



# Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

September 2019



## DEADLINE COMING SOON! REGISTER TODAY!

**REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 6 FOR THE BROTHER BENNO GOLF TOURNAMENT** to be held at the Memorial Golf Course at Camp Pendleton\* on **Friday, September 27**.

Registration includes lunch, golf, VIP bag drop-off and cart. Now thru **September 1** \$150/golfer - **September 2** thru Sept 6, \$175/golfer.

**Don't golf? Consider sponsoring a military member's play.**  
You can read more about the Tournament (and register online, too) at <https://www.brotherbenno.org/golf-2019>



Need more information: **Contact Nita Rodriguez** via Email at [auxiliary@brotherbenno.org](mailto:auxiliary@brotherbenno.org)

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## SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ACCOUNTING AND GRANT WRITING

Brother Benno's needs a volunteer to join our **accounting team** for 5-10 hours per week. We are looking for someone with a strong accounting background with experience using QuickBooks desktop and Excel software. If you are interested, please call **Dan Boone** or **Todd Emerson** at 760-231-1689.

We also need volunteer **Grant Writers** and a **Grant Data Base Administrator**. These positions are part-time and may be performed at the Brother Benno Center or from home. Please call **Frank Doherty** at 760-804-1948.

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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 Suzy Martinek, 760-439-1244, ext. 116 or [smartinek@miracosta.edu](mailto:smartinek@miracosta.edu)

## EXPERIENCING THE BROTHER BENNO SCENE

by Barbara Ladwig

**Gratitude.** The following note came with a recent donation check: "I am so grateful that your (Recovery) Program and all the support and caring were there, and will always be there, for my very special loved one!!!!"

**A Loss.** We are saddened by the death of one of our faithful volunteer truck drivers. **Joe Galizio** picked up food donations from local markets every Saturday for eleven years. Many family members and friends from all over the country have been sending donations to Brother Benno's in memory of Joe. We send our condolences to all of them.

**So Simple.** As I came out of the Center one morning, I passed a homeless woman who was looking intently at the ground. "Good morning," I said to her. She reacted with surprise and replied, "Good morning. Thank you!"

Off and on for days, her "Thank you" kept coming to mind. Did she feel invisible because others ignored her? Did my simple "Good morning" touch something in her? Is that a reminder that even small things can make a big difference to others?

**Recovery Houses.** The Brother Benno Houses for men in our Recovery Program are almost always full, while those for women always have a few vacancies. It's often more difficult for women to leave their families for six months if they don't have someone to care for their children.

**A Change and a Need.** Two notes on the Brother Benno Thrift Shop: The hours have changed—it's now open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5—and they need more volunteers. Please call Helen Parsons (760-622-2117) if you can help.

**A Volunteer Moment.** A volunteer shared an experience she had recently at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside.

As she and her husband walked out of church, a man stopped her and said he knew her from Brother Benno's. She didn't recognize him, but he said he sees her at the Center and knows she is a loving person because of the way she

interacts with the Guests. "I felt flattered," she said, "but I quickly informed him that it is the Holy Spirit who was showing the love that people needed; I was just the vehicle."

This experience reminded her that volunteers are given so many benefits. "Volunteers don't always arrive feeling energetic or happy," she said, "but when they leave they have smiles on their faces and their spirits are light. I find Brother Benno's is a place that helps all who come."

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## WOMAN'S LOSS IS LESSON LEARNED

by Eileen Costa

Volunteering at Brother Benno's often produces unexpected results. As the main character says in the movie, *Forrest Gump*, "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you are going to get."

Last week was no exception. The woman sitting with me was lovely and appeared to be kind and intelligent. But she was in tears. Her problem was that she had no money to pay her bills this month. A "simple" telephone call had taken every cent she had saved in order to pay them.

The call was supposedly from the Social Security office, telling her that her Social Security number had been used by someone else, and that number was now "frozen" so she would receive no more payments until she cleared up the problem. After following the instructions she was given, she thought her money would now be available, so she went to her bank, only to find that the money she had set aside was no longer there.

Brother Benno's was able to give her a small sum towards her rent. She left with heartfelt thanks, plus the knowledge that she had to be more careful with her finances.

