Brother Benno’s Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

January 2022

Brother Benno’s partnering with San Diego County and City of Oceanside for a coordinated outreach event at Brother Benno’s on January 4!

by Joe McDevitt

This is a good way to start the new year. In partnership with San Diego County’s new Department of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities (HSEC) and City of Oceanside, Brother Benno’s will be hosting a Live Well outreach event on January 4th from 8AM to 3PM at our Oceanside Center facility. HSEC will provide Live Well on Wheels (Live WoW) bus for this January event. The Live WoW bus is fully equipped and staffed for a variety of health and human services services for our Guests. This event will serve persons experiencing homelessness and low income households and is designed to combine the efforts of different government agencies and non-profit organizations in one stop. Brother Benno’s is pleased to host this event at our facility and we welcome the opportunity to further our partnership with San Diego County and the City of Oceanside.

In last month’s Newsletter * we reported the opening of our Hub Center at Brother Benno’s Oceanside facility. As reported, our Hub Center offers a central location for Brother Benno’s outreach team to combine efforts and work closely together at the same location with partners from government agencies and other North County non-profit organizations. We were pleased to see the roll out of San Diego County HSEC homeless services team in North County. This team of case managers, licensed clinical social workers and benefits specialists will be partnering with us at the Hub and is actively engaged with Brother Benno’s outreach team to support the variety of needs of our Guests. HSEC team provides self-sufficiency program determinations (General Relief, CalWorks, MediCal, and CalFresh), person-centered and trauma informed case management and links to appropriate partner services with ultimate goal of housing. We look forward to the January 4th Live Well event and our continued mutual efforts to aid persons in need.

*To see former newsletters online, go to brotherbenno.org and click on Newsletter.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN DELIVERS GIFTS AND LOVE
By Barbara Ladwig

The Brother Benno Children’s Christmas Party was held on December 19 at the Brother Benno Thrift Shop in Oceanside. It was a drive-through event, but that didn’t make it any less festive. As you’ll see in the pictures on pages 3 and 4, we had all the joy and trimmings to touch the hearts of young and old alike.

Helen Parsons, who spearheaded the planning and actual implementation of this favorite celebration of the year, reports that more than 400 children were served. Each one was given an all-new stuffed animal, pajamas, a toy of their choice, and a filled Christmas stocking. Their parents also received a $25 Walmart gift card, thanks to the amazing generosity of our friends and supporters.

Helen also said that our “DJ,” “CJ,” played delightful Christmas music and shared his friendly dog with many children, much to their delight. One of our board members made homemade cookies for all the families. Mr. And Mrs. Santa visited each carload of children. A little snow blew in their direction as they drove out of the parking lot.

“Oh, so many staff, board members, and volunteers shared their time, donations, and talents to make this a very special day,” Helen said.

Once again, Brother Benno’s touched the hearts of those who perhaps needed that little extra love during this season of giving.

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VOLUNTEERS SERVE FOOD AND LOVE
by Kathleen Diehlmann

The return of the serving teams to Brother Benno’s has been a blessing. Each morning they wake up early and come down to the Center to serve a hot breakfast to our Guests. As the sun rises, these volunteers bring in light and love.

“We love serving at Brother Benno’s,” said Jan Spires from the Catholic Daughters serving team, which has been helping out for 30 years.

Efforts to address the ongoing pandemic have also been commented on.

“We really appreciate the Guests having to wear masks,” said Dennis Ofcacek, the serving team leader from St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad. Dennis and his team have served four times so far, and he said it has been going very smoothly.

Scott McClatchey, team leader for the Rotary Clubs of Carlsbad, said: “Brother Benno’s is a great organization that we like helping because they serve a very critical need in North County by helping to feed the homeless, and they work with them to get off any addictions. It’s particularly heartbreaking when young children come through the serving line with their parents.”

Brother Benno’s is looking for additional groups that would like to form a serving team. Each serving team member volunteers one or two mornings a month, 6:15 to 8 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Diehlmann at kathleen.diehlmann@gmail.com or 760-888-7986.

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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.

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~ Mother Teresa
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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 Farquhar
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
Carol Kutler
Harold & Kay Kutler
Bill & Louise Lakoff
Ben & Ozelle Lewis
Helen Lucas
Bill & Joan Maloney
Helene McGill
Monty, Natalie, & Michael Nares
Zeferino & Dancy
Nares
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
Snider
Squirrel Family
Mike Stendahl
Margaret Stephan
Virginia Sylwestrzak
Harold Thompson
Carol & Herb
Thornberg
Rosemary Tucker
Walter Ulloa
June Williams
Fred Williamson
Virginia & Ray Walz
Lael Dewhurst
Josh Hogan
Arne & Patricia
Haines
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Barbara LaMoan
Carreen Golden
Frank Beesom
Ken Trueau
H. Edward Smith
Pattye
Deacon Bill Pollock
Peggy & Beverly
Miville
Toni Keane
Robert Buchach
Helen, Beau, & Walter McEwen
Timothy McCoy

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Joe Galizio

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| Monthly Serving Team Schedule |
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| **3** | St. Elizabeth Seton #1 | | | | | |
| **11** | St. John The Evangelist | | | | | 7 San Luis Rey Mission |
| **12** | Brother Benno Auxiliary | | | | | 14 St. Patrick’s |
| **6** | Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis | | | | | 15 Girlfriend’s Care |
| **13** | Open | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
| **14** | North Coast Methodist | | | | | 29 Shiloh Church of God |
| **18** | Riverview Church | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
| **19** | Christ the King Church | | | | | 29 Shiloh Church of God |
| **20** | Open | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
| **21** | Brother Benno Auxiliary | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
| **26** | San Luis Rey Methodist | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
| **27** | Open | | | | | 22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group |
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Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop
(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)
Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture

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