



Roseburg Rescue Mission

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A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless

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A New Life

This mother wisely used her time, waiting for subsidized housing, to prepare for a new life. She took an 11-week course at UCC and received a Certificate to be a Phlebotomist, a medical professional trained to perform blood draws. It's an entry level position into the healthcare field that will provide the career and income to care for herself and her daughter. Two weeks after graduating, they moved out of Samaritan Inn to permanent housing.

Easter is celebrating the resurrected life of Jesus, that we too can have new, everlasting life with Him. This Gospel message is shared in our Chapel time as a greater hope than any social service we provide. The Mission is a place for the homeless to leave their old selves and ways behind. There is freedom from the past and a brighter future ahead. Opportunity exists to develop a new life now, and accept one for eternity.

Happy Easter

Transitional Housing

Ann is in our Transitional Housing Program on the Samaritan Inn expanding campus. In the photo, she is sitting in her favorite chair in the living room of one of the houses. She said, "I love it. I'm with women that I know. It's quiet. I can use the microwave when I want, and choose what I want to eat, and still come over to eat in the (main campus) dining room. I have my own room. I like my space. We have a bath tub, and the hot water helps my back pain. I can watch TV. I have a sense of hope. This is my place, I belong here. There is safety and people here to help. And I love to hear the Word in chapel, it lifts my spirits and brings me joy."

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Before going to our shelter, Ann was living on the streets in a tent. She had been addicted to illicit drugs for a few years to deal with pain. She said, "Somebody put Fentanyl in my speed. Then I got cravings and panic attacks. They do it, so they can sell more Fentanyl. But now, I will be drug free for one year. She became afraid of violence and abuse of women in campsites. Ann said, "It's horrible." Along with her disabling osteoarthritis, she was done sleeping on the ground. Her SSI easily allows her to afford to rent a room in our Transitional Housing Program.



Samaritan Inn Expanding Campus

Here is a view that puts the four recently purchased properties into perspective on the Samaritan Inn expanding campus. In the foreground on the left is the first house, and on the right is a remodeled doctor's office. These two buildings have already been remodeled, and they are being rented to six women in our Transitional Housing Program. The other two houses are in the center, one is a two-story brown house, the other is a light blue one almost concealed behind it. When the remodeling and painting of them is complete, four more homeless women can rent rooms in this same new program. The large buildings in the background on the left are on our main campus for homeless women and children. Out of sight in the back to the right is the one remaining house, that we still hope to buy.

Samaritan Inn now has nearly two acres, buildings totaling 19,000 square feet, 114 beds, and a commercial kitchen. There are Emergency Shelter beds in a dormitory for women, private rooms for mothers with children, separate living quarters for Program, and now four added buildings with 10 rental rooms for our Transitional Housing Program.

There is a waiting list for women to join our Transitional Housing Program.

Women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population in Missions, both nationally and locally. The possibilities for adding needed ministry services are great. Right now, there is a waiting list for women to join our Transitional Housing Program as their best option for safety, accountability, and low cost. It's an opportunity to improve rental history, credit score, and savings. There is still full access to the main campus for all social services and staff. In each house, renters share the kitchenette, dining room, living room, restroom and shower, but their bedroom is their own private space. It's a time to develop confidence and life skills, that has proven to significantly reduce the failure rate of moving directly to independent housing, then having to return to the shelter.

This is a very viable method of providing a needed housing program for the homeless. Our client's rent money covers the loan payments; however, it does not pay for operating expenses, remodeling, nor purchasing the properties. We have no dependence on government nor foundation grants. You are making it happen.

