Meet Volunteer of the Month: Ron Guy

If you ever stop by the Brother Benno Center on a Tuesday or a Thursday, you will be met and greeted by our volunteer, Ron Guy. Ron, who has volunteered since 2012, is cheerful and sociable. Ron is a Renaissance man, well-versed in many subjects. He is smart, inquisitive and loves to read. Ron can often be seen having very interesting conversations about history, art, music, politics, astrology among other topics with anyone who takes the time to get to know him. He also has a great sense of humor.

Ron’s life experiences give him a special insight into our guests’ lives and needs. Nobody would guess that Ron is a senior citizen and unsheltered (homeless). Ron’s positivity and outgoing personality have given him a family of friends and supporters at Brother Benno. He is admired and respected by his Brother Benno’s family. It is not unusual to see Ron receive a special delivery of newspapers that a friend brings so he can enjoy reading them at leisure. Frequently, Ron receives care packages of his favorite dish that a friend cooks for him. Ron’s commitment to help others is obvious when he interacts with our BB guests.

A fellow volunteer, Daniele Taylor describes him, “Ron remained faithfully serving during the entire time since COVID began, despite being a senior and a higher risk person. He is an outstanding example of conscientious, responsible citizenship in our community which could outshine even those who are blessed to have housing.”

Ron Guy is one of a kind. He is an amazing volunteer who makes a difference in the lives of our guests. Ron has chosen to make lemonade when life has given him lemons. These are a few of the reasons why his colleagues nominated him as Volunteer of the Month at Brother Benno Center.

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Who will be the next Volunteer of the Month?

Do you know an outstanding volunteer at Brother Benno’s? Please let us know by emailing volunteers@brotherbenno.org or calling and leaving a message at (760) 231-1613. We would like to honor them for the service they provide at The Brother Benno Thrift Shop or at the Center.

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” – Gandhi
Our expansion of Guest Outreach Services over the last two years has embraced lasting partnerships and relationships!

The purpose of Outreach is to reach people who might not otherwise seek assistance to ensure their basic needs are met while supporting them toward housing stability and other supportive care that gives them hope and encourages them to continue to improve themselves.

The expansion of outreach services is a direct result of the use of a “Hub Center”, composed of dedicated office space at our Oceanside facility, for Brother Benno’s outreach team to combine efforts with partners from government agencies and other non-profit organizations. The following community resource organizations work together with our staff and volunteers here at the Outreach Hub:

- County Mental Health Services
- County Social Workers
- County Eligibility Workers
- Interfaith Community Services
- Oceanside Police Homeless Outreach Team
- North Coastal Mental Health Center (MHS)
- TrueCare Mobile Health Clinic (weekly visits providing medical and dental health care services).
- The Community Resource Center provides outside assistance.

We are fortunate to partner with these organizations, who, together with Brother Benno’s Guest Outreach family, create the environment for our guests’ needs to be served comprehensively and compassionately. This partnership has led to increased and improved outreach services to homeless persons and extremely low-income households.

In addition to providing rental & utility assistance, motel vouchers, gas vouchers, assistance in obtaining birth certificates and California identification documents, the Hub Center is a place where we help our guests to move toward stable and longer-term solutions to homelessness, mental health care and substance abuse recovery.

Douglas Milovicz, Community Outreach Senior Caseworker at Brother Benno’s for over three years, commented: “We don’t always understand, but we try to be understanding. We help our guests with empathy and compassion. We look through the homelessness and see God. They aren’t just clients and guests; they are fellow human beings in desperate need of love. That’s the message I got when I first came to Brother Benno’s and met Harold (Kutler), and I am dedicated to paying it forward. It’s gratitude to share the grace of God with the world.”

Questions About Recurring Donations?

The accounting department is available to assist those who are interested in updating their previous recurring donation from the former online platform to our new payment processor. Please call 760-231-1689 or email accounting@brotherbenno.org. Also, if you are interested in learning more about establishing a recurring (monthly) donation, please reach out to our accounting department or go to our website. Thank you!

Thank You For Your 2022 Donation to Brother Benno’s!

Check your mail! The 2022 charitable donor acknowledgment letters (for those who have donated $250 or more annually) will be sent by January 31, 2023. Please contact the accounting department to update address changes at 760-231-1689 or accounting@brotherbenno.org.

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.
Giving-Back On Valentines Day

Why not include some giving-back into your gift-giving this Valentine’s Day? Honoring someone special or remembering a loved with a donation on Valentine’s Day can be a unique celebration of your love and affection. (And it’s a great way to share your love for those in need as well!)

We’ll send the e-card.
https://brotherbenno.org/donate-funds/

Our Homeless Nation

by Board Member Michael Moskowitz

Homeless people everywhere.
Endless seas of deep despair.
Solutions nowhere to be found for people living on the ground.

Mental illness on the street.
People lying at your feet.
Drug addiction plain in sight gives us all an awful fright.

Causes are so complicated.
Helping hands are inundated.
All affected keep on rising,
Government is analyzing.

Help appears in many places,
Comfort for some worn out faces.
Housing vouchers, meals and more,
Daily rescues by the score.

What can average people do to help these lost souls start anew? Volunteer or a donation?
Reach out to our homeless nation.

