“Pay it Forward” Golf Fundraiser

Our Golf Tournament plans for 2020 were changed by COVID-19; so we reimagined our Annual Fundraiser. Instead of “community play” this event is now “Pay It Forward.” That means, this year your sponsorship dollars will benefit the work of Brother Benno’s and will “Pay it Forward” by funding a round of golf for our local active duty military service members. Sponsored play begins October 2 and will continue until all military member sponsorship rounds have been awarded.

We have sponsorship options for everyone and 100 percent of all sponsorship proceeds and donations are tax deductible. Since our inception, the mission of the Auxiliary has always been to provide service, support and financial assistance to Brother Benno’s. In the past, the Auxiliary has been able to hold several fundraising events throughout the year; however, due to the situation with COVID-19, this is the only fundraising event we will be holding this year. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Don’t miss this opportunity to help the community in need that Brother Benno serves and to “Pay It Forward” by recognizing a military service member with a round of golf.

To view our sponsorship options or make a donation, visit www.brotherbenno.org/golf-2020.

Questions? Contact Nita Rodriguez at (310) 795-7627 or via email auxiliary@brotherbenno.org.

On behalf of the thousands you will assist, thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this opportunity.
“Volunteers are the heart and soul of Brother Benno’s,” from Soup Soap Hugs Hope by Harold Kutler.

Brother Benno’s is blessed with people who impact our Guests’ lives in ways that you might not ordinarily think about. One example is Rich Miro. As COVID-19 surfaced and impacted us all, Rich has continued to come into the accounting office at the Center four days a week, in spite of the fact that he’s in the most vulnerable age group.

Rich served in the U.S. Marine Corps for eleven years, from 1959-1970, with two tours overseas, including one in Vietnam. He met Harold Kutler in 1973 through the YMCA outdoor camping program with their children. In 1975, Rich began working for the City of San Diego as an analyst, and after 29 years, he retired in 2004. Having kept in touch with Harold over the years, he knew he wanted to do something with the Brother Benno Foundation.

Rich has been offering his services in different roles, first as a volunteer in community relations, then as a truck driver. Dennis Pinnick, in community relations, said, “Rich is a very humble person. Until you start eating lunch with him, you don’t realize all the things he’s done. He is just a great guy.”

In 2013, Rich told Harold he’d like to work in the accounting office, where he’s been ever since. He said he was trained by Jim O’Connell, Daniel Boone, and Ron Danielson. “So far I’m not getting bored,” he told us in his dry, humble manner. When asked what he likes most about the job, he stated it’s the people he works with.

Volunteer Terri Fenske said, “He’s a very pleasant person to work with. I look forward to having lunch with him on the two days a week I’m at the Center.”

Jim O’Connell has this to say: “Rich picks up the daily sales info from the Thrift Shop and posts each days’ details to an accounting spreadsheet. He also picks up the mail from our PO box at the Post office and makes the bank deposits. When he started working in the accounting office, Harold used to refer to him as the ‘Rookie.’ Over the years he has progressed so that now he is the ‘MVP.’ He is very kind to people and goes out of his way to help me with physical challenges, whether it be taking my tray at lunchtime or opening doors so I can pass through easily. These things may sound simple to most people; however, they make my life a lot easier.”

Todd Emerson shared these thoughts: “When I started volunteering nearly four years ago in the accounting office, which led to my part-time employment for the past year, I’ve always been impressed by Rich’s hard work and dedication to Brother Benno’s. I believe he is keeping Brother Benno’s going during this pandemic. He’s doing the job of three volunteers, and he keeps the cash flowing and the power on. He processes all donations—cash, checks, and credit cards, and pays a multitude of bills for the Center, Thrift Shop, and seven Recovery Houses. He’s my eyes and ears, since I am primarily working remotely. He’s one of the most reliable and consistent people I know, and his work ethic is unmatched. I respect him a great deal, and I admire his dedication to his church and his faith in God.”
UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES

(All in the parking lot)

Sack lunch distribution – Monday thru Saturday, 6:30 to 10 a.m.
Clothing distribution – Monday thru Friday, 6:30 to 9 a.m.
Mail service – Monday thru Saturday, 6:30 - 11 a.m.
Food Box or Bag distribution – Monday thru Saturday, 6:30 - 11 a.m.

