



# Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

August 2021



## RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE DONATIONS INCREASE

by Joe McDevitt

In February's newsletter, we reported how **Mary Ellen Reese** of Oceanside used her \$600 stimulus check to make a donation to Brother Benno's rental and utility assistance program, which helps families and individuals who are having trouble making payments. Mary Ellen said she encouraged others through a message on "Next Door" to consider using their stimulus checks to make donations for rental and utility assistance as well.

We are pleased to report that support for our rental and utility assistance program continues to increase through the kind efforts of donors such as Mary Ellen, as well as grants from other charitable organizations and local governments. Since February, individual contributions of \$12,700 have been received specifically for this program. Further, Brother Benno's has been fortunate to receive grants this fiscal year in the total amount of \$76,000 from other charitable organizations and city governments.

This fiscal year, we have issued \$170,000 in rental and utility assistance to unemployed and low-income families and individuals in North San Diego County. The \$170,000 breaks down to \$61,000 issued to recipients in Vista, \$55,000 in Oceanside, \$14,000 in Carlsbad, and \$45,000 in other North County locations. A total of 321 households, consisting of 722 household members, received this support; 32 households with 104 members were provided with temporary housing. These families and individuals—many of whom suffered financially due to COVID-19—are grateful for this much needed support.

We are particularly fortunate to have **Mary Holguin** run our rental and utility

assistance program. Mary has volunteered her services on almost a full-time basis for the past 20 years, always being available to those in need. **Dennis Pinnick**, active with Brother Benno's since 2010, leads our team of case workers who volunteer their time to work directly with persons in need of temporary housing.

We are grateful for the many individual contributors and other charitable organizations and government offices who help us assist families and individuals at risk of homelessness or those who cannot pay their rent and/or utility bills. The burden they feel degrades and strains family life. The support we are able to offer renews hope to these people who are struggling to move out of poverty.

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## UPDATE ON GOLF FUNDRAISER

Brother Benno's "Pay It Forward" Charity Golf Fundraising activities are in full swing, and we are happy to report that several Auxiliary members have reached out to their network to generate sponsors or donations to our largest fundraiser of the year.

These next few months will be critical for us to keep spreading the word to help us exceed our fundraising goal and to make local civilian golfers aware of the opportunity to golf on Camp Pendleton's award-winning golf course.

Use the form on page 3 to download and mail in your donation, to share with your network, or just visit [brotherbenno.org/golf-2021](http://brotherbenno.org/golf-2021) to sponsor or donate online. We thank you all for helping us make this fundraiser a success.

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## SPOTLIGHT: MEET DANIEL AND ALMA BOONE

by Frank Doherty

Both **Daniel** and **Alma** have been volunteers at Brother Benno's for more than 25 years, providing care in so many ways. They were introduced to the Foundation by **Abbott Claude Ehringer** at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, who was Abbot from 1983 to 1994. (**Brother Benno Garrity** was also a monk at the Abbey.) The Boones decided to become involved because of their love for the poor.



Daniel was a member of the Foundation's Board for many years, and as such, was a liaison between the Board and the Brother Benno Auxiliary. Alma worked in the Kitchen preparing lunches, and she's been a member of the Auxiliary for many years. She also worked at other jobs at the Center and the Brother Benno Thrift Shop.

Daniel started his service as a truck driver, picking up donations from grocery stores. Later, he was asked to help in the Intake Office and then the Accounting Office, where he was the lead accountant for many years. This group provides accounting information to the Board, which oversees the financial health of the Foundation.

Daniel and Alma have been married for 69 years. They met on a flight to Mexico City when Daniel was in the Army. They began a long-distance relationship by mail and eventually married in Georgia, where they lived for a year before moving to Anaheim, California. In Anaheim, they

had their first experience of serving the homeless. When they moved to Oceanside, it seemed inevitable that they would continue that service when they met Abbot Claude.

Daniel is inactive at Brother Benno's now, although he is the Honorary Treasurer of the Board.

Reflecting on their experiences of all these years, Daniel and Alma feel that Brother Benno's has been the best experience for them. They value being part of the Brother Benno Family of wonderful people and friends. Their lives are a testament to doing what they have been guided to do with open hearts and plenty of hard work.

