Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible donation to the Brother Benno Foundation

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, case-worker support, nights of lodging, medical and mental health referrals, prescriptions, ID replacement, mail services, food packs, shelter for women and small children, men’s drug and alcohol recovery program, shelter for women in recovery, and assistance with rent, jobs, Social Security, and veterans’ issues. 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.

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Brother Benno’s Services:

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Our services are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

The Thrift Shop
3965 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505
Shop open Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- Stop by to check out our Special of the Week Sales!!

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

Kindness Remembered. Several months ago, a letter arrived at Brother Benno’s from a grateful father in New Jersey. He addressed it “To the Staff of Brother Benno’s: “Many years ago, you were kind to my (two) sons when they were in need. Since then, my son M. III passed away due to health complications from years of alcohol use. However, I am happy to report that he was saved and accepted the Lord as his Savior. “I can’t thank all of you enough for your kindness and help to my sons, and I would consider it a privilege to be able to contribute to your ongoing ministry in my son’s name. “Enclosed is my check . . . and more will follow on a regular basis in praise to the love of our Lord Jesus and appreciation of His saving blood. Thank you, M.M. Jr.”

Our Inspiration. Brother Benno Gar- rity would have celebrated his 101st birthday in February, had he lived that long. But even though he died in 1992, his spirit continues to permeate everything at the Foundation named in his honor. In his book, Soup Soup Hugs Hope, the Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup Kitchen, Harold Kutter wrote that Brother Benno baked bread at St. Charles Priory in Oceanside (now called Prince of Peace Abbey); and that he gave his bread to the poor, and also to people he thought could help him with his passion—feeding the poor. “As I learned more about this charming monk,” Harold wrote, “I began to see him as a modern-day Robin Hood, except that he didn’t have to rob anyone. Brother simply gave his bread to those of us who could afford it, and we in turn gave him something for his beloved poor. He didn’t need a bow and arrow; he just hit us over the head with his ‘Wonder Bread.’”

HAVEN’T read the book yet? Look for the Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup in our Thrift Store. The “3” above Thrift Store, scroll down to view photos. We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call for free pickup.

Brother Benno’s Newsletter

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside (next to Center) 760-967-2742 Open Mon. - Sat. 9 am to Noon

To view photos of our wonderful used furniture: go to brotherbenno.org

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Click on Thrift Store, then click on the 3 >>>> above Thrift Store, scroll down to view photos.
Arizona's go-to man in his 55-and-older mobile home park when it comes to donating to Brother Benno’s. Harold Pirlot is known as the “go-to” man in his 55-and-older mobile home park when it comes to donating to Brother Benno’s. He and his wife Lois live at Pilgrim Creek Estates in Oceanside, and his neighbors never hesitate to let him know when they have a bag of clothing or household items for him to take to the Center.

“They even tell me when their fruit trees are loaded with fruit,” he said. “I go over and pick the fruit–oranges and tangerines mostly–and bring it to the Center when I’m volunteering.”

Harold’s volunteer duties have varied over the years, but now he makes sandwiches for bag lunches on Thursdays and cuts hair on Mondays.

When asked if he was a professional barber, Harold laughed. “No, I learned by cutting my two boys’ hair,” he said. “Also, my neighbor had a barber chair in his basement, and every week we’d cut each other’s hair and then play cards.”

About ten years ago, a call went out for someone to volunteer as a barber at Brother Benno’s. Harold was already helping in the kitchen, but he talked to Kay Kutler and told her he wasn’t really a barber, but he’d be happy to help out if he could. “Kay handed me a set of clippers,” he said, “and I just got my sixth set.”

Harold had to cut back on his volunteer time recently because of Lois’s serious health problems. “I’ve become more of a caregiver,” he said, “but I still get to the Center most Mondays and Thursdays.” He said it’s always interesting in the barber shop. “I hear some stories,” he said. “People sometimes have very different views of things.”

In December of 2010, the parents of a young man who died at the age of 36 came up with a unique way of honoring what would have been their son’s 50th birthday, and contributing to Brother Benno’s at the same time.

They asked family and friends to join them at a BBQ potluck. “One of Bob’s favorite things was giving,” they said in their invitation. “We are going to gather some things to donate to Brother Benno’s. If you would like to contribute, please bring gently used clothing, non-perishable food, and Christmas gifts for homeless children. It will be donated in Bob’s name to this great cause.”

Denise Seymour reported that they donated a van-full of food and clothes.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

~Helen Keller

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
AUXILIARY NEWS

BROTHER BENNO’S AUXILIARY FLAPJACK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
APPLEBEE’S OCEANSIDE
2146 VISTA WAY, OCEANSIDE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011
FROM 8:00AM – 9:30AM
TICKETS - $10 PER PERSON
Includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, coffee, milk, juice

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION,
CALL JUDY HARRIS, 760-724-0227

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Clothes for every age, size, and taste; lots of books, hardcover and paperbacks; kitchen and bath items; linens; collectibles; videos and CD’s; and some very nice furniture.

Speaking of furniture, most of our furniture is displayed and sold in the building next to the Center on Production Avenue in Oceanside. Many pieces of wood furniture have been beautifully refinished, and couches and chairs steam-cleaned. The quality is top-notch, and prices are rock-bottom.

The Thrift Shop is located in Oceanside at 3965 Mission Avenue, east of Albertson’s, open Monday through Saturday, 10 to 4.

The Furniture Warehouse is next door to the Center, at 3260 Production Avenue, open Monday through Saturday, 9 to noon.

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donate things, but what these people really need is someone to care about them, to listen to them, to be present to them. A staff member at one of the facilities phoned the Center to thank the man who delivered flowers there. “People I’ve never seen smile before are smiling now,” she said.

If you feel that this is something you’d like to be involved with, please contact Heather, who is coordinating the visits. She can be reached at heathertpine@yahoo.com or 760-433-8623. Oh, and one of the facilities asked for a special favor: Do we know anyone who would like to provide Irish entertainment on March 17, St. Patrick’s Day—singers, dancers, or anything else Irish. Heather can set you up for that, too.

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Soup...Soap...Hugs...Hope:
The Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup Kitchen

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