



# Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

October 2022



## Major Construction Project Underway

There are lots of changes happening at The Brother Benno Center! Both our warehouse and dining area are under construction. The clothing warehouse will now be a combined food and clothing storage area with re-designed space and improved lighting.

The dining area will include a long-awaited new serving line and scullery. We are also painting and putting in new flooring in the dining room. This construction project will take several months. In the meantime, we continue to feed our Guests with a temporary kitchen and outdoor dining area set up. Our serving teams continue to volunteer on the serving line outside. We are truly grateful for all of the support and patience from all of our friends of Brother Benno's as we work to improve the experience for our Guests.

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Our chef, Pelon, enjoying new mobile kitchen

## Administrative Help Needed

Brother Benno's provides rental and utility assistance to help people avoid homelessness.

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer with previous office experience to assist in our rental and utility assistance office. This volunteer will have strong communication skills. Patience and composure when making, answering, and returning phone calls is a must. Some basic computer-based data entry and filing experience are required. Legible and easy-to-read handwriting is also requested. A Spanish speaker would be a plus.

If you are interested, we would ask that you set aside two days in a row at the beginning for training purposes. This may change as time goes on. Would you like to help? Please contact **Mary Holguin** at [mholguin2@yahoo.com](mailto:mholguin2@yahoo.com) or our volunteer coordinator, at [volunteers@brotherbenno.org](mailto:volunteers@brotherbenno.org).

There are many individuals in our community who need help. You could really make a difference to a family, a senior or individual in need.

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More construction photos on page 4...



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

**Our goal is to collect 400 WALMART  gift cards this year  
& we're counting on you!**

*Of course, you can send a monetary donation if you prefer to have us  
purchase gift cards in your name.*

**Send Gift Cards or your donation with the form below to:**

**The Brother Benno Foundation/Christmas**

**P.O. Box 308**

**Oceanside, CA 92049**

*Gift Cards can also be dropped off at the Thrift Shop. Please label your envelope  
"Children's Christmas Gift Cards."*

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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.**



### To our volunteers at Brother Benno's

Dedicated hearts like yours  
are not so easy to find.

It takes a special person  
to be  
so generous and kind.

To care so much for  
your fellow man  
is a quality too rare,

Yet you give of your  
time and talents  
for all in need to share.

So thank you for being a  
**VOLUNTEER**

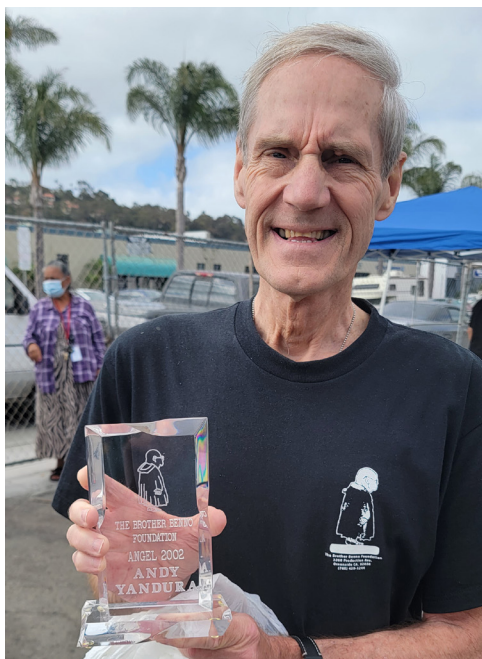
We're privileged to work  
with you

We want you to know how  
appreciated you are,  
not just today, but the  
whole year through.

- Helen Parsons

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Andy Yandura volunteers every Saturday  
making boxes for the last 25 years.



### Update: San Diego Gives 2022

On September 8th, Brother Benno's participated for the first time in San Diego Gives. Through this county-wide, online fundraising event, The Brother Benno Foundation raised almost \$10,000. We didn't know what to expect when we signed up, but we had faith that something good was going to happen, and it certainly did.

The donations from our participation in San Diego Gives will help continue our efforts to uplift the dignity of those we serve through our essential services - feeding and clothing those without shelter - and through providing community outreach services to our unsheltered and extremely low-income Guests needing rental and utility assistance, help enrolling in our alcohol and drug recovery program, assistance obtaining medical and mental health care, and securing motel vouchers for emergency shelter.

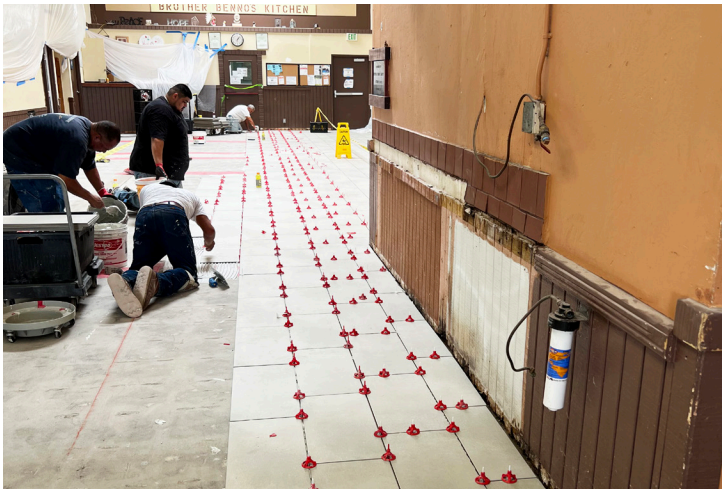
San Diego Gives was formed to shine a light on the tremendous work of local nonprofits throughout San Diego County; this year 327 nonprofits participated. Thanks to the generosity, of over 3,700 donors, more than one million dollars were raised to support our community and our County.