Thursdays only: Drive-thru food bag distribution in partnership with Feeding San Diego – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Showers (mobile shower vehicle in parking lot) – Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9 a.m.

For rental and utility assistance, please call the Center (760-439-1244, ext. 113). A case worker will get back to you.

The above services might be limited, depending upon circumstances. Our staff and program members are working together to help get food out to our guests and members of our community who need help. We are grateful for everything these extraordinary individuals are doing to help keep the Center running.

The following services will be unavailable until further notice: Hot Breakfast, Laundry, Haircuts.

THRIFT SHOP

3955 Mission Avenue
Oceanside

We continue to keep customers, donors, volunteers, and employees safe by taking temperatures and requiring face coverings to be worn at all times. Our clothing donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are brought in and processed to go to the sales floor.

Shopping: Wednesday thru Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Donations: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Furniture Donation Pick Ups: Wednesday thru Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A list of items that we cannot take as a donation is now posted on the Brotherbenno.org website.

The Thrift Shop is also a “drop-off point” for items for the lunch bags for the homeless. We collect them and deliver them to the Center several times a week. Feel free to bring them to the donation drop-off area and let the staff know you have items for the lunch program.

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

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AUXILIARY NEWS
by Joyce Cerimele

It has been a quieter summer than most, but we are still doing some work and planning for the fall.

Our Christmas in July gift-card fundraiser has been doing quite well. I thank all of you who pitched in and donated what you could. We should see a lot of happy faces in December at the Children’s Christmas Party. If you haven’t had a chance to donate, there’s still time. Just send $25 cards from Walmart or Target, or send a check and we’ll buy the cards. Mail to Brother Benno Auxiliary, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068. Thank you!

We had a Zoom meeting on August 19, and it was good to see each other’s faces again. Please see the article on page 1 about our upcoming Golf Tournament.

Hopefully you are all staying safe, and we’ll be able to meet new members in the near future.

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~ Bernard Meltzer

SERVICE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC
by Barbara Ladwig

I’m sure we all know someone who’s been using this COVID-19 situation to step up and help others in ways we never had to face before. Because I’m in that “precarious age group,” I don’t venture far from home, which means I’ve given up my Wednesday mornings at Brother Benno’s, when Dorothy Richardson and I usually address thank-you cards to donors. (She’s also a golden-ager.) Almost immediately, Mary Spitz—who has been volunteering in many capacities for years—took over doing the post cards as well. She asked for help via the newsletter, and she’s had almost ten volunteers join her “team.”

It’s often been my experience that people are just waiting to be asked to help when a crisis occurs or a special need surfaces. Brother Benno’s is known for the spirit of love that’s been spilling over from its many volunteers throughout its 37 years of service to those in need; and that spirit continues to keep most of our services available to the homeless, working poor, seniors, and those with disabilities.

We can’t personally thank everyone; but if you’re a long-time volunteer, or someone who’s just come on board, please know that you are appreciated. And it’s my guess that you’re getting back more than you give. It’s just the way it happens when we serve others.

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Information & Online donations: brotherbenno.org

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Soup...Soap...Hugs...Hope:
The Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup Kitchen

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Recovery Program for Men and Women
760 439 1244 ext. 101
Changing people’s lives through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.”

~ Bernard Meltzer
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 Dreiblebis
Fr. Abbot Claude
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Helene McGill
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Dora Ramirez
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Virginia Sylwestrzak
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Fred Williamson
Judy Dusak
Ronald Beckman
Calvin Gregoire
Molly Wilbur
Toni Keane
Beverly Miville
Donna & Gilbert Brown
Tom & Louise Hayward
Al Bastem
Richard Foss
Mary & Joseph Opatkiewicz
James Schell
Frank Beeson
Andrew & Jane Yandura
Covid-19 victims
Ream Braegger
Shelby Arroyo

NEEDS

small bags of chips
fruit cups
protein bars
crackers
bottled water
small juices
Gatorade
Plastic grocery bags
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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 11-5; Donation Hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10-3
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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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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