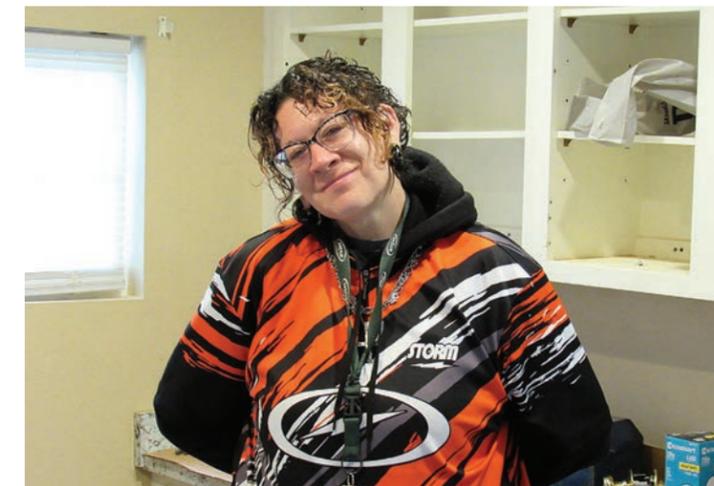
On The Waiting List

Darlene is staying on the main campus of Samaritan Inn, waiting for a newly purchased Transitional Housing Program house to be remodeled. She is pictured in the kitchen, where cabinet doors still need to be painted and hung. Permits still need to be approved. She said, "It's a step up to independence, more comfortable, the home feel, leading toward self-sufficiency. I have heard good things, quiet, peaceful, sense of responsibility to be on your own, convenience of being right next door. You can always go there to be with friends. You feel like you've accomplished something." Darlene is currently a cook on our Program. She said, "It gives me the opportunity to work on my communication skills and handle my patience better." She loves chapel, because she has learned new things like, courage, strength, sacrifice, love for others and for our Father.

"Leading toward self-sufficiency"

A mental health disability, stemming from childhood trauma, has shaped Darlene's life. She has trouble concentrating, been introverted, and felt isolated. She said that here, "Over time, I have let the walls down to welcome people into my world. I have grown to accept all the women here as sisters in a family." She receives a monthly disability check. Regarding the rent amount of our housing program, she said, "The price is just right compared to out in the community."

There is no waiting list at Samaritan Inn for Emergency Shelter, Program, or Mothers with Children.





Technology Changed Employment

When a local mill shut down an out-of-date operation, Jess was out of work. It would have taken too long for him to wait for them to rebuild. While collecting unemployment benefits, he looked for another job and place to live. He had been renting a room for \$600 per month in a family member's home in a mutually beneficial arrangement. But it was time to move on from there. He had a new job and roommate lined up. When they both fell through, he went to the Mission. In striving to regain his independence, he worked temporary jobs and day labor. Jess re-roofed buildings, worked for a landscape contractor and a moving company. Then in a rather ironic way, he got a job with the independent contractor building the mill that will replace the one he was laid off from. The new technologically more efficient plant will require fewer employees, keeping the possibility of regaining a permanent job there in question.

Mission bridged the employment gap

The Mission bridged the employment gap by providing housing and other essentials of life. Now, Jess is on our Men's Transitional Housing Program waiting list. He will then move from our Emergency Shelter dormitory into a rented room in one of our two Single Room Occupancy hotels. He has not needed the third option of our Program, because he is employment ready.

There was a greater gap in Jess' life to fill. He grew up going to church, even without his parents. He appreciates our staff and volunteers that present Mission chapel messages every evening.

He said, "I am learning, inspired, encouraged. The Bible is making more sense to me now." We are addressing the needs of his whole person, physical and spiritual, by teaching the Truth of God's Word.



Lynn Antis, Executive Director

Easter menu

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| Turkeys | Hams |
| Stuffing | Potatoes |
| Yams | Gravy Mix |
| Pies | Rolls |
| Pineapple Glaze | |
| Cranberry Sauce | |
| Mixed Vegetables | |

Homemade pies and cookies can not have milk products in them. Pumpkin pies, cream pies, cream cheese have to be made in a commercially licensed kitchen.

Easter bags

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| Socks | Razors |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste |
| Deodorant | Body Wash |
| Shaving Cream | |
| Brushes | Combs |
| Wrapped Easter Candy | |

Easter eggs

Eggs have to be from a recognized grocery store. Producers must have an egg handlers license. Eggs cannot be boiled in a non-commercial kitchen.

