Brother Benno’s Auxiliary
Annual Luncheon Fundraiser
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WINTER WONDERLAND
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Saturday, December 1, 12 Noon
(Doors Open at 11 AM)
Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa
5480 Grand Pacific Drive, Carlsbad
Valet Parking Included

Tickets are now on sale for the Auxiliary’s Annual Luncheon, our biggest fundraiser of the year! Auxiliary members are busy preparing opportunity baskets, silent auction items and other ways that you can win big at this event. Holiday singers will be there to entertain you. We invite you to join us! All proceeds from this event support the work of Brother Benno’s.

Tickets are $75 per person, $600 for a table of 8. Table location choices are on a first-come, first-serve, so talk to all your friends and reserve now. Download ticket order forms here: https://tinyurl.com/yam6r72y or call Susan Westlund (206-349-1371) if you need an order form mailed to you.

September Auxiliary Meeting You’re invited to join us at our next Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, September 26th, in the Center dining Room. Social time and snacks start at 1 p.m.; followed by the meeting at 1:30. We will be announcing the slate of candidates for the 2019 Auxiliary Board Officers. Why don’t you check us out? We welcome all to join us and give input. Can’t attend a meeting but want to become a member? Download our Membership Application here: http://bit.ly/2oGkaB9 (Copy and paste, or just type the link in your computer browser and it will take you directly to our Membership Application on our Google Drive account. You can download the application from there.)

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FAMOUS PEOPLE SPEAK

“The humblest praise most, while cranks and malcontents praise least. Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.”

~ C.S. Lewis

“Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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SUPPORTERS RESPOND QUICKLY TO URGENT NEEDS

It’s not surprising that our major heat wave this summer led to urgent calls for bottled water. The Brother Benno Facebook page has been the main location for requests, and supporters rushed to respond to the need. The first post was shared 57 times by our Facebook fans; the second post, 18 times.

Our Thank You was posted on July 30:
“WHEN WE WERE OUT OF WATER, IT RAINED BOTTLES! So many of you responded to our “urgent need” that we were able to make it through the hot spell. Thank you! We are truly humbled by your generosity and grateful in knowing that when we have a need, our community rises to the challenge and helps us keep doing what we do best. We could not do what we do without you. xoxo”

Our Facebook page lists “Urgent Needs,” “Amazon Wishlist,” and “Wishlist Wednesday.” If you don’t “do Facebook,” you can access the “Amazon Wishlist” directly at http://amzn.to/2EyMGj6 There you’ll find a list of our current needs, how many of each item we need, and how many have already been purchased. Amazon will send the order directly to the Brother Benno Center; and for Amazon Prime members, delivery is free.

No matter how you choose to donate money or goods to Brother Benno’s to help the poor and homeless, please know that your generosity is very much appreciated by the staff and volunteers, and even more so by those who benefit directly. Working together, we do make a difference.

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KIDS LEARN IMPORTANT LESSON ABOUT SERVICE
by Madison Fredette

This summer, St. Thomas More Church in Oceanside held its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). We decided to take a different route with our Social Ministry Project this year. Instead of our usual Operation Kid-to-Kid,* we made the decision to show kids that helping people in need starts right here in our own neighborhoods. Each day of VBS, we asked our participants to provide water, snacks, and backpacks for the Guests at Brother Benno’s. How inspiring it was to see the kids and their parents come through our doors with bags of bottled water, snack items, and brand-new backpacks for our brothers and sisters in need!

The theme of this year’s VBS was Ship-wrecked, where we focused on the idea that Jesus rescues us from our failures, fears, and struggles. Through being able to collect the necessary items for Brother Benno’s, we were able to see that, not only does Jesus rescue us, but He can also rescue others through our kindness to them. We were blessed to be given the opportunity to act in love for others and to teach the kids the importance of supporting and helping people in our own communities who are not as fortunate as we are.

Thank you, Brother Benno’s, for giving us the opportunity to learn this life-changing lesson! God Bless You All!

* (Operation Kid-to-Kid is one of the largest service mission projects for children that gives the kids the opportunity to help other children around the world by giving gifts like school supplies, Bibles, hygiene kits, Christmas gifts, coloring books, socks, and shoes. VBS children have also funded extensive malaria prevention and clean water initiatives in Africa and India.)

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A FRIEND’S CONCERN, A HOPEFUL BEGINNING
by Rico

“I woke up this morning, and I prayed to thank God I was still alive. I woke up so early I decided to go to Brother Benno’s because I needed some food and didn’t have any at home.

“I got my ticket* for breakfast, and I bumped into Eric, who used to work with me at the recycling center. He saw how yellow my eyes were and suggested I go to the emergency room. He said I should go immediately continued on page 4....

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 Suzy Martinek, 760-439-1244, ext. 116 or smartinek@miracosta.edu
MORE THAN JUST A SOUP KITCHEN
Part Two
by Elana Bagley

Last month I focused on how the Brother Benno Foundation serves the community through its Recovery Program for men and women. This month I’d like to shine a spotlight on the other ways in which we are making a positive impact on homelessness by partnering with other community service providers.

Homelessness is a complex issue. Brother Benno’s is just one spoke in the wheel of a community effort to provide needed services to the homeless, working poor, and underemployed. Although our main focus is to feed, clothe, and shower our Guests, we also provide other services that are crucial to many who are trying to become self-sufficient—those with mental and physical disabilities, educational and language barriers, or employment issues. We have staff members and volunteers who are willing to go beyond the easy fix in order to help them.