Brother Benno's plans to participate next year as well, so please mark your calendars - San Diego Gives 2023 will be Thursday, September 7th!

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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](mailto:jim.napier@cox.net).

**More Construction Photos**



**Four Open Spots For  
New Serving Teams**

Interested in giving back one day a month? Brother Benno's has several openings for service groups, churches, businesses, or other volunteer organizations that would like to serve breakfast at The Brother Benno Center. We have slots to fill on the 2nd Wednesday, 4th Monday, 4th Thursday, and 4th Friday of each month.

Would your group like to join us and serve hot meals to the unsheltered and working poor once a month? (Please note this would be every month.) If you are interested, contact **Stephanie Wilson** at [servingteams@brotherbenno.org](mailto:servingteams@brotherbenno.org). She will also answer any questions you have about this wonderful volunteer opportunity.

A special thank you to our "retiring" serving teams, Catholic Daughters and Carlsbad Rotary. We appreciate your years of service. Thank you!

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**Canned Goods Needed!**

Brother Benno's is experiencing a significant shortage of donated canned goods. Any cans of food provided are appreciated, but multiple cans of the same item (i.e. tuna, beans) would be ideal.

Thank you!

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**HELP US MAKE OUR NEWSLETTER  
YOURS (OR EVEN BETTER)**

1. What do you most like about about our newsletter
2. What would you like to see more of?

Send your response to [bbnewsletter@brotherbenno.org](mailto:bbnewsletter@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.

**Information & Online donations:**  
**[brotherbenno.org](http://brotherbenno.org)**

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### Memorials

Ron Alexander	Bob Gleason	Jane Pfau	Fred Williamson
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Andrew & Jane
Frank Barnet	Tom & Louise	Alan Port	Yandura
Brother Benno	Hayward	Mary Pullman	Molly Wilbur
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Catherine L. Quinlan	Peggy & Beverly
Andrea Boersma	John Jarvie	Dora Ramirez	Miville
Roland Bond	Dorothy and Walter	Dick & Terry Riley	Deacon Thomas
Bill Boster	Jellig	Margaret Rossini	Goeltz
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Nysewander /
Bill Buckner	Ben Kouns	Nick Sauer	Squirrell Family
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Richard Kurtz	Mary Shankle	Robert DiCario
Anna Correia	Carole Kutler	Naomi Shelton	Timothy Diem
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Harold & Kay Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Ron Beckman &
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Milton Silver	Doris Ellis
Frank S. Dolley	Ben & Ozelle Lewis	Will Skinner	Frank Beeson
Anita H. Donahue	Helen Lucas	Ann Grier Smith	Nick Jellison
Dorothy M. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Alva & Frances	Lorraine Brown
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Helene McGill	Snider	Alice Buchach
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Monty, Natalie, &	Squirrell Family	Georgeo Kerpani
Fr. Abbot Claude	Michael Nares	Mike Stendahl	Victor Chang
Ehringer, OSB	Zeferino & Dancy	Margaret Stephan	Barbara La Mothe
Myron Eichen	Nares	Virginia Sylwestrzak	Pete Hill
Richard Farhquar	Mary Nordstrom	Harold Thompson	
William & Vennita	Nysewander Family	Carol & Herb	<b>Happy Birthday</b>
Flanagan	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Thornberg	Richard Schlemmer
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                      Baseball caps  
 Diapers size 5 and 6                      Adult Unisex Diapers                      Women's underwear, sizes 4 and 5  
 Men's 2x and 3x t-shirts

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October</b>						<b>1</b> St. Thomas More
<b>2022</b>						
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>3</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #1	<b>4</b> St. John The Evangelist	<b>5</b> Juanita's Team	<b>6</b> Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	<b>7</b> San Luis Rey Mission	<b>8</b> TVIA
<b>Serving</b>	<b>10</b> North Coast Methodist	<b>11</b> Riverview Church	<b>12</b> Open	<b>13</b> Servers R Us	<b>14</b> St. Patrick's	<b>15</b> Girlfriend's Care
<b>Team</b>	<b>17</b> Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	<b>18</b> Christ The King Church	<b>19</b> Friends of Brother Benno	<b>20</b> Ernest Packaging	<b>21</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #2	<b>22</b> Main OR Group
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>24</b> Open <b>31</b> Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	<b>25</b> Rotary Club of Vista	<b>26</b> San Luis Rey Methodist	<b>27</b> Open	<b>28</b> Open	<b>29</b> Shiloh Church of God



**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**

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**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](http://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](http://www.brotherbenno.org)

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**Brother Benno's Services:**

	August 2022	Our 38th Year		August 2022	Our 38th Year
Meals	11,479	4,752,059	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	1,242	342,839	Food packs	1,093	373,410
Articles of clothing	2,896	1,488,765	Blankets	66	51,155
Showers	1,036	278,413	Tarps	53	7,146
Haircuts	0	23,357	ID Vouchers	23	10,531
Bus passes	213	88,655	HUGS	0	1,011,244

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