

Message from Jennifer

For the last 3 months, we tallied all of our residents, but didnt include those that called. The results are staggering compared to our survey from 3 years ago. Each category except Social Security, has increased by 10 – 34 %. Here are the new totals:

SSI income = 33% Out-of-Staters = 43% Mental Health = 50% Daily/Wkly Drug Use = 50%

Isn't it time we stand together and "be of one mind" concerning the homeless. Look at these statistics: For 30 days we counted 19 people who checked out: either right after the rules were read during check-in, right in the middle of dinner clean-up, or within 1-2 days of checking in. Those that stayed, were willing to work for a better life, a life of self-sufficiency.

Here is a sampling of our rules that we read to each person during check-in:

1. You're required to find a job..... or housing, Mon-Fri searches.
2. You're required to work for the Mission for 1 hour Mon-Fri --- unless you have a full time job. (This is a nice incentive).
3. You're required to help with meal clean ups, complete assigned tasks, and attend evaluations.
4. If you do not complete these tasks for the day, you will not be given a bed for that night.

We ask again for your gifts of financial support, as we continue to work with all our heart. We work towards being a source of encouragement & truth to all who come to us, in hopes that they would have a change of heart, and at last "choose" the better path in life.

Share with us how would you help those 19 people that left?



Your Dollars at Work

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Meet Fred. He grew up in a small desert town in California and moved to Eugene 1 ½ years ago to be with his 19 year old son. One day, while working as a roofer, his extension ladder broke and he fell 18 feet onto the concrete below. He suffered multiple injuries and said he should have been dead, but "Jesus saved my life".

Jobless and on workman's comp, he thought a road trip would lift his spirit, so he took off with a friend. A disagreement between them brought out his friend's true colors --- his friend took the car with Fred's belongings still in it, and left. Since Fred had been to Coos Bay before and knew of us, he walked here from Bandon.

He's still waiting to have surgery to fix some nerve damage in one hand, but it seems that nothing slows him down. He found a job quickly, and is working at the gas pumps at Fred Meyers. Stop by and say hello.

Fred tells me the Lord put him here, and he's happy with that. And, because we've been able to provide him with all the essentials, he's been able to save his income. He's so responsible & trustworthy that we asked if he would volunteer to help us supervise the residents for a couple daytime activities watch the Mission at night.

I asked Fred if there was anything he wanted --- he said a Bible (NIV).

If you'd like to help, please let me know.



Dilly-Dally.....

It finally happened.....the bats in my belfry went cuckoo - cuckoo and flew away. Thanks for helping to make Thanksgiving a success. Everyone left happy, and only slightly grimacing from a full tummy. No time to dilly miss Dally, its Christmas.

Christmas Dinner



When: Christmas Day, from 1–3:00 pm, dine in only
Where: 1999 N. 7th St, Coos Bay, 541-269-5017
Santa is handing out gifts + live entertainment



.... Our stocking is hung by the chimney with Care..... in hopes that St. Nicholas soon will be Here!

Gift Needs For the less fortunate..... Please wrap presents, or put in a gift bag. Make a note on the package --- gender & size. Example: boy age 2-6 coat, or man XL shirt, or woman size 6-8 slippers. *Thank you – this really helps.*

Gift Ideas Umbrellas, rain ponchos, deodorant, sweaters, socks, bus tickets, hats & scarves, hair brushes, books for kids. Not needed: food or candy.

Food Needs 14 spiral cut hams, 49 lbs can yams, 36 lbs frozen broccoli flowers, 36 lbs frozen tater tots, 50 cups shredded cheddar, cakes, pies, cookies, margarine tubs.....
(Also, throw in a liver roast for me.... yeah right! How would you even wrap it.... Just kidding, liver = Ewww)

Volunteers Help cook 1 of our Christmas menu items before Christmas.
Decorate, cook, or serve on Christmas. Help with music or playing Santa or an Elf.



**May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace
as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow
with Hope.... Romans 15:13**

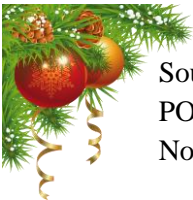


Stacy & I wish you a very Merry Christmas, filled with His Love.
We are so blessed by You. Thank you for helping us with this work.

In His Service,

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