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### Part-time Volunteer Needed in Accounting

Brother Benno's is looking for a new volunteer for 10-15 hours a week to help in the Accounting Office. We are looking for someone with experience in Accounts Payable, Cash Receipts, QuickBooks Desktop and MS Excel. If you are interested in joining our accounting team, please contact **DinaMarie Ahee** (951) 837-7470 or [brother.bennos123@gmail.com](mailto:brother.bennos123@gmail.com).

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**Information & Online donations:** [brotherbenno.org](http://brotherbenno.org)

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 [Facebook.com/BrotherBennos](https://www.facebook.com/BrotherBennos)

Please consider contributing to the Brother Benno Foundation by way of your Will, Living Trust, Designated Beneficiary Account, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, or Real Estate. For more information, contact Jim Napier, (760) 802-6884 or [jim.napier@cox.net](mailto:jim.napier@cox.net).

**Brother Benno Auxiliary's Sponsorship, Branding & Donation Form**  
 "Pay it Forward" Charity Golf Fundraiser at Camp Pendleton's Marine Memorial Golf Club  
 Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Submit your information online at [brotherbenno.org/golf-2021](http://brotherbenno.org/golf-2021) or mail this form by September 27th, 2021.

Name/Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS			AMOUNT
<b>TITLE</b>	Sponsor four (4) active-duty Military members or create your own foursome from a combination of sponsored military and civilian golfers.	\$5,000	
<b>MASTERS</b>	Sponsor three (3) active-duty Military members or create your own threesome from a combination of sponsored military and civilian golfers.	\$3,000	
<b>CHAMPION</b>	Sponsor two (2) active-duty Military members or create your own twosome from a combination of sponsored military and civilian golfers.	\$1,000	
<b>WARRIOR</b>	Sponsor one (1) active-duty Military member or civilian golfer.	\$ 500	
<b>CADDY</b>	Sponsor one (1) active-duty Military member for a day of golf.	\$ 150	
GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIPS			
<b>GOLF TOWELS</b>	Golf towels with your Company Logo and information; golf towels will be provided to all participating golfers at check in	\$1,500	
<b>GOLFERS' LUNCH</b>	Golfers' lunch tickets branded with your Company logo and information.	\$1,000	
<b>GOLFERS' BREAKFAST</b>	Golfers' breakfast venue will include your Company Logo and information. Breakfast is provided to all participating golfers at check-in.	\$ 750	
DONATIONS			
Enter your desired donation. Donors will be recognized on the Golf 2021 website and at the event.			\$
<b>TOTAL Sponsorship, Branding, and/or Donation</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Title, Masters, Champion & Warrior only:** \_\_\_\_\_ Check if plan to golf # of civilian golfers: \_\_\_\_\_

All civilian and golfers receive breakfast, golf cart, driving range, golf towel, lunch and hat.

**\*Civilian golfers will receive an email requesting names and driver's license numbers.**

For questions, contact Amy Selich at [amy@selich.com](mailto:amy@selich.com).

**Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible: Brother Benno Foundation IRS Tax ID: 33-0051575**

**CHARGE:**            Amex            Mastercard            Visa            Discover

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS:** Make payable to *Brother Benno's Auxiliary* – please enter check number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail donations and/or checks **by September 27th, 2021** to:

**Brother Benno's Auxiliary/Golf**  
**P.O. Box 334 • San Luis Rey, CA • 92068-0334**

### AUXILIARY NEWS

by Joyce Cerimele

Our Board is excited about getting back together for in-person meetings! The meeting on August 28 (as are all meetings) begins at 1 p.m. social time, meeting at 1:30. We are asking those who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask; those vaccinated may do as they feel comfortable. At this meeting, we will be holding a free raffle for all attending members who stay to the end of the meeting. Prizes will be \$25 gift certificates to either the Red Robin or the Cheesecake Factory.

We are planning a social event for members in December for lunch at a restaurant to be determined.

Once again, we hope you are all staying safe, and we will meet those of you who are not yet members in the near future at one of our regular monthly meetings. Be well.

