



Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

September 2022



The 4th Annual Brother Benno Golf Tournament sells out!

Due to the incredible community support and sponsorship from local businesses, the 4th Annual Brother Benno Golf Tournament has sold out. A big thank you to our wonderful sponsors and golfers who signed up for this event on October 4, 2022.

We will continue to accept donations up to October 4th (tournament day) and in addition, you may still sponsor an active military member to golf on a future date. For more information, please check our website: <https://brotherbenno.org/golf-2022/>

There are so many people and organizations to thank for the support of the upcoming 4th Annual Brother Benno Golf Tournament. We would particularly like to express our gratitude to the following sponsors/supporters:

- * Title Sponsor - Outerknown
- * Master Sponsor - Endorfins
- * Champion Sponsors - C3bank, ADP, and Karen Gallagher
- * Classic Sponsors - The Firepit Collective, Link-soul, PEG/LION LLC, Home of Guiding Hands, Debra Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron, and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

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Giving back what they have learned

The staff at the Brother Benno Center work diligently to minister to the homeless and working poor in our community. Our volunteers, recovery program members, and employees make a difference in the lives of so many people each day.

Over 75% of our current staff at the Brother Benno Center are in recovery from alcohol or drug addiction. These employees' experiences and unique journeys in recovery have helped them develop the skills and demeanor to successfully work with our guests. Some of the people we provide services to can be volatile, angry, and oppositional. Guests may also be frustrated, scared, or caught in some type of life struggle. These profound challenges might also include addiction or an undiagnosed mental illness.

“Some of the care and compassionate sharing is because these employees are able to give what they have learned through their own recovery,” said **Dr. Richard Shlemmer**.

The 12th Step in Alcoholics Anonymous (on which the Brother Benno Recovery Program is based) is the following: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

“They are giving back what they've learned,” said Richard Shlemmer.

When you donate to The Brother Benno Foundation, you aren't just helping those who are on the streets. You are also supporting people who are recovering from drug and/or alcohol addiction. One of the core values of the Brother Benno Foundation is recovery. We are in awe of the work being done at the Center to provide love and compassion to those in need, one day at a time.

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DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A 4.5/5 STAR RATING ON OUR GOOGLE BUSINESS PAGE?

When people use Google to search for us, our business page may be one of the first things they see before going to our website.

We have 286 reviews dating back to 2016, when the first review was posted. Reviews build trust and help Brother Benno's stand out to our supporters, people looking to volunteer and those needing services on Google Search and Maps. It is also one indicator of how well we are fulfilling our mission.

And for those who like numbers...

Last month (July), our business page had 1,455 interactions, up 70% as compared to July 2021. (Interactions are when people call or look for directions.)

Numbers alone don't tell the whole story, but as you can see, we are filling a vital need in our community. Your support and donations make everything we do possible. Without you, we simply couldn't do what we do!

If you'd like to leave a review. You can do so by visiting <https://g.page/r/CZfFcOdwj9xVEB0/review>.

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Give Local September 8

Join us in the movement to GIVE local. On September 8th, this 24-hour online event shines a light on the tremendous work of local nonprofits throughout San Diego County. When you make a donation, know that every dollar of your investment will stay local to help our community.



**The
Brother Benno
Foundation**

Newsletter Editor Needed

Do you like to write? You can be a Co-Editor for the Brother Benno Newsletter. The Brother Benno Foundation is looking for people who can help write articles and edit the monthly newsletter. Please submit a write-up of your previous writing experience and why you would like to help the Brother Benno Foundation, to kathleen.diehlmann@brotherbenno.org.

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Changes are underway at the Brother Benno Center

A long-awaited construction project on the kitchen serving line and scullery will be underway at the Center for the next few months. We anticipate it starting at the end of August or the beginning of September. We ask for your patience as we are unable to accept most donations at the Center during this time.

We will feed our Guests using an outdoor mobile kitchen. Serving team volunteers will continue to serve meals. Our guests will eat outside while we make much-needed updates to our dining room, serving line, and scullery. If you have any questions about this project, please contact **Ben Meyer**, Essential Services Manager at (760) 439-1244 ext. 102.