Listening intently, I wondered how she had fallen for that scam. However, within a week, I, too, received a call from "the Social Security office" that sounded official; and later I wondered, Would I have fallen for the scam if I hadn't heard that woman's story?

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### SO MANY CARING HEARTS

by Helen Parsons

Hundreds of children participated in a summer program at North Coast Presbyterian Church with a theme of "Generosity." And generous they were! Over 150 of our Brother Benno families received decorated bags of non-perishable food, loving card messages, and summer hygiene kits containing sunscreen, lip balm, and several other thoughtful items. But it was seeing the children and teachers embracing the joys of giving that touched my heart!



The following week, our Thrift Shop was blessed to have ten young adults from Holy Family Cathedral in Orange County as volunteers. Their theme was "Salt (of the earth) and Light (of the world)." They were prime examples of both. Not only did they work hard, but they came back on their "day off" to shop and to present all staff members with hand-written thank-you notes. *And* they gave us a cash donation to use as we see fit! We put it towards our Children's Christmas Party!



Two of our amazing volunteers, "Chris and Jim," invited Ron Lamb and me to speak at their church, First Presbyterian in Oceanside. We shared our experiences at Brother Benno's at both services, then met with parishioners after the service to pass

out our newsletters and answer any questions.

We are blessed with knowing and working with so many good people!

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### COLLEGE STUDENT SHARES HER BROTHER BENNO EXPERIENCE

by Kaitlyn

Touring Brother Benno's impacted me positively and has inspired me to somehow help make a change. Talking to the homeless made me realize that, yes, some of them have made mistakes in the past, but they deserve to be treated the same as any other human.

Personally, I wasn't sure what to expect when I woke up the day of the tour; however, it was an eye-opening experience, and I hope I can provide help with that organization or similar ones in the area.

I met so many staff, all of whom were very sweet and welcoming. One topic that was brought to my attention was how these individuals get treated by people in the community, and even by law enforcement, which included heart-breaking stories. I plan to bring this experience upon my pastor and ask about how we, as a church group, can partner with Brother Benno's more in the future and provide prayer for these individuals in need.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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



### AUXILIARY NEWS

by Joyce Cerimele

The Auxiliary had a busy July, especially getting ready for our very successful Luau Dinner on the 26th. The Sunset Strummers 'Ohana Ukelele Band kept us in the Island mood, and many of the guests enjoyed dancing.



Major Events caterer, **Bil**, provided a delicious feast of teriyaki chicken and Kahlua pork with great sides. **Todd Stephenson** from Estate Warehouse kept the Dessert Auction lively and raised quite a bit of money on the wonderful desserts. Ticket sellers were kept busy selling raffle tickets for two ukuleles and free lessons from Giacoletti Music Store, and a framed photograph from **Mr. Hong Chun Kim**. The Green Rose Hula Dancers entertained us with traditional hula dances. We thank all these wonderful people, along with the Rancho Calevero Mobile Home Park for letting us use their clubhouse free of charge.

**Karen Gallagher** hosted a successful Sip 'N' Paint Watercolors party. Participants had a great time sipping wine and painting tulips and other fun objects. Julee Jobe is a great teacher as well as a talented artist. She brought out the

best in all the "artists." We are already planning a sequel for next year.



All our other service and support programs are going well. For more information on these, the Golf Tournament, and the Auxiliary in general, please contact us at [www.brotherbenno.org/brother-benno-auxiliary](http://www.brotherbenno.org/brother-benno-auxiliary) or write us at Brother Benno Auxiliary, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068.

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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:**  
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### 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...

