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BROTHER BENNO'S NEWSLETTER

Uplifting the Dignity of Those We Serve

OCTOBER 2024



DRIVING OUR MISSION FORWARD: 6th Annual Golf Tournament is a Resounding Success

BY V.C. SMITH

Under the clouds of a hazy Wednesday morning, two dozen staff and volunteers arrived at **Goat Hill Park** to set the stage for this year's 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. As golfers checked in and checked out the silent auction offerings, **Shawn Styles**, reporter for CBS8/KFMB-TV, interviewed Executive Director, **Paul (Mac) McNamara**, and world champion surfer, **Kelly Slater**. When players finally took their spots for the shotgun start, the clouds had cleared and the atmosphere was buzzing with friendly and competitive energy.



This year's fundraising goal was simple – surpass last year. The committee is proud to announce, goal achieved. While the final financial report is not yet complete, we are confident this was accomplished by a wide margin thanks to a matching donation by an anonymous supporter.

We are deeply grateful to all who supported us this year - our generous sponsors, underwriters, auction donors, financial supporters, and golfers - for their contributions to this incredible event in support of Brother Benno's mission and services to those in need. Without these generous individuals and businesses, we simply could not have reached our fundraising goal.

We are also honored to once again have had the support of surfing legend **Kelly Slater**. His participation generated enthusiasm and attracted golfers from the surfing community. Also, we were thrilled to welcome two teams of active-duty marines from **Camp Pendleton**. Professional photographer, **Todd Glaser**, captured stunning photos and **Kuney/Pearson** captured video of players at the Hole-in-One contest. Links to the photos and videos are on our website [golf page](#).

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MEET BETH DOYLE - BROTHER BENNO'S INTERN

BY KATHLEEN DIEHLMANN



Kathleen Diehlman, Beth Doyle and Paul (Mac) McNamara

College internships are a rite of passage for many students in the U.S. Over this summer, **Beth Doyle**, a senior at the University of Georgia (Class of 2025) participated in an unpaid internship at The Brother Benno Foundation.

Beth helped in a variety of areas including writing for the newsletter, data entry for donor relations and development, assisting with grants and essential services. It was important to Brother Benno's leadership that any intern has a strong grasp on all aspects of our work here at The Brother Benno Foundation.

If an intern goes back to school and can give a 90 second elevator speech about Brother Benno's, we will succeed in sharing our mission and our ministry.

"I think that this internship helped me build my future because it taught me how to work with people from all walks of life, which I feel is essential for all people to experience, as it fosters the growth of empathy, which we need more of today," Beth wrote at the end of her internship.

"I also think this was a beneficial internship, especially for my future,

because I was able to improve my communication skills. I did this through speaking with a variety of people, writing newsletters, social media posts, grants, emails, as well as connecting with donors, and working with communicating directly to interns. I think that communication skills are important, especially in the workplace, and I am glad I had the opportunity to improve my skills and gain more confidence."

Beth served breakfast to our Guests with her family and baked treats for our volunteers and staff. She became part of the Brother Benno's family, and we were grateful to have her assistance.

Providing an opportunity for local college students, including community college students, to intern at Brother Benno's is part of our strategy moving forward. For those interested in an internship opportunity, please contact **Elias Velazquez** at elias.velazquez@brotherbenno.org.

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"I needed some rental assistance and Darryl was able to save the day! The staff here is so kind and caring. Everyone I met came from a different background but were all so nice. Brother Bennos has a lot of resources for the community! I highly recommend them!!!! Thank God for Brother Bennos!!!!"

Rochelle Diane
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Review December 2023



Our newsletter team would love to hear from you!

What did you think of this edition?

What would you like to see more of?

Email us at:

bbnewsletter@brotherbenno.org

Leave a message for us at:

(760) 231-1613



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6:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Saturdays
10:00 AM - NOON

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Sundays

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day



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DONOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Donors of Brother Benno's,

As I mentioned in the past, the staff has a charge to "capability build." In practical terms, it means we need to review process, structure, organization etc. to not only meet the needs of our guests now but in the future. Unfortunately, the guest list continues to rise so the need is there. There isn't an aspect of the Foundation that is not being looked at and in a number of cases changes are made. I don't think anyone likes change, that much, I know I don't. So I want to say thank you to all of you for your indulgence of the changes, and support of them.

In future columns I will give some more background on our various projects. I can say while we may not have talked to you individually, we do get feedback from everyone (donor, guest, volunteer, supporter, paid staff, etc.) so don't be shy in giving

me your opinion on the direction we are going in. And if you have time, stop by my office and let's chat.

One of the efforts you will see shortly is a more robust appeal for socks and underwear. It's hard to keep up with the demand and so we are starting a campaign to increase awareness and ideally get some of those organizations that might collect e.g. can goods during Christmas time to switch to socks and underwear.

Finally, the Thrift Shop is still going through some changes. We need volunteers there, especially on the weekends. If you want to experience a little bit of retail, we would love for you to sign up.

So let me close with one of the great truths of our organization, we couldn't do it without you, so, thank you and -

God bless you all!
Mac



ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

We are blessed to have The Brother Benno Foundation's story, services and events shared with the broader public. In case you missed these, the links will take you to the programs so you can listen and watch. September saw us featured twice by CBS8!



Brother Benno's 'Volunteer of the Year' helps rescue two million pounds of food. "Santa Claus look-a-like, John Caterino, spreads goodwill and joy wherever he goes." His work supports the food program, which preserves two million pounds of food from local grocery stores and markets and helps provide guests with a daily hot breakfast... <https://tinyurl.com/2cjf48ep>

Golfers from around the world tee up for annual charity golf tournament in Oceanside - - The celebrities were out (and interviewed) for the 6th annual Brother Benno's Charity Golf Tournament. It was held at Goat Hill Park Golf Course. It's the largest event of the year... <https://tinyurl.com/mrf88mpr>



CAUGHT IN THE ACT! Community Partners, Supporters & Volunteers Making a Difference

We deeply appreciate the support from our community partners, volunteers, and donors. However, we only manage to document a small portion of these acts of kindness. If you have a photo or story you'd like to share, please send it to us at bbnewsletter@brotherbenno.org. We'd be delighted to feature your story!



*Privateer Pizza lunch is ready with **Deb D.** & anonymous volunteer*

***Todd Glaser,** Photographer*

***Outerknown and Brother Benno** volunteers at the swagbag shirt*

***Dorine M. and Linda E.** helping with the 50/50 auction and event signage.*



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Paul 'Mac' McNamara

Executive Director

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Elias Velazquez

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FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

[visit our website](#)



Volunