



Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

November 2022



2022 Golf Tournament Recap

On Tuesday, October 4th, the Brother Benno Foundation hosted its 4th annual charity golf tournament at Camp Pendleton Marine Memorial Golf Course. The event was a huge success and raised over \$115,000. These funds will help us in our mission to uplift the dignity of those we serve. We are grateful to our sponsors, our underwriters, the live and silent auction donors, and the golfers who participated and bid on the auction items. Our volunteers worked hard to make the event a success. We also wish to thank surfing legend **Kelly Slater** and NFL star **Drew Brees** for their participation and support. In addition, the outstanding photos were taken by professional photographer **Todd Glaser**. (You can see more of Todd's photos here: <https://brotherbenno.org/golf-2022/>) Thank you all for making the day exceed our expectations. We are stoked!

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Golf committee members, volunteers, and golfers pictured - Amy Selich, Sue Westlund, Linda Engstrom, Linda Donahue, Kelly Slater, Drew Brees, Kathleen Diehlmann, Dorine Meade, Dina Marie Ahee, Debra Drew, Nita Rodriguez

Thrift Shop Update

It is the Thrift Shop's favorite time of year. The store has been transformed into a beautiful Christmas Boutique! You will find Christmas trees, ornaments, stockings, collectibles, vintage ornaments and decor, Christmas books, and movies. You might even find a seasonal pullover to help you win first place at the ugly Christmas sweater party.

With the state of the economy, now more than ever we realize people need reasonably priced items. Every Thursday everything is 20% off and on the last Saturday of every month, everything is 50% off. Like and follow us on Facebook [[click here](#)] to see new inventory and daily specials. Shop Wednesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are also the “drop off” point for new items for the Annual Children's Christmas Party. Please drop off new stuffed animals, new unwrapped toys, and new pajamas (from children's sizes to adult's) to the cashier who will make sure they get to the party organizers.

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Recovery Homes: Renovation Project

Did you know that the Brother Benno Foundation owns and operates seven houses for our drug and alcohol recovery program? Thanks to grants and support from donors, we have been able to make approximately \$100,000 in improvements to five of these homes this year. Board Member **Gregg Prather** has been overseeing the rehabilitation of our phase one houses for male residents in our program. These two houses had not had significant renovations in over 15 years and had well over 200 program members passing through the houses during that time.

“A significant amount of the work was performed by our exceptional maintenance team, **Ron Lamb** and **James White**,” said Gregg Prather.

The work on these houses includes new flooring, drywall repair and painting, installing new doors, bathroom renovations, new beds and new appliances. A new roof was installed on one of the sober living houses. The exterior of several of our houses was also painted.

All these improvements could not have been done without some inconvenience. The extensive construction work required the relocation of some of our recovery program members while a particular house was being renovated. Thanks so much to the participants and leaders of our Recovery Program for their patience while we went through this remodeling process.

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Giving Tuesday, November 29th

The holidays are on the horizon. So much of the focus of this time of year is on giving - from Thanksgiving through the days of Advent, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. But did you know there is a special day set aside to give to your favorite charity? It is called Giving Tuesday and this year it is on Tuesday, November 29th. Please consider donating to the Brother Benno Foundation on that day. Any dollar amount helps us to fulfill our mission to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, and support men and women recovering from addiction.

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Brother Benno's 39th Anniversary

This month we celebrate Brother Benno's 39th anniversary with gratitude. Thank you to the many volunteers, staff members, and donors who contribute to meeting our mission to uplift the dignity of those we serve. In a continuing effort since 1983, each year Brother Benno's has been fortunate to report on progress achieved and the plans to continue to improve our mission. The progress reported over these thirty-nine years is built on the foundation of our Ministry set by **Harold** and **Kay Kutler** and Brother Benno which continues today.

Harold and Kay understood the need for each of our Guests "... to feel human and worthwhile." They sought to inspire each Guest to overcome their difficulties and "resume their journey to a better life." From Harold, "Only love and acceptance can reach a heart that has been disfigured by rejection, conditional love, or ridicule." Brother Benno welcomed our Guests with unconditional love, and compassion. Harold was fond of saying Brother Benno "... loved people into heaven."

We are grateful our volunteers and staff members fully embrace this mission as we move into a new year with new challenges and opportunities to continue to improve our services and assistance to those in need.

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Lastly, as we give thanks this holiday season, the Thrift Shop would like to thank our many dedicated volunteers and customers. Without your support, we would not have made it through the pandemic and like many businesses, would have had to close. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

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Thank You! You are making this Christmas Merrier & Brighter for 400 needy children.

*Gift Cards can also be dropped off at the Thrift Shop. Please label your envelope
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THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE WILL BE USED TO SEND YOUR DONATION CONFIRMATION.

Your gift cards and donations are tax-deductible: Brother Benno Foundation IRS Tax ID: 33-0051575

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.

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.

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In memory of: _____
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Oceanside CA 92049
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The Brother Benno Foundation

Uplifting the Dignity of Those We Serve

Dear Brother Benno Supporters,

As we look back at the events of this year, we have much to be thankful for, particularly for those events supporting our mission to uplift the dignity of our Guests and for our Guests to continue to be inspired to improve their lives. Our thanks include:

We are thankful for being able to renovate and upgrade our warehouse at the Brother Benno Center. The renovation improves the efficiency of handling and distributing donated food items, not only to our kitchen and pantry for use by our Guests, but in distributing food items each week to an increasing number of other community organizations.

We are thankful for progress in completing a long planned renovated kitchen and serving line that will provide a caring and welcoming environment for serving meals to our valued Guests. Our dedicated serving team volunteers help us to feed the hungry Monday through Saturday. We are truly grateful for their support.

We are thankful for the combined use of our "Hub Center" by our Community Outreach team, the San Diego County's Homeless Services team, and caseworkers from other charity organizations that offer supportive care to unsheltered persons and extremely low-income households.

We are thankful for the update of four homes that shelter members participating in our twenty-six-week substance abuse recovery program. These houses provide well-cared for environments supporting the objectives of our twelve step Alcoholics Anonymous program.

We are thankful to be able to provide rental and utility assistance to an increasing number of families seeking to avoid eviction and becoming homeless or suffering the trauma of losing utility services.

We are thankful for an active Thrift Shop which supports the community with a wide assortment of discounted clothing, household items, and is actively making plans for our annual children's Christmas party.

We are thankful to be able to continue to provide financial aid to extremely low-income students who are attending MiraCosta and Palomar Colleges.

We are thankful to be able to distribute clothing and offer other essential services each day to sustain and support our Guests.

We are thankful for being teamed with Humanity Showers and the use of their mobile showers to provide up to seventy showers each day, four days each week to unsheltered guests.

We are particularly thankful for the contributions of you, our donors, volunteers, partners, and staff members whose unselfish efforts continue to improve Brother Benno's services and assistance to those individuals and families in need.

We couldn't do this without you,

Kathleen Diehlmann, Jeff Bizzack, Joe McDevitt, Co-Presidents

Memorials

Ron Alexander	Chance Hales	Alan Port	Peggy & Beverly
Dixie & Lou Bales	Tom & Louise	Mary Pullman	Miville
Frank Barnet	Hayward	Catherine L. Quinlan	Roger Turk
Brother Benno	Elizabeth Holms	Dora Ramirez	Agatha Johnson
Edith Blaiser	John Jarvie	Dick & Terry Riley	Oliver Speraw
Andrea Boersma	Dorothy and Walter	Margaret Rossini	Peter Hill
Roland Bond	Jellig	Ann Sauer	Molly Wilbur
Bill Boster	Alice Jordan	Nick Sauer	William L. Pry
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Ben Kouns	Mary Shankle	Josephine & Alfred
Bill Buckner	Richard Kurtz	Naomi Shelton	Ricci
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Carole Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	William A Stone
Anna Correia	Harold & Kay Kutler	Milton Silver	Joseph & Norma
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Will Skinner	Mifsud
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Ben & Ozelle Lewis	Ann Grier Smith	Karl & Mary
Frank S. Dolley	Helen Lucas	Alva & Frances	Shirlie Laiho
Anita H. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Snider	Paula Jhung
Dorothy M. Donahue	Helene McGill	Squirrel Family	Wayne W Smith
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Monty, Natalie, &	Mike Stendahl	Ron Beckman
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Michael Nares	Margaret Stephan	Patricia Beasley
Fr. Abbot Claude	Zeferino & Dancy	Virginia Sylwestrzak	John, Helen, & Matt
Ehringer, OSB	Nares	Harold Thompson	Hagan
Myron Eichen	Mary Nordstrom	Carol & Herb	Frank Beesan
Richard Farhquar	Nysewander Family	Thornberg	Timothy Diem
William & Vennita	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Rosemary Tucker	Barbara La Mothe
Flanagan	Ben Osgrove	Walter Ulloa	Tom Goeltz
Louise Foussat	Kathryn D. Pent	June Williams	Joe Erno
Joe & Ida Friend	Mary Peterson	Fred Williamson	
Mary Gerrity	Jane Pfau	Andrew & Jane	
Bob Gleason	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Yandura	

Needs

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| Gently used furniture | Blankets | Baseball caps |
| Diapers size 5 and 6 | Adult Unisex Diapers | Women's underwear, sizes 4 and 5 |
| Men's 2x and 3x t-shirts | Baby wipes | Travel-size toothpaste |
| Travel-size shampoo | Travel-size body wash | Travel-size deodorant |

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November		1 St. John The Evangelist	2 Juanita's Team	3 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	4 San Luis Rey Mission	5 St. Thomas More
2022						
Monthly	7 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	8 Riverview Church	9 Open	10 Servers R Us	11 St. Patrick's	12 St. Vincent De Paul
Serving	14 North Coast Methodist	15 Christ The King Church	16 Friends of Brother Benno	17 Ernest Packaging	18 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	19 Girlfriend's Care
Team	21 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	22 Rotary Club of Vista	23 San Luis Rey Methodist	24 Thanksgiving Meal	25 Open	26 Main OR Group
Schedule	28 Open	29 Brother Benno's Volunteers & Staff	30 Soroptomist International			

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Brother Benno's Thrift Shop

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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 seven recovery and sober living 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.

Please Note Our Mailing address:

The Brother Benno Foundation
Post Office Box 308
Oceanside, CA 92049-0308

If you wish to drop off donations or deliver donations in person, our physical address is:

3260 Production Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92058

www.brotherbenno.org

Brother Benno's Services:

	September 2022	Our 38th Year		September 2022	Our 38th Year
Meals	10,508	4,762,567	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	950	343,789	Food packs	993	374,403
Articles of clothing	2,971	1,491,736	Blankets	72	51,227
Showers	855	279,268	Tarps	71	7,217
Haircuts	0	23,357	ID Vouchers	33	10,564
Bus passes	0	88,655	HUGS	0	1,011,244