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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.

It's not easy rebuilding a fan base and we need your help!

Whether you are a casual or avid user of Facebook to connect with your family and friends, we need your help building our Facebook followers.

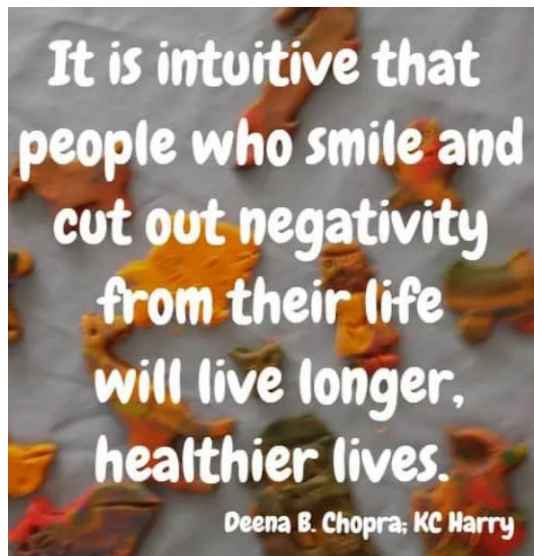
Please take a moment to visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/brotherbenno> and follow and like us.

It's also really helpful if our posts come up in your newsfeed to like our posts and share them.


Brother Benno's community of supporters didn't happen over night. We've grown bit by bit over the years as a result of the life-saving work and commitment of our volunteers, employees, program members, community partners and of course, donors like you.

So give us a "follow" or a "like." You know what they say, sharing is caring!

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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
Follow Brother Bennos online:
 **[Facebook.com/BrotherBenno](https://www.facebook.com/BrotherBenno)**

Benno's

This place they call Benno's
of which I'm a part
has cleansed my soul
and opened my heart.

To think this all started
with two gracious men
whose love and whose kindness
we freely extend.

A hand up
not hand out
would become the creed
for so many families and people in need.

When they come in
we see the despair
we clothe and we feed
and show them we care.

To give them some hope
with respect and a smile
things they might not
have had for a while.

So how does this blessing
continue to grow
from the unselfish kindness
of so many we know.

For without the donor
or caring volunteer
this thing that was started
would all disappear.

God put us together
it's not just by chance
for he plays the music
and we merely dance.

So thank you to Benno's
for this new start
for filling my soul
and touching my heart.

-by a Thankful Program Member

Making an impact: Ben Meyer

Congratulations to **Ben Meyer!** Brother Benno's Essential Services Manager at the Brother Benno Foundation, Ben was selected as a finalist in the Outstanding Social Responsibility category for San Diego Business Journal's Nonprofit Awards & Citizenship Awards 2022! This award recognizes an outstanding individual leading the way in diversity, transparency, service, public health, and/or education; corporate social responsibility is woven into the fabric of the individual's mission.



Ben became an expert on California SB 1383 for the Brother Benno Foundation. He developed collaborations with various organizations and he and his team began participating in the Food Scrap Recycling program, collecting and delivering food scraps to local farms for composting efforts. In addition, he helped to support other smaller organizations with the transportation of their food. Ben nurtured existing relationships

Brother Benno's had with Feeding San Diego and the San Diego Food Bank. He also established new partnerships with the Food Donation Connection and the San Diego Food System Alliance. Ben Meyer's efforts in this area, led to Brother Benno's being recognized as a model for how to address food waste.

"Ben has helped to rescue and increase food donations going to the community that would have otherwise gone to waste," wrote **Rachel Martinez** from Feeding San Diego in her letter of recommendation.

"Ben not only cares deeply about his community but equally about people as individuals. He has made it his mission to always be willing to meet individuals where they are at in their journey, walk with them, and find them the resources they 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) _____

The Brother Benno Foundation
PO Box 308
Oceanside CA 92049

Printable version: <https://bit.ly/3PvfNET>
Or, donate online at <http://brotherbenno.org>

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...

