Brother Benno’s Auxiliary

Christmas in July Gift Card Fundraiser

Help make Christmas especially Merry & Bright for Brother Benno’s needy children!

During the month of July, Brother Benno’s Auxiliary will be collecting $25.00 Target & Walmart gift cards for the Brother Benno’s Center Annual Children’s Christmas Party.

The goal is to collect 300 gift cards this year & they’re counting on you!

Of course, you can send a monetary donation if you prefer to have the Auxiliary purchase gift cards in your name.

Send Gift Cards or your donation (make checks payable to Brother Benno’s Auxiliary)
with the form below to:
Brother Benno’s Auxiliary, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Your Name: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________________
City: __________________ Zip Code: __________
Email (optional): _________________________

I am enclosing _____ Gift Cards @ $25.00 each
____ Please purchase Gift Cards in my name. Donation $ _______ Check # _______

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.
The information you provide will be used to send your donation confirmation.
Your charitable donations to Brother Benno’s Auxiliary may be tax deductible.
Vickie was married with seven children. Things were going well in her life. Then her mother got cancer, and Vickie stepped up and took care of her until she died in 2005. It was a huge blow, as her family has always been very close. Two years later, her brother was killed, and Vickie fell apart.

She says she’d been a light alcohol drinker all her adult life, but now she started drinking heavily. When that wasn’t enough to dull her pain, she added drugs. “I didn’t care about my husband and children any more,” she said. “I left them alone for days or weeks at a time, sometimes staying with other family members or just ‘living in the bush.’ I even spent a month and a half in jail because of the drugs.”

In 2016, Vickie wandered into Brother Benno’s because she had heard she could take a shower. Someone suggested she also talk to Jan and Jim, our Program mentors. “I listened to them, but I really wasn’t buying what they had to say,” she said. “But then Jan reached over and put her hand on my arm, and I felt something—I felt she really cared about me.” But she left the Center that day without having made any kind of commitment.

She went to see her sister to find out if she knew anything about Brother Benno’s. She did, and she urged Vickie to give them a try. And for the first time, Vickie asked God for guidance about making a decision whether or not to become part of Brother Benno’s Recovery Program. Reluctantly, she told Jan she’d give it a try.

The first requirement was for Vickie to get an AA sponsor, and Jan suggested a woman named “Angie.” When they met for the first time, Vickie told Angie she’d like her to be her sponsor; but Angie said she should give it 24 hours, think and pray about it, and then tell her whether or not she was really ready to be open-minded and make the commitment. The next day she couldn’t wait to meet again with Angie, and she told her, “Yes, I’m ready!”

Vickie said the hardest things for her during her six months in the Program were to learn patience and tolerance toward others, and to let other people know when she needed help, instead of just relying on herself. She did everything she was told to do, even when it didn’t make sense at the time. After she graduated, she moved back home with her husband and children, and she felt strong and thankful for her new lease on life.

In November of 2019, her husband suddenly became very ill. She rushed him to the emergency room and waited there with him until the doctors told her she could go home; they would run some tests and contact her as soon as they knew something. She was certainly not ready for the call she received. Her husband had died.

Once again she was faced with a terrible loss, but she says it never crossed her mind to numb herself with alcohol and drugs as she had done before. Instead, she called Angie, her AA sponsor, and connected again with the Program mentors and other members. (Brother Benno’s has always made it clear that “once part of the Brother Benno family, always part of it.”) Although she’s still struggling with the sadness of her husband’s death, she said she’s able to go on with her life.

After graduating from our Program, Vickie had gotten a job as part of the support staff with a mental health program where clients live in a facility while they are being helped. She’s also going to school with the goal of becoming a certified drug counselor. And she continues to stay in touch with our mentors, her sponsor, and other Program graduates. “I just love being at Brother Benno’s!” she said. “I feel like God has given me all these people!”
BOOK SALE
Saturday, July 11, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Gently used Mystery, History, Romance, Gardening, Decorating, Cooking and Children’s Books
5 for $10 / 2 for $5 / 1 for $3 All proceeds benefit Brother Benno’s.

Hosted by Edith Jones & Karen Gallagher
Private Home/Driveway in Oceanside

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
If you’d like to shop our Book Sale, email auxiliary@brotherbenno.org by July 7th and we’ll email directions to our host’s home and parking instructions to you. Social distancing and safety measures will be observed.

☐ I cannot attend, but would like to donate to the Brother Benno’s Auxiliary. Amount: $

DONATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name: ____________________________
IF PAYING BY CHECK: ____________
Check # ____________________________
City: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Best Phone No. (___) ___ ___- ___ ___ ___

☐ VISA/MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD
ZIP CODE: ____________________________ CARD EXP DATE: ____________

Signature Authorizing Payment (required):
Date: ____________________________

If donating by check, please make your check payable to “Brother Benno’s Auxiliary” and mail to: Brother Benno’s Auxiliary/Book Sale, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Questions about the Book Sale: Contact Karen Gallagher 760.710.7083
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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.):_ 
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Send a card to: (name)__________________________
(address)_________________________________

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

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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 $______________
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Memorials

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Dixie & Lou Bales     Chance Hales            Catherine L. Quinlan    Barbara LaMothe
Frank Barnet          Tom & Louise            Dora Ramirez           Jim Carroll
Brother Benno          Hayward                  Dick & Terry Riley      Elizabeth P Harrish
Edith Blaiser         Elizabeth Holms          Margaret Rossini        Keith Quigley
Andrea Boersma        Alice Jordan            Ann Sauer              Betsy Vincent
Roland Bond           Ben Kouns                Nick Sauer             William Pry
Bill Boster           Richard Kurtz            Mary Shankle           Alva & Frances
Agnus & Joan Boyd     Carole Kutler            Naomi Shelton          Snider
Bill Buckner           Harold & Kay Kutler        Bernice, Samuel &       William Daley
Deacon Art & Mary Carr  Bill & Louise Lakoff    Milton Silver
Anna Correia           Ben E. Lewis              Will Skinner
Don & Dorothea Daybell Helen Lucas            Ann Grier Smith
Phyllis H. Dierlam    Bill & Joan Maloney        Alva & Frances
Frank S. Dolley       Helene McGill             Snider
Anita H. Donahue      Michael & Monty            Squirrel Family
Dorothy M. Donahue    Nares                         Mike Stendahl
Fr. Luke Dougherty    Zeferino & Dancy           Margaret Stephan
Roseanne Dreibelbis   Nares                         Virginia Sylwestrzak
Fr. Abbot Claude      Mary Nordstrom              Harold Thompson
Ehringer, OSB          Nysewander Family          Carol & Herb
Myron Eichen          Bud & Blanche Ogle            Thornberg
Richard Farquhar      Ben Osgrove                Rosemary Tucker
William & Vennita     Kathryn D. Pent            Walter Ulloa
Flanagan              Mary Peterson              June Williams
Louise Foussat        Jane Pfau                  Fred Williamson
Joe & Ida Friend      Ruth Hazel Pierson          Vivian Rowe
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Items can be dropped off at the Brother Benno Center on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-11 a.m., and on Saturday from 9:30 to noon. If you have any questions, please call Darryl Harris (760-231-1607, ext.102) or Jan Roberts (760-231-1613, ext. 104).
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 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

Brother Benno’s Services:

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

Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop
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