WE CELEBRATE 38 YEARS OF LOVING SERVICE

As we remember the Brother Benno Foundation’s 38 years of aiding those in need with love and compassion, we are grateful for the thoughtful giving of donations and grants, and the unselfish efforts of our many volunteers and staff members. In an article published in our January 2011 newsletter, our founder, Harold Kutler, expressed his thoughts on how we are to serve others. His message continues to guide and encourage us as we enter our 39th year.

Harold wrote: “At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and told them that this was the way they were to serve one another. (John 13:4-9). This symbolized how our Christian service is to be performed: with great humility. We cannot wash someone’s feet while we are standing or sitting. We must get down on our knees in a nonjudgmental position of humility and prayer. Then we are serving out of our own poverty, not out of our strength.

“Living out the gospel each day means that we humbly serve those in need with love and compassion. Most of the people we encounter each day are in need. They hunger for a smile, a kind word, a prayer. They want the gift of love, compassion, appreciation, caring, or affection. Just touching or hugging someone can free them from their prison of loneliness, and sincerely complimenting a person can help remove their blindness to their own goodness.

“Mother Teresa and Brother Benno have shown us the way to live out the gospel in our everyday lives. Humbly serving the needy with love and compassion is an irresistible force that can make a real difference in our world and in our own lives.”

On this 38th anniversary, we also remember Brother Benno who, by his acts of kindness in feeding and caring for the poor, inspired Harold and Kay Kutler to set up a soup kitchen in Oceanside. In his eulogy for Brother Benno, Harold spoke of Brother’s unconditional love for all persons. He commented on how Brother Benno saw in those he helped a hunger for acceptance and love from others. He referred to Will Rogers’ statement: “I never met a person I didn’t like,” and how Brother Benno easily changed this statement to “I never met a person I didn’t love.”

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Hello Everyone. Our Pay-It-Forward Golf Event took place as planned on October 5, and it was a great success. There were 53 golfers who enjoyed the day. Of those, 45 were active duty military. We also had a large number of generous sponsors helping us to net quite a good deal of money. Expenses still have to be paid, so watch this newsletter for the exact amount we will give to the Brother Benno Foundation.

Now we have started our work toward providing Christmas gift cards from Walmart for the children of our Guests. COVID may have quieted a bit, and employment is picking up, but there are still many families who need our help. They are especially hard-pressed during the holidays to be able to afford gifts for their children, so we work hard to give each child a $25 gift card. Would you please help us in this endeavor? The form for helping is on page 4. Please find it in your heart to send us either a few Walmart gift cards or a check for us to purchase the cards.

I will not be writing for the December newsletter, so let me wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas/Holiday season.

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BROTHER BENNO’S TEAMS UP WITH HUMANITY SHOWERS

In many ways, COVID has changed the way Brother Benno’s serves the poor and homeless; and one of our services—showers—had to be eliminated for a while. Now we have teamed up with a non-profit called Humanity Showers that brings a six-shower truck to the Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Up to six people can shower at one time, as there are six individual and private stalls inside the truck.

According to Kathleen Diehlmann, President of Brother Benno’s Board of Directors, our Center has experienced some “major plumbing issues” that will eventually have to be addressed; but the Board might continue to use Humanity Showers in order to prevent the possible spread of COVID in the communal showers.

Humanity Showers tells on its website that in addition to showers, it provides haircuts, hygiene packs, and new socks and undergarments to its guests. In this way, their values line up very well with those of Brother Benno’s.

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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.

Information & Online donations: brotherbenno.org

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Brother Benno Foundation
Recovery Program for Men and Women
760 439 1244 ext. 101
Changing people’s lives through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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 $____________
Address_________________________________ Number of copies__________
City, State, Zip Code_______________________
For those readers who may be interested in volunteering their services, Brother Benno’s currently has part-time volunteer positions open that support our Center operations and Thrift Shop. These positions offer flexible volunteer hours. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Renee Stepp at 760-231-1613 or email volunteersatbb@gmail.com to learn more.

1–Drivers – Pick up furniture and other donated items for our Thrift Shop, and donated food from grocery stores and restaurants. Flexible hours Monday through Saturday.

2–Serving Teams/Individuals – Several openings on our serving teams when we reopen our Dining Room beginning on November 1. These teams serve breakfast to our Guests one or two mornings each month.

3–Front Desk Administrative Support – Assist with intake of information from our Guests when they come into the Center.

4–Human Resources – Part-time positions include:
   - Human Resources Manager or Consultant
   - Human Resources Coordinator/Administrator

5–Accounting – Experience with Quick Books, accounts payable, cash receipts, Desktop and MS Excel helpful.

6–Thrift Shop – Administrative tasks. Experience in posting and processing sales on eBay helpful.

7–Christmas helpers – Participate in the preparation of Christmas events for families with children. Enjoy being on hand to see the smiles and joy of the little ones during the Christmas season.

8–Rental and Utility Assistance (part of our Outreach Team) – Administrative position to support Staff personnel. (Ability to converse in Spanish is helpful.)

We conduct a tour of the Brother Benno Center at 3260 Production Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058 on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. for anyone interested in learning more about us. No reservation needed—just come!
BROTHER BENNO’S AUXILIARY

GIFT CARD DRIVE

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

Now thru the month of November, we will be collecting $25.00 Walmart gift cards for our

Brother Benno’s Center Annual Children’s Christmas Party

The goal is to collect 300 gift cards this year & we’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 with the form below to:
Brother Benno’s Auxiliary, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Make checks payable to Brother Benno’s Auxiliary

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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 amount $ __________ Check # __________

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE USED TO SEND YOUR DONATION CONFIRMATION.
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 Correa
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
Carole Kutler
Harold & Kay Kutler
Bill & Louise Lakoff
Ben & Ozelle Lewis
Helene Lucas
Bill & Joan Maloney
Helene McGill
Monty, Natalie, &
Michael Nares
Zeferino & Dancy
Nares
Mary Nordstrom
Nysewander Family
Bud & Blanche Ogle
Ben Os Grove
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
H. Edward Smith
Family
Ron Beckman
Marie Atkinson
Robert Buchach
Mary Baker
Carreen Golden
Ream Braegger
Bernie Weiler
Joe Stephens
Timothy Diem
Dorothy & Walter
Jelig
Barbara LaMothe
Susie Prestie
Peggy & Beverly
Miville
Paul Alberton
Jeanne St. Amant
Floyd Atkinson
William Daley

Needs

Gently used furniture  Blankets  Adult Unisex Diapers  Baseball caps
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.

Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop
(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)
Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture
Store Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10-5; Donation Hours Tues or Thurs 10-2, Saturdays 10-Noon
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

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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.

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Brother Benno’s Services:

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