



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.

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, Cal-Works, 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.

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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

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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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~ Mother Teresa





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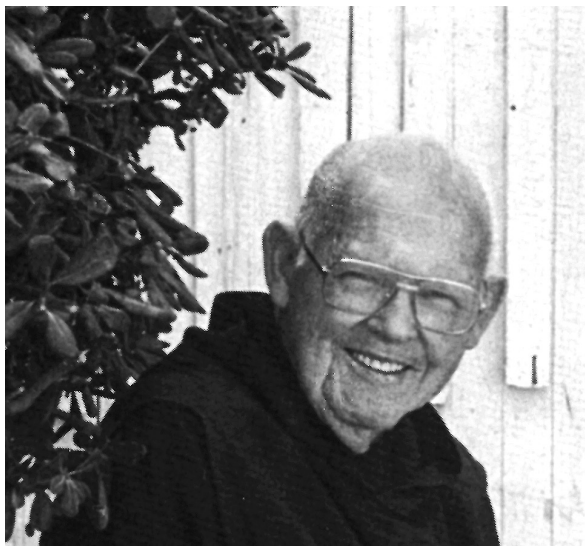
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January						1
2022						Closed- New Year's Day
Monthly	3 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	4 St. John The Evangelist	5 Brother Benno Auxiliary	6 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	7 San Luis Rey Mission	8 To be determined
Serving	10 North Coast Methodist	11 Riverview Church	12 Rotary Clubs of Carlsbad	13 Open	14 St. Patrick's	15 Girlfriend's Care
Team	17 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	18 Christ the King Church	19 Brother Benno Auxiliary	20 Open	21 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	22 Catholic Daughters and Ahee Group
Schedule	24 Servers R Us 31 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	25 Rotary Club of Vista	26 San Luis Rey Methodist	27 Open	28 Open	29 Shiloh Church of God

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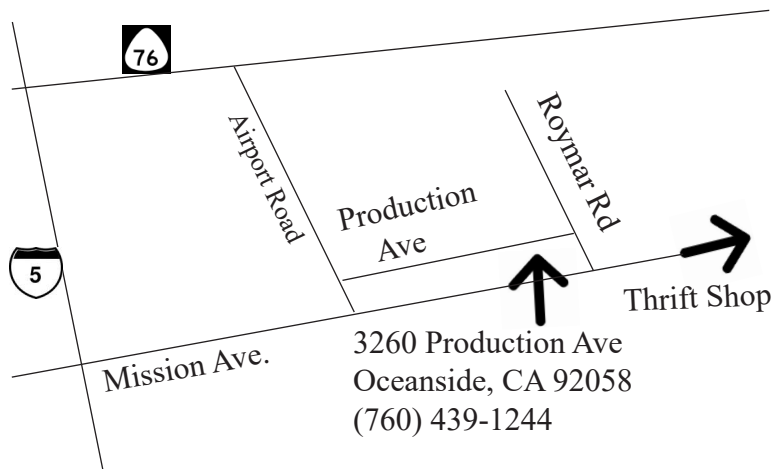
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Brother Benno's Services:

	November 2021	Our 38th Year		November 2021	Our 38th Year
Meals	8,865	4,667,509	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	1,290	334,286	Food packs	710	364,193
Articles of clothing	3,632	1,462,033	Blankets	144	50,196
Showers	321	272,110	Tarps	49	6,637
Haircuts	152	23,297	ID Vouchers	29	10,304
Bus passes	112	86,857	HUGS	0	1,011,244