



Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

November 2021



WE CELEBRATE 38 YEARS OF LOVING SERVICE

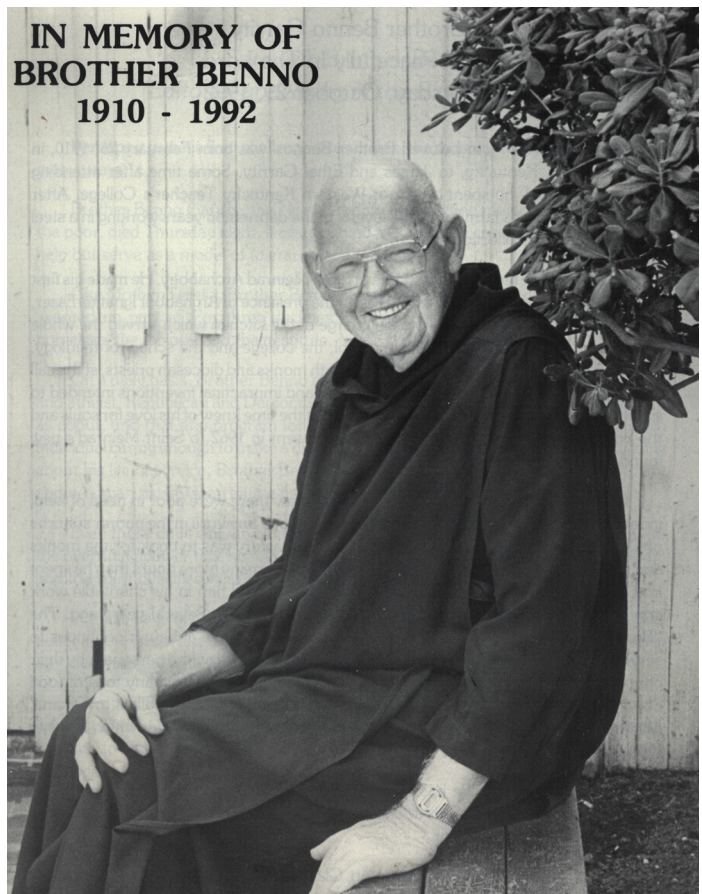
As we remember the Brother Benno Foundation's 38 years of aiding those in need with love and compassion, we are grateful for the thoughtful giving of donations and grants, and the unselfish efforts of our many volunteers and staff members. In an article published in our January 2011 newsletter, our founder, **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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AUXILIARY NEWS

by Joyce Cerimele

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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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.


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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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 _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____

Donation \$ _____
Number of copies _____

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

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.)

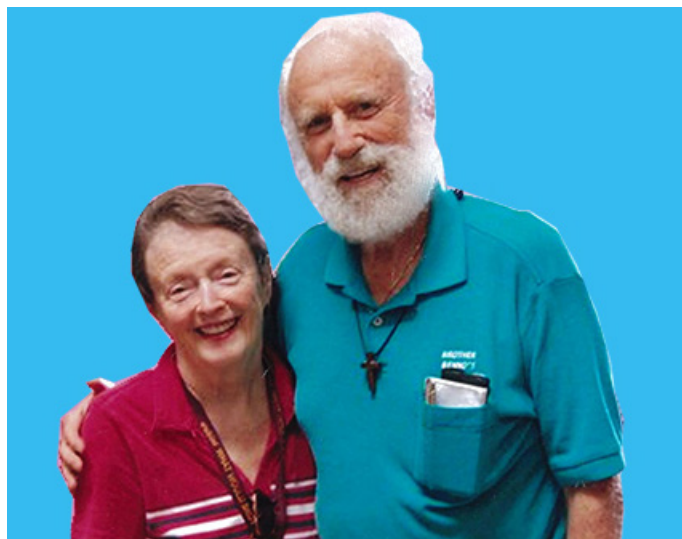
We conduct a tour of the Brother Benno Center at 3260 Production Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92058 on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. for anyone interested in learning more about us. No reservation needed—just come!

Thank you for considering working with our Staff and other volunteers to carry out our mission of seeing that no one in our area goes hungry, no one goes without shelter or clothing, and most importantly, no one goes without someone to care for him or her.

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And on this anniversary we also remember **Kay Kutler**, affectionately known to everyone as "The Hugger," who, by her unselfish and compassionate acts, inspires all our staff members and volunteers to share our kindness, understanding, and compassion with our Guests.



Kay and Harold Kutler

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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:

