CHURCH MEMBERS PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED HELP

Once every two years, on a “Weekend of Service,” members of North Coast Church in Vista go out into the community to provide actual, hands-on service to various non-profit organizations instead of attending a service at the church.

“We believe that we are called by God to serve all our communities and people that need help,” said Emerson Grimsby, Oceanside City Leader of the project. Brother Benno’s has been fortunate to be among these groups for the past four years and has already enjoyed the fruits of their labor in 2013.

Church members have a great variety of skills, and they leave it up to the participating organizations to choose which projects they want done. This year, Brother Benno’s asked for help at three locations: the kitchen and bathrooms at the Center, repair of a fence and BBQ at one of our Houses, and the installation of ceiling insulation and painting at another House.

The work in the Center kitchen was done in conjunction with other improvements made possible by a grant from the County Board of Supervisors (see page 2 for more information). North Coast Church members painted the kitchen, scullery, clothing room, and two bathrooms and also replaced corroded hardware and tattered shower curtains in the bathrooms.

Approximately 55 to 75 men and women spent Saturday and Sunday working at the three locations. They donated the labor and also shared the expense of replacement items. Emerson estimates that the value of skilled and non-skilled labor was $6,000 to $8,000, and they spent around $2,000 for materials. Other church members involved as leaders in this project are Steve Diersing, Weekend of Service Director, and Jeremy Metts, Project Manager.

These church volunteers always seem to be having a good time when they come to Brother Benno’s, and anyone who has had the pleasure of dealing with them says they’re a joy to work with and are always welcome to come back. Emerson adds: “We are told in God’s word, the Bible, that we are to live as Jesus lived and freely give to those in need and therefore act as the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve others. So please know that everyone is most welcome to visit North Coast church whenever they like.”
**Kitchen Upgrades.** Almost a year ago, Brother Benno’s applied for a grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors under their Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. The money they awarded to the Foundation went a long way toward improvements in the Center kitchen.

The three most urgent needs were met: the installation of a fire suppression system over the stoves, a new steam table to keep food safely hot, and much needed ceiling lighting. All of these improvements were made before North Coast Church spent a weekend at the Center painting the kitchen, in addition to many other projects. (Please see page 1 for the article about North Coast Church.)

**Lenten Sacrifices.** Another church made a significant gift to Brother Benno’s at Easter time—St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad. During Lent, they conducted a food drive they called: “A Can a Day for 40 Days.” That “can a day” from many of their parishioners resulted in approximately two tons of canned goods! “And it was really quality food!” said one of our Operations Managers. I didn’t see the mound of cans when they were delivered, and I can’t even imagine how many cans it was; but I can imagine that a whole lot of the poor and homeless we serve are offering their thanks to the generosity of that church.

**Harold Kutler** mentioned that the alumni group of former Program Members is having its annual beach picnic on Memorial Day. It’s a time for those who achieved their recovery from drug and/or alcohol abuse through our successful Program to interact with the men who are currently “walking that path.”

“They have so much to offer the new guys,” Harold said. “It’s a way for them to give back.”

He also shared that he ran into a former Program Member who now works at a local supermarket. “He’s doing very well,” Harold said. “He just looks so happy!”

**Unsung Donors.** We probably don’t publicly thank a group of merchants often enough for the food they donate to Brother Benno’s on a regular basis, but it doesn’t mean we don’t know the value of these donations. You can see by the types of businesses that we get a lot of variety in the donations. You might want to thank your favorite store or restaurant next time you’re there. And if your favorite isn’t listed, maybe putting in a good word to the manager will add them to our list!

Albertson’s, Carlsbad Danish Bakery, Chipotle’s, Costco, French Bakery in Carlsbad, Fresh & Easy, Jimbo’s, KFC, Pizza Hut, Ralphs, Red Lobster, Sprouts, Starbucks, Stater Bros., Target, Trader Joe’s, Von’s, and Walmart. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

**FOOD DONATIONS SURPASS EXPECTATIONS**

It’s been a long time since the Brother Benno warehouse has been literally bursting at the seams with donated food. Two huge loads of non-perishables came in mid-May from the Letter Carriers annual collection—one from the LaCosta post office, the other from the main post office in Oceanside. **Darryl Harris**, one of our Operations Managers, estimated that the Oceanside load alone amounted to at least 20 tons. Add to that the nearly two tons of canned goods from St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad around Easter time (please see more information on page 2), and we now have the ability to feed many working poor and homeless Guests for quite a while.

**Luke Corcoran**, our warehouse Manager, pointed out that the food items in these collections are different from past donations. “They’re at the high end instead of the usual bargain buys,” he said. As an example, he cited the many cans of solid albacore and a few gourmet foods like butternut soup and artichoke hearts. “I think the donors went out and bought the same kinds of food they buy for their own families,” he said.

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The employees at both post office locations have been good friends to Brother Benno’s for years, and we are very appreciative of their support. We also thank the thousands of citizens who were kind enough to put their bags out on that collection Saturday. Together, we do make a difference.

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Food Drive volunteers

Food Drive Volunteers

JOIN US FOR A FUN-RAISER
AT SOUPLANTATION
AND RAISE MONEY FOR

Brother Benno's Auxiliary

Come join us for a dinner night out!!
Bring your family, friends, neighbors!!!

Souplantation will donate 20% of sales generated by your organization. Purchase a meal and a beverage* and enjoy a great meal and help a great organization!