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### Memorials

Ron Alexander	Bob Gleason	Mary Pullman	Cali
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Catherine L. Quinlan	Jeanne St. Amant
Frank Barnet	Tom & Louise	Dora Ramirez	Tim Rueth
Brother Benno	Hayward	Dick & Terry Riley	Dorothy & Walter
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Margaret Rossini	Jellig
Andrea Boersma	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Alva & Fran Snider
Roland Bond	Ben Kouns	Mary Shankle	Steve Douglas
Bill Boster	Richard Kurtz	Naomi Shelton	Frank Beeson
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Carole Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Peggy Miville
Bill Buckner	Harold & Kay Kutler	Milton Silver	Robert Buchach
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Will Skinner	Robert Beckman
Anna Correia	Ben E. Lewis	Ann Grier Smith	Bill Daley
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Helen Lucas	Alva & Frances	Gerald Becker
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Joan Maloney	Snider	Barbara LaMothe
Frank S. Dolley	Helene McGill	Squirrell Family	Ream Braegger
Anita H. Donahue	Michael & Monty	Mike Stendahl	Rose Horner
Dorothy M. Donahue	Nares	Margaret Stephan	
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Zeferino & Dancy	Virginia Sylwestrzak	<b>Happy Birthday</b>
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Nares	Harold Thompson	Jane Drinkwalter
Fr. Abbot Claude	Mary Nordstrom	Carol & Herb	
Ehringer, OSB	Nysewander Family	Thornberg	
Myron Eichen	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Rosemary Tucker	
Richard Farhquar	Ben Osgrove	Walter Ulloa	
William & Vennita	Kathryn D. Pent	June Williams	
Flanagan	Mary Peterson	Fred Williamson	
Louise Foussat	Jane Pfau	Joe Galizio	
Joe & Ida Friend	Ruth Hazel Pierson	William Pry	
Mary Gerrity	Alan Port	John Kidd	

### Needs

Gently used furniture                      Blankets                      Men's belts  
 Sunglasses and reading glasses              Polyfill (Pillow Stuffing)  
 Women's underwear (must be new) girls size 6, women size 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2019</b>	St. Elizabeth Seton #1	St. John The Evangelist	Brother Benno's Auxiliary	Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	San Luis Rey Mission	St. Thomas More
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Serving</b>	North Coast Methodist	Riverview Church	Fairwinds	Oceanside Civitanis	St. Patrick's	FVA in Action
<b>Team</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Schedule</b>	Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	Christ the King Lutheran	Brother Benno's Auxiliary	Rotary Club of Carlsbad	St. Elizabeth Seton #2	Girlfriend's Care
	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	St. Thomas More RCIA	Vista Hi-Noon Rotary	San Luis Rey Methodist	Pilgrim Creek	Sonrise Christian Fellowship	Catholic Daughters
	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
	Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	Welk Resort				

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**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**

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

**We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call 760-967-7507 for free pick up**

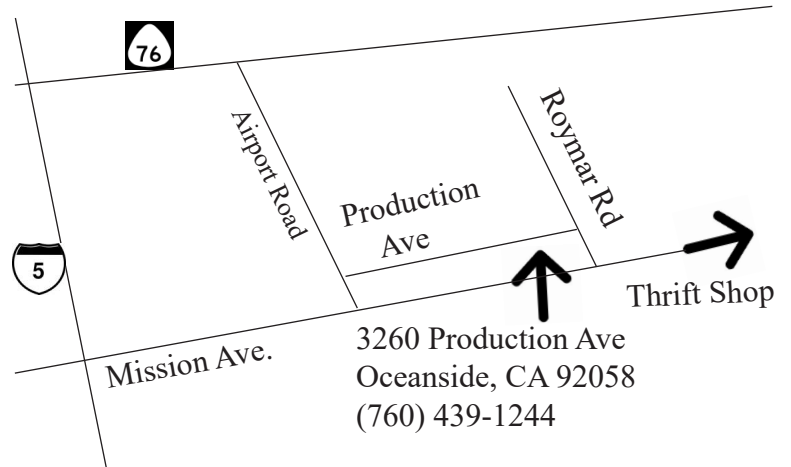
**Stop by to check out our Daily Specials!!**

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



**Brother Benno's Services:**

	July 2019	Our 35th Year		July 2019	Our 35th Year
Meals	12,866	4,394,622	Loads of laundry	23	28,440
Nights of lodging	910	309,322	Food packs	814	346,745
Articles of clothing	3,991	1,387,489	Blankets	129	47,073
Showers	1,193	263,670	Tarps	97	5,146
Haircuts	11	22,827	ID Vouchers	29	9,614
Bus passes	136	84,919	HUGS	1,800	995,494