Get on the List! - 2023 Planning Underway

Our Golf Tournament Committee has already started planning for this year’s fall tournament. Though committee members have been mum on the details of our 2023 tournament, they’ve confirmed military member sponsorships will continue to be a component of the tournament.

Individuals and organizations interested in underwriting and sponsorship opportunities, golfers interested in participating in the tournament, and anyone wanting to receive announcements about the tournament should “get on the list” for email information and updates. (Last fall’s wildly successful tournament sold out well before the deadline.) To “get on the list” send an email to golf23@brotherbenno.org.

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Residents at Carlsbad By The Sea Retirement Community (CBTS) donated nine space heaters to Brother Benno’s in December after being advised that they didn’t need to use them, since each apartment already has adequate heating. Midge Pierce, a long-time resident, made the arrangements at CBTS to collect the heaters and have them picked up by B.B.’s

Monica Reyes, Food Rescue Manager at Brother Benno’s, reported that most of the heaters were given to low-income Guests. “We get to know some of our families on an intimate level,” she said, “and this encourages them to ask if we have something or other when they have a need for it.” Two heaters are also being used in two of the offices at the Center.

Monica explained what “food rescue” means, and how it is enhanced by donations from CBTS. Prepared foods not ordered by the diners are put into gallon freezer bags, and once a week, residents Penny and Steve Held deliver the bags to the Brother Benno Center. The meals are then delivered to seniors who are not able to prepare their own meals. “Most of them are disabled,” she said, “and almost all are extremely low income.” Monica was very appreciative in her comments about her connection with CBTS. She said everyone is so friendly, and it’s a joy to interact with them.

(Barbara and Bob Ladwig moved to Carlsbad By The Sea in July 2022).
Memorials

Ron Alexander
Dixie & Lou Bales
Frank Barnet
Brother Benno
Edith Blaiser
Andrea Boersma
Roland Bond
Bill Boster
Agnus & Joan Boyd
Bill Buckner
Deacon Art & Mary Carr
Anna Correia
Don & Dorothea Daybell
Phyllis H. Dierlam
Frank S. Dolley
Anita H. Donahue
Dorothy M. Donahue
Fr. Luke Dougherty
Roseanne Dreibelbis
Fr. Abbot Claude
Ehringer, OSB
Myron Eichen
Richard Farquar
William & Vennita
Flanagan
Louise Foussat
Joe & Ida Friend
Mary Gerrity
Bob Gleason
Chance Hales
Tom & Louise
Hayward
Elizabeth Holms
John Jarvie
Dorothy and Walter
Jellig
Alice Jordan
Ben Kouns
Richard Kurtz
Harold & Kay Kutler
Bill & Louise Lakoff
Ben & Ozzelle Lewis
Helen Lucas
Bill & Joan Maloney
Helene McGill
Peggy & Beverly Mivielle
Mary Nordstrom
Nysewander Family
Bud & Blanche Ogle
Ben Osgrove
Kathryn D. Pent
Mary Peterson
Jane Pfau
Ruth Hazel Pierson
Alan Port
Mary Pullman
Catherine L. Quinlan
Dora Ramirez
Dick & Terry Riley
Margaret Rossini
Ann Sauer
Nick Sauer
Mary Shankle
Naomi Shelton
Bernice, Samuel &
Milton Silver
Will Skinner
Ann Grier Smith
Alva & Frances
Squirrel Family
Mike Stendahl
Margaret Stephan
Virginia Sylwestrzak
Harold Thompson
Carol & Herb
Thornberg
Rosemary Tucker
Walter Ulloa
June Williams
Fred Williamson
Andrew & Jane
Yandura
Dr. Michael
McCarthy
Pete Saraceno
Andy & Ron Zuther
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Michael McCarthy
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Michael McCarthy MD
Barbara La Mothe
Peter Dickensham
Albert Manuel Jr.
Timothy Diem
Charlotte D. Baker
Steve Reid
David Easterbrooks
Frank Beeson
Ted Matter
Robert E. Dodd Jr.
Joann Grady

In Honor of
Jan Roberts
Emily Mead
Sam Ferraro
Peter Ring
Christina Guevara

Gently used furniture
Diapers size sizes 4, 5 & 6
Men’s 2x and 3x t-shirts
Travel-size shampoo & body wash
Blankets
Adult Unisex Diapers
Baby wipes
Bottled waters, sodas, & juices
Women’s underwear, sizes 4 & 5
Travel-size toothpaste & deodorant

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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 and click on “Ways You Can Help”. We’ve expanded your donation options to include bank transfers, Venmo, Apple Pay, and Google Pay in addition to PayPal. You can scan this QR code to make an online donation too.

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

Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop
(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)
Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture
Store Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10-5; Donation Hours Tues or Thurs 10-2, Saturdays 10-Noon
Stop by to check out our Daily Specials!!
3955 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505

Your donation is used each month at our main center and seven recovery and sober living 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.

Please Note Our Mailing address:
The Brother Benno Foundation
Post Office Box 308
Oceanside, CA 92049-0308

If you wish to drop off donations or deliver donations in person, our physical address is:
3260 Production Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92058

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