaged woman, she said, "I like love stories out of the Bible with the theme of faith. In the Book of Esther story, I can relate to what she's been through. It encourages and builds my faith in God." Her fiancé is physically disabled and has applied for SSI. They will be a household with two limited incomes, but it will be enough to have reliable housing.



Turning Around

"It was a fall from grace, and you never know when you're going to hit bottom," Brian recalled. There was a time when his life was on a successful track. He was married, had two children, a college degree, and a corporate career. But ever increasing pressure caused stress and difficulty focusing. To keep his whole lifestyle intact, Brian wrongly turned to illegal drugs. It was only the beginning of the end. He lost his job. With his focus off of career, he soon discovered something was wrong at home. Their life savings was gone with no explanation from his wife. They divorced, leaving Brian an unemployed, single father with an addiction problem. He had a nervous breakdown. Now a few years later, his kids are grown and gone. His addiction continued, while his medical condition worsened. Eventually, he lived in his car. He was arrested for reckless driving, and his broken-down car impounded. He was released with a dead cellphone, no money, confused, and no place to go. He had hit bottom.

"Before, it was just me against the world."

At the Mission, Brian was not alone anymore, and he began turning around. He plugged in his phone, called family, and reported that he was safe. He had food, clothing, shelter, and most important hope. Brian said, "The Mission put a roof over my head, allowed me to save money to fix my car, provided an anchor. I have friends here, more self-respect. Everyone is very welcoming. There is a support structure. Before, it was just me against the world." Now, he found a part-time job and rents a private room in our Transitional Housing Program. Brian stated, "Mission Chapel provides a strong foundation for morals, mental health, and addiction. There is forgiveness. I am grateful this is where I ended up."

Rescue

"I rescued
the poor who
cried for help"
Job 29:12

vehicle donations

are accepted here.
Receipt for tax
deductions provided.

Mission Bike Shop

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

Mission Stores

Shop our stores to
help homeless men,
women & children.
Stores generated
25% of Mission
income last year.

estate planning

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

Funding Chart 2024

Donated Income	59%
Individuals	51%
Foundations	6%
Churches.....	2%
Earned Income	41%
Mission Stores	25%
Transitional Housing Room Rentals.....	11%
Recycling	2%
Parking Space Rentals	1%
Other	2%
Government	0%
No Funds Requested or Received	

Mission Income

Our overall income was up 10% in 2024 from the year before. Increases were fairly consistent across donated income, that is direct gifts, and earned income, that requires a product or service be given in exchange, with no category varying more than two percent. Diversification of income sources maintains long-term stability. Clearly, our primary funding remained with individual donors that support this ministry to the homeless in our community, yet comprised a balance of just half the revenue. We are not overly dependent on any single source. Foundations and churches rounded out donated income. Earned income was largely generated from Mission Store sales, while Transitional Housing room rentals provided a significant contribution. Recycling, parking space rentals, and other income completed earned income. Government grants were not requested or received, because that would keep us from our primary purpose of being an evangelistic outreach to the homeless.

Diversification maintains long-term stability

Roseburg Rescue Mission is incorporated with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporations Act and registered under the US tax code section 501(c)3, so all donations are tax-exempt. Nonprofit organizations do not pay tax on donated or earned income, nor pay property tax. The government provides this benefit because donor monies have already been taxed and nonprofits offer a wealth of services. We provide receipts for all financial and in kind (product) donations that can be used by individuals and companies as tax deductions. That is a significant incentive for people to make contributions, and our tax exemption provides the Mission more money to benefit those in need. All donations stay within our community, and our Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers that live locally. Thank you for being a part of this rescue operation for the homeless.

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 & Syrup
Ground Coffee
Bottles of Water
Twin Size Sheets
Bath Towels
Diapers #5, #6
Warm Quilts

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.