DATE:
Thursday, June 13, 2013

TIME:
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THIS SOUPLANTATION LOCATION:
Carlsbad
1860 Marine Rd.
Carlsbad, CA 92008-1172

For directions visit Souplantation.com

*1. All participants must purchase a beverage with their meal in order to receive credit towards the organization. 2. Under no circumstances are flyers to be handed out in the restaurant, parking lot or vicinity. Failure to comply will result in a voided contract. 3. Coupons or discounts will not be honored in conjunction with any approved Fun-Raisers. 4. Must present this flyer at time of purchase. 5. Your receipt will be kept and submitted to this form in order to add up the event’s sales.

HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES: 1. For the safety of our guests, no horseplay, running or climbing at any time. please. 2. Please accompany small children when visiting food bars. 3. It is very much appreciated when a supervisor person is present at a table of children.

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.):_______________________________
Send a card to: (name)_____________________________________
(address)_______________________________

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

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We had fantastic volunteers who made the Letter Carriers Food Drive a success. Because of you, we filled 376 huge boxes with food. Some of our volunteers came from Orange County, as well as husbands, wives, friends, and students from North County schools. It was great to see returning friends and meet new friends at this gathering. Special thanks to Postmaster Stacey Woodard, Michael Manship, Sue Derby, and all the postal carriers for their continued support.

On Saturday, May 11, all women Guests at the Center received a Mother’s Day bag of goodies and socks. The bags were assembled by Auxiliary members and distributed by Claire Carter, Tanya Bryson, and Terri Keyes. Twenty-one additional bags were sent to the Women’s Resource Center for the women they serve. It was truly a nice gesture, and they appreciated it very much.

More than 50 people came to learn about Prince of Peace Abbey and Brother Benno on May 23. A nice lunch was prepared by the Brothers, followed by a brief history of the Abbey by Abbot Charles Wright. Those who were able to take the tour of the premises enjoyed it, and everyone had a chance to do some shopping in the gift shop.

We were able to acknowledge the graduation from the 12-Step program of one of the women we serve on May 15. She and 14 other graduates talked about their life before and after the program.

Our Souplantation Fun-Raiser will be held on Thursday, June 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. You must bring a flyer (there’s one on this page, another on page 3) in order for the Auxiliary to receive 20 percent of your food/drink purchases. Please share the second flyer with friends, family, or neighbors.

On Friday, July 19, we’ll have our annual Outback Fundraiser. There will be two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., limited to 70 per seating. As tradition, you can also sponsor a Marine for lunch as a way of saying Thank You for their service. Lunch costs $20 for adults, $10 for children. The money raised goes to providing school supplies for the children who come to the Center. For information and reservations, please contact Maureen Tutino (760-598-8211) or Tanya Bryson (760-715-4915).

Just a reminder: Our Annual Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 26, at the Sheraton Carlsbad. Tickets are $60 per person or $600 for a table of ten. Please plan to attend, and invite your friends and neighbors.

Auxiliary members: Vikki Ramey, Terri Keyes, Claire Carter, Tanya Bryson
Memorials

Brother Benno
Pope John Paul II
Mother Teresa
Kay Kutler
Ann Sauer
Joe & Ida Friend
Mary Nordstrom
Myron Eichen
Alice Jordan
Roseanne Dreibelbis
Richard Farquhar
Deacon Art & Mary Carr
Don & Dorothea Daybell
Catherine L. Quinlan
Kathryn D. Pent
Mary Pullman
Joan Boyd
Agnus Boyd
Harold Thompson
Bud & Blanche Ogle
Bob Gleason
Jane Pfau
Ron Alexander
Mary Peterson
Frank Barnet
Frank S. Dolley
Phyllis H. Dierlam
Monty Nares
Margaret Rossini
Dorothy M. Donahue
Mary Teresa Carr
Ruth Hazel Pierson
Elizabeth Holms
Edith Blaiser
Ben Kouns
Bill Lakoff
Bernice, Samuel & Milton Silver
Anita H. Donahue
Margaret Stephan
Bill Boster
Louise Foussat
Tom Hayward
Richard Kurtz
Helen Lucas
Bill & Joan Maloney
Dora Ramirez
Dick & Terry Riley
Bill Buckner
Mary Shankle
Walter Ulloa
Fred Williamson
Carole Kutler
Will Skinner
Fr. Abbot Claude Ehringer, OSB
Fr. Luke Dougherty
Naomi Shelton
Rosemary Tucker
Ben E. Lewis
Roland Bond
Anna Correia
Geraldine Howard
Helene McGill
Andrea Boersma
Ben Osgrove
Mayo Stillman
Hugh Murphy
Stanley LaMonte
William & Vennita Flanagan
Nysewander Family
Squirrel Family
Janice Harmon
Dancy & Zeferino Nares
Steve Johnson
Nedra Matthews
David Hardman
Mike Ellis
Gilbert Brown

Get Well Wishes
Harold Harrison

Happy Birthday
Margaret Opatkiewicz

In Honor Of
John & Kathleen Cummings

Needs

Gently used furniture
Men’s pants and belts, sizes 34 to 44
Large bottles of shampoo and conditioner
Diapers
Feminine products

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Furniture Sales at the Center

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside 760-967-2742 Open Mon. - Sat. 9 am to Noon
We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call 760-439-1244 ext.115 for free pickup.
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#### Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop
(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)
Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture
Shop open Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- Stop by to check out our Special of the Week Sales!!
3955 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505

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