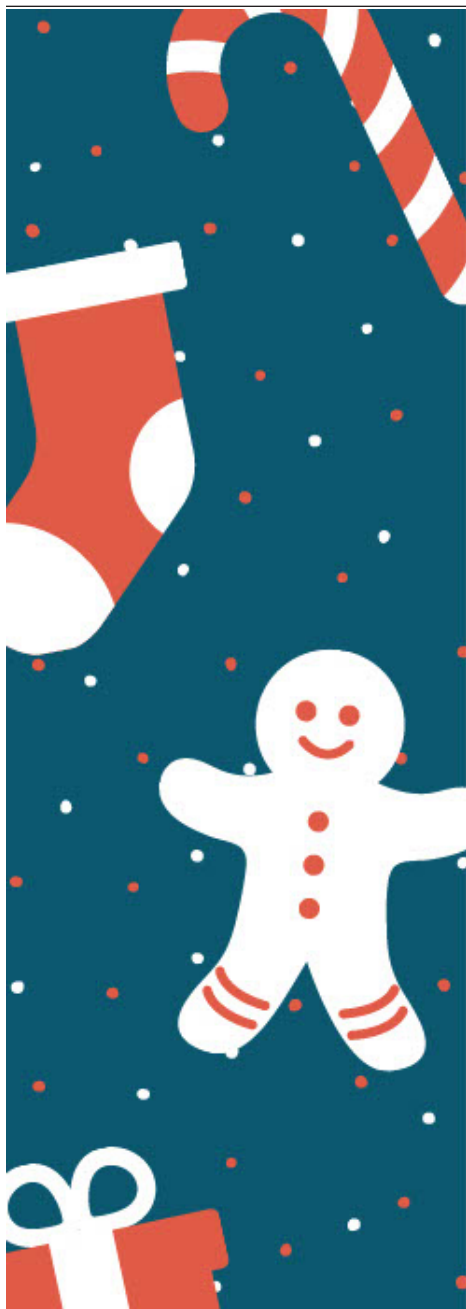
(name) _____
(address) _____

For a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.): _

Send a card to: (name) _____
(address) _____

The Brother Benno Foundation
PO Box 308
Oceanside CA 92049

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



**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

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	Bob Gleason	Jane Pfau	Fred Williamson
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Ruth Hazel Pierson	H. Edward Smith
Frank Barnet	Tom & Louise	Alan Port	Family
Brother Benno	Hayward	Mary Pullman	Ron Beckman
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Catherine L. Quinlan	Marie Atkinson
Andrea Boersma	John Jarvie	Dora Ramirez	Robert Buchach
Roland Bond	Dorothy and Walter	Dick & Terry Riley	Mary Baker
Bill Boster	Jellig	Margaret Rossini	Carreen Golden
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Ream Braegger
Bill Buckner	Ben Kouns	Nick Sauer	Bernie Weiler
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Richard Kurtz	Mary Shankle	Joe Stephens
Anna Correia	Carole Kutler	Naomi Shelton	Timothy Diem
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Harold & Kay Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Dorothy & Walter
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Milton Silver	Jelig
Frank S. Dolley	Ben & Ozelle Lewis	Will Skinner	Barbara LaMothe
Anita H. Donahue	Helen Lucas	Ann Grier Smith	Susie Prestie
Dorothy M. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Alva & Frances	Peggy & Beverly
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Helene McGill	Snider	Miville
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Monty, Natalie, &	Squirrell Family	Paul Alberton
Fr. Abbot Claude	Michael Nares	Mike Stendahl	Jeanne St. Amant
Ehringer, OSB	Zeferino & Dancy	Margaret Stephan	Floyd Atkinson
Myron Eichen	Nares	Virginia Sylwestrzak	William Daley
Richard Farhquar	Mary Nordstrom	Harold Thompson	
William & Vennita	Nysewander Family	Carol & Herb	
Flanagan	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Thornberg	
Louise Foussat	Ben Osgrove	Rosemary Tucker	
Joe & Ida Friend	Kathryn D. Pent	Walter Ulloa	
Mary Gerrity	Mary Peterson	June Williams	

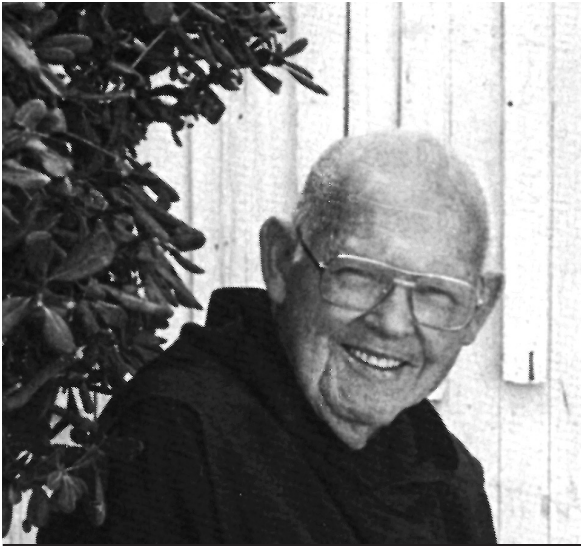
Needs

Gently used furniture Blankets Adult Unisex Diapers Baseball caps

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2021	1 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	2 St. John The Evangelist	3 Brother Benno Auxiliary	4 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	5 San Luis Rey Mission	6 St. Thomas Moore
Monthly	8 North Coast Methodist	9 Riverview Church	10 Rotary Clubs of Carlsbad	11 Brother Benno Thrift Shop	12 St. Patrick's	13 To be determined
Serving	15 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	16 To be determined	17 Brother Benno Auxiliary	18 San Luis Rey Franciscans	19 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	20 Girlfriend's Care
Team	22 Servers R Us	23 Rotary Club of Vista	24 San Luis Rey Methodist	25 Thanksgiving	26 Open	27 Catholic Daughters
Schedule	29 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	30 Women's Club of Oceanside				

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

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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

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:

	September 2021	Our 37th Year		September 2021	Our 37th Year
Meals	6,818	4,651,680	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	1,008	331,962	Food packs	775	362,784
Articles of clothing	3,072	1,455,517	Blankets	106	49,918
Showers	257	271,555	Tarps	53	6,536
Haircuts	102	23,038	ID Vouchers	31	10,255
Bus passes	39	86,655	HUGS	0	1,011,244