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#### Your donation enables us to do all the wonderful things we do

My enclosed tax-deductible gift is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(make payable to: Brother Benno Foundation)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a card to:

(name) \_\_\_\_\_

(address) \_\_\_\_\_

For a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Send a card to: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

(address) \_\_\_\_\_

**The Brother Benno Foundation**  
PO Box 308  
Oceanside CA 92049

Or, donate online at <http://brotherbenno.org>

### NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Hello Everyone,

I am **Renee Stepp**, the new Volunteer Coordinator for Brother Benno's. I am replacing the heroic efforts of **Barbara Driscoll** in hopes of becoming a proficient and caring coordinator.

As part of the Brother Benno Auxiliary and serving on their Board for two years, I thought I had a fairly good idea of the resources Brother Benno's offers to the community, but that wasn't true. Even after serving on Thelma's Breakfast Club (serving team), I still had no idea.

Last Saturday I came to the Center for volunteer orientation. The activity surrounding the Center was eye-opening. The tour really enlightened me as to how important and impactful the Center is for the community. I was impressed to witness the operation with the assistance of mostly volunteers.

If you're interested in contributing to the success of Brother Benno's, please contact us at [volunteersatbb@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersatbb@gmail.com) or 760-231-1613. I promise to learn, listen, and offer a helping hand to help our operation run smoothly.

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#### Brother Benno Foundation Recovery Program for Men and Women

760 439 1244 ext. 101

Changing people's lives through the 12 Steps  
of Alcoholics Anonymous.

#### Soup...Soap...Hugs...Hope:

#### The Story of Brother Benno's Life-Changing Soup Kitchen

This book is offered as a gift to donors who contribute whatever their budget allows...The important thing... is that you have one...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



### Memorials

Ron Alexander	Bob Gleason	Jane Pfau	Fred Williamson
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Jim Coffin
Frank Barnet	Tom & Louise	Alan Port	Joe Stephens
Brother Benno	Hayward	Mary Pullman	Walter Stendahl
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Catherine L. Quinlan	Bill Daley
Andrea Boersma	John Jarvie	Dora Ramirez	Carreen Golden
Roland Bond	Dorothy and Walter	Dick & Terry Riley	Andrew & Jan
Bill Boster	Jellig	Margaret Rossini	Yandura
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Ruth Johnson
Bill Buckner	Ben Kouns	Nick Sauer	Timothy Diem
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Richard Kurtz	Mary Shankle	H. Edward Smith
Anna Correia	Carole Kutler	Naomi Shelton	Family
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Harold & Kay Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Ron Beckman
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Milton Silver	Virginia VanderMel
Frank S. Dolley	Ben E. Lewis	Will Skinner	Rose Horner
Anita H. Donahue	Helen Lucas	Ann Grier Smith	Sophie
Dorothy M. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Alva & Frances	Toni Keane
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Helene McGill	Snider	Peggy & Beverly
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Monty, Natalie, &	Squirrell Family	Miville
Fr. Abbot Claude	Michael Nares	Mike Stendahl	Jeanne St. Amant
Ehringer, OSB	Zeferino & Dancy	Margaret Stephan	Frank Beeson
Myron Eichen	Nares	Virginia Sylwestrzak	John, Helen,
Richard Farhquar	Mary Nordstrom	Harold Thompson	Matthew Hagar
William & Vennita	Nysewander Family	Carol & Herb	Ruth Johnson
Flanagan	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Thornberg	
Louise Foussat	Ben Osgrove	Rosemary Tucker	
Joe & Ida Friend	Kathryn D. Pent	Walter Ulloa	
Mary Gerrity	Mary Peterson	June Williams	