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____

Donation \$ _____
Number of copies _____

Memorials

Ron Alexander	Bob Gleason	Jane Pfau	Fred Williamson
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Barbara La Mothe
Frank Barnet	Tom & Louise	Alan Port	Ben & Ozelle Lewis
Brother Benno	Hayward	Mary Pullman	Douglas Evans
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Catherine L. Quinlan	Lorraine Brown
Andrea Boersma	John Jarvie	Dora Ramirez	Nysewander Family
Roland Bond	Dorothy and Walter	Dick & Terry Riley	Squirrell Family
Bill Boster	Jellig	Margaret Rossini	Brinson Family
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Deacon Thomas
Bill Buckner	Ben Kouns	Nick Sauer	Goeltz
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Richard Kurtz	Mary Shankle	Peggy & Beverly
Anna Correia	Carole Kutler	Naomi Shelton	Miville
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Harold & Kay Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Terry Dooley
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Milton Silver	Timothy Diem
Frank S. Dolley	Ben & Ozelle Lewis	Will Skinner	Bill
Anita H. Donahue	Helen Lucas	Ann Grier Smith	Ron Beckman
Dorothy M. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Alva & Frances	Mary Bold
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Helene McGill	Snider	Toni Keane
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Monty, Natalie, &	Squirrell Family	Amy Boone
Fr. Abbot Claude	Michael Nares	Mike Stendahl	Sam Domenici
Ehringer, OSB	Zeferino & Dancy	Margaret Stephan	Dorothy & Walter
Myron Eichen	Nares	Virginia Sylwestrzak	Jellig
Richard Farhquar	Mary Nordstrom	Harold Thompson	Happy Birthday
William & Vennita	Nysewander Family	Carol & Herb	Douglas Evans
Flanagan	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Thornberg	Tommy Head
Louise Foussat	Ben Osgrove	Rosemary Tucker	
Joe & Ida Friend	Kathryn D. Pent	Walter Ulloa	
Mary Gerrity	Mary Peterson	June Williams	

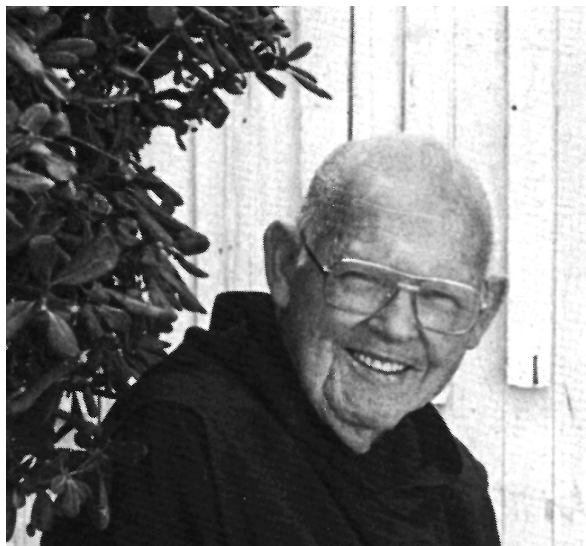
Needs

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
September				1	2	3
2022				Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	San Luis Rey Mission	St. Thomas More
Monthly	5	6	7	8	9	10
Serving	St. Elizabeth Seton #1	St. John The Evangelist	Juanita's Team	Servers R Us	St. Patrick's	St. Vincent de Paul
Team	12	13	14	15	16	17
Schedule	North Coast Methodist	Riverview Church	Rotary Clubs of Carlsbad	Ernest Packaging	St. Elizabeth Seton #2	Girlfriend's Care
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	Christ The King Church	Friends of Brother Benno	Open	Open	Main OR
	26	27	28	29	30	
	Open	Rotary Club of Vista	San Luis Rey Methodist	Brother Benno Thrift Shop	King of Kings	

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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

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:

	July 2022	Our 38th Year		July 2022	Our 38th Year
Meals	10,707	4,740,580	Loads of laundry	0	28,628
Nights of lodging	982	341,597	Food packs	1,220	372,317
Articles of clothing	3,011	1,485,869	Blankets	57	51,089
Showers	938	277,377	Tarps	33	7,093
Haircuts	0	23,357	ID Vouchers	26	10,508
Bus passes	268	88,442	HUGS	0	1,011,244
