



# Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

February 2023



## 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](mailto: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*

## A Volunteer's Perspective on Outreach

By Kelley Jhung, Volunteer Caseworker

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."

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### 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](mailto: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!

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### 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.  
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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:golf23@brotherbenno.org).

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# LOCAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY HELPS BROTHER BENNO'S

by Barbara Ladwig

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).*

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

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

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### Memorials

Ron Alexander	Hayward	Catherine L. Quinlan	Pete Saraceno
Dixie & Lou Bales	Elizabeth Holms	Dora Ramirez	Michael McCarthy
Frank Barnet	John Jarvie	Dick & Terry Riley	Suzanne Gordon
Brother Benno	Dorothy and Walter	Margaret Rossini	Annie E. Carter
Edith Blaiser	Jellig	Ann Sauer	Dale E Goodwin
Andrea Boersma	Alice Jordan	Nick Sauer	Bill Stone
Roland Bond	Ben Kouns	Mary Shankle	Michael Chapa
Bill Boster	Richard Kurtz	Naomi Shelton	Kevin Marks
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Carole Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Jane Alice Trayer
Bill Buckner	Harold & Kay Kutler	Milton Silver	John & Doris Witschger
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Will Skinner	Spence O'Bryon
Anna Correia	Ben & Ozelle Lewis	Ann Grier Smith	Michael McCarthy MD
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Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Joan Maloney	Snider	Peter Dickersham
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Anita H. Donahue	Peggy & Beverly Mi-	Mike Stendahl	Timothy Diem
Dorothy M. Donahue	ville	Margaret Stephan	Charlotte D. Baker
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Monty, Natalie, &	Virginia Sylwestrzak	Steve Reid
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Michael Nares	Harold Thompson	David Easterbrooks
Fr. Abbot Claude	Zeferino & Dancy	Carol & Herb	Frank Beeson
Ehringer, OSB	Nares	Thornberg	Ted Matter
Myron Eichen	Mary Nordstrom	Rosemary Tucker	Robert E. Dodd Jr.
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William & Vennita	Bud & Blanche Ogle	June Williams	
Flanagan	Ben Osgrove	Fred Williamson	<b>In Honor of</b>
Louise Foussat	Kathryn D. Pent	Andrew & Jane	Jan Roberts
Joe & Ida Friend	Mary Peterson	Yandura	Emily Mead
Mary Gerrity	Jane Pfau	Dr. Michael	Sam Ferraro
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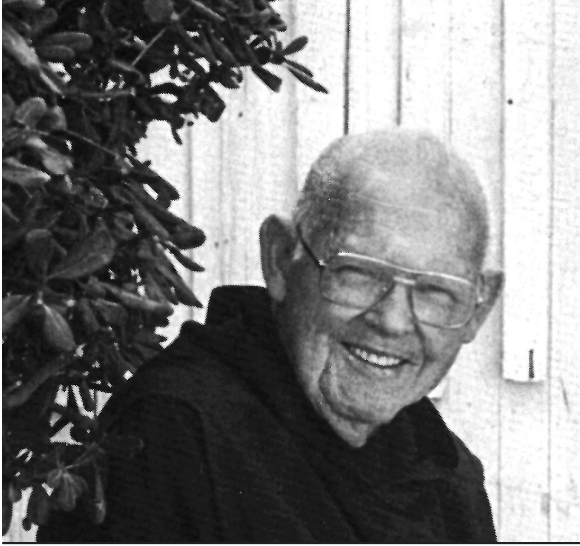
### Needs

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2023</b>			Juanita's Team	Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	San Luis Rey Mission	St. Thomas More
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Serving</b>	St. Elizabeth Seton #1	St. John The Evangelist	Open	Servers R Us	St. Patrick's	TVIA
<b>Team</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Schedule</b>	North Coast Methodist	Riverview Church	Friends of Brother Benno	Ernest Packaging	St. Elizabeth Seton #2	Girlfriend's Care
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	Christ The King Church	San Luis Rey Methodist	Open	Mira Costa College EOPS	NMRTC Camp Pendleton Orthopedics Dept
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				
	Open	Rotary Club of Vista				

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

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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.

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**Brother Benno's Services:**

	December 2022	Our 39th Year		December 2022	Our 39th Year
Meals	12,856	4,798,457	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	1,080	347,003	Food packs	1,401	377,537
Articles of clothing	3,220	1,501,078	Blankets	140	51,558
Showers	1,225	282,343	Tarps	83	7,457
Haircuts	0	23,357	ID Vouchers	14	10,634
Bus passes	39	88,703	HUGS	1,000	1,012,244

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