Our Outreach and Guest Services team, consisting of Dennis Pinnick, Douglas Milovicz, and Brother Kevin, work tirelessly with Guests who have multiple roadblocks that keep them from moving forward. They help them obtain birth certificates, Social Security cards, and other documentation needed to access service with other agencies. Dennis said, “The difference between Brother Benno’s and most other agencies is that we develop relationships with our Guests and can act as a compassionate bridge between them and the agencies they have to deal with.”

When navigating the maze of red tape, there is often a need for document notarization. Carol Muehe, who’s been with Brother Benno’s for six years and is in charge of our Clothing Room, saw the need for a notary, so she became certified in order to provide that service to our Guests.

We provide one-time emergency rent and utility assistance to those in danger of losing their housing or having utilities turned off. We also help with prescription medications in rare cases. Because our funds are limited and we want to be responsible stewards of what is generously donated to us, allocation of the above funds is decided on a case-by-case basis.

There are currently several community outreach groups who assist in meeting the needs of our Guests.

Carlos Monsanto and Regina Saldana of the McAlister Institute are available to our Guests every Wednesday and Friday morning from 6:30 to 8:30. They provide a wealth of services including ID vouchers, transportation to appointments, assistance with applications for social services (Medi-Cal, General Relief, and Food Stamps), as well as short-term case management. Their main goal is to do whatever is required to get the homeless off the streets and on the road to a new life. They screen and assess people for one of several housing programs, including Rapid Rehousing, which pays the deposit and first month’s rent for those who qualify. While speaking with Carlos recently, he told me he had spoken with 15 people in the 2.5 hours he spent at Brother Benno’s.

Latoya Patterson, a Homeless Outreach worker from Mental Health Services (MHS), is another resource person who spends time at Brother Benno’s helping our Guests. She can usually be found on-site on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10. Her goal is to get severely mentally ill people into treatment.

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She also provides short-term case management to meet as many of the person’s needs as possible.

Both Latoya and Carlos stated that they follow the “Housing First” model, an assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to homeless people, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life.

Another community service provider that regularly visits our Center is the **Vista Community Clinic**, which has provided HIV and Hepatitis-C testing, as well as Hepatitis-A vaccinations. These are services that the homeless population would not normally access on their own if they were not convenient.

During the deadly Hepatitis-A outbreak last year, all of our Program members, Staff, Volunteers, and Guests were able to receive the vaccinations. The vaccine requires an initial shot and a booster shot six months later. If they happen to receive the first dose, the chances of them making it to a clinic for the follow-up shot was less likely. Because they come to Brother Benno’s every day for breakfast, providing that service here was the best possible way to get them fully vaccinated.

These are just some of the ways Brother Benno’s goes out of its way to be of service to our Guests. When we work together with others in the community, we can stretch our limited resources by helping them access other programs that they wouldn’t be able to navigate on their own. And as each individual person is helped, the community as a whole benefits.

The following statistics are from 2018 as published by the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH). San Diego County now has the fourth largest population of homeless. Over 63 percent of San Diego’s homeless are considered unsheltered (living in a car, tent, or on the street) compared with only 35 percent nationwide. California has the highest number of unsheltered homeless of any state at nearly 69 percent. New York, by comparison, has almost 95 percent of its homeless living in shelters.

Because I looked bad, and he cares about me. “So I went to Tri-City immediately, and they gave me some tests. The results were severe liver disease. They hooked me up to an IV to hydrate my body, gave me some medication, and told me I have to stop drinking.

“I know it’s up to me to change. God works in mysterious ways. One of the ways was he worked through my friend Eric, who is in the Brother Benno Recovery Program.”

*(Regular Guests are registered so that we can keep track of the various services we provide.)*
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 Correia
Don & Dorothea Daybell
Phyllis H. Dierlam
Frank S. Dolley
Anita H. Donahue
Dorothy M. Donahue
Fr. Luke Dougherty
Roseanne Dreidelbis
Fr. Abbot Claude
Ehringer, OSB
Myron Eichen
Richard Farquhar
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Flanagan
Louise Foussat
Joe & Ida Friend
Mary Gerrity

Bob Gleason
Chance Hales
Tom Hayward
Elizabeth Holms
Alice Jordan
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Richard Kurtz
Carole Kutler
Harold & Kay Kutler
Ben E. Lewis
Bill & Louise Lakoff
Helen Lucas
Bill & Joan Maloney
Helene McGill
Michael & Monty
Zeferino & Dancy
Nares
Mary Nordstrom
Nysewander Family
Bud & Blanche Ogle
Ben Osgrove
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
Mary Shankle
Naomi Shelton
Bernice, Samuel & Milton Silver
Will Skinner
Ann Grier Smith
Squirrell Family
Mike Stendahl
Margaret Stephan
Virginia Sylwestrak
Harold Thompson
Carol & Herb
Thornberg
Rosemary Tucker
Walter Ulloa
June Williams
Fred Williamson
Eileen Fayle
Juan Badillo
Marvel Weekly
Robert Buchach
Bill Faran
Barbara LaMothe

Harold Spewer
Margaret & Gordon
Joan Jones
Bob Strawbridge
Ruth Pontarelli
Bernadette Butler
Toni Keane
Eric Bohle
Bill Severy
Ruth Ann Wallace
James Johnson
Rose Horner
Agnes Remington
William Pry
William Daley
Jane & Andrew
Yandura
Robert & Harold

Happy Birthday
Peg Reilly

Gently used furniture
Reading glasses

Needs

September 2018
Brother Benno’s Newsletter

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

Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop  
(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)  
Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture  

Shop open Tue-Fri 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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.

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Brother Benno’s Services:

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