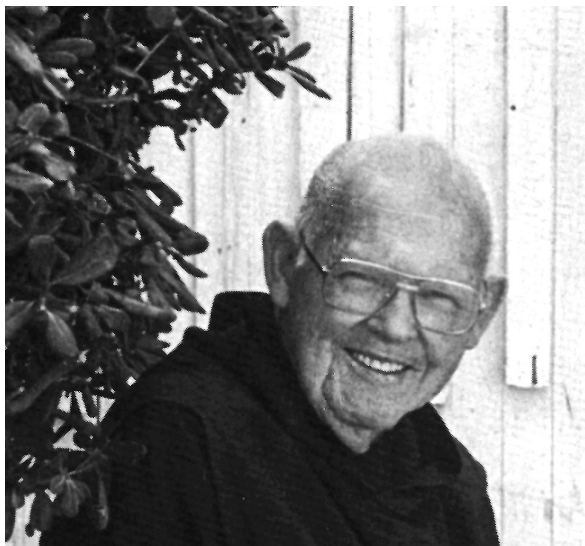
### Needs

Gently used furniture                      Blankets                      Diapers, especially sizes 3 through 6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 2021 Monthly Serving Team Schedule</b>	<b>2</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #1	<b>3</b> St. John The Evangelist	<b>4</b> Brother Benno Auxiliary	<b>5</b> Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	<b>6</b> San Luis Rey Mission	<b>7</b> Open
	<b>9</b> North Coast Methodist	<b>10</b> Riverview Church	<b>11</b> Rotary Club of Carlsbad	<b>12</b> Open	<b>13</b> St. Patrick's	<b>14</b> Open
	<b>16</b> Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	<b>17</b> Christ the King Lutheran	<b>18</b> Brother Benno Auxiliary	<b>19</b> San Luis Rey Franciscans	<b>20</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #2	<b>21</b> Open
	<b>23</b> Servers R Us	<b>24</b> Rotary Club of Vista	<b>25</b> San Luis Rey Methodist	<b>26</b> Open	<b>27</b> Sonrise Christian Fellowship	<b>28</b> Open
	<b>30</b> Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	<b>31</b> Open				

**Brother Benno Foundation, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 308, Oceanside, CA 92049**

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**Brother Benno's Thrift Shop**

(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)

**Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture**

**Store Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10-5; Donation Hours Tuesday-Friday 10-4, Saturdays 10-2**

**We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call 760-967-7507 for free pick up**

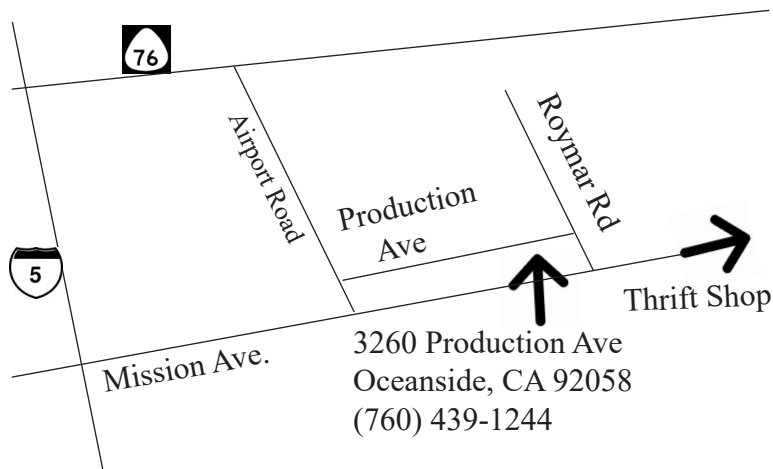
**Stop by to check out our Daily Specials!!**

**3955 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505**

**Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible donation to the Brother Benno Foundation. If you are viewing this online you can donate by going to [brotherbenno.org](http://brotherbenno.org) and click on Donations. This will allow you to make a secure donation using PayPal or a Credit Card.**

Your donation is used each month at our main center and eight operational houses to provide: meals, clothing, personal hygiene items, blankets, showers, laundry facilities, bus vouchers, nights of lodging, medical and mental health referrals, prescriptions, ID replacement, mail services, Social Security, and veterans' issues, food packs, men and women's drug and alcohol recovery program, rent and utility assistance when funds are available. We thank you for your continued support. 100% of your contribution goes directly to assist those we serve. Our modest administration costs are paid for by our Thrift Store revenues.

[www.brotherbenno.org](http://www.brotherbenno.org)



**Brother Benno's Services:**

	June 2021	Our 37th Year		June 2021	Our 37th Year
Meals	7,102	4,630,813	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	832	329,420	Food packs	400	361,038
Articles of clothing	3,074	1,446,663	Blankets	104	49,691
Showers	0	271,036	Tarps	26	6,441
Haircuts	23	22,885	ID Vouchers	35	10,185
Bus passes	86	86,520	HUGS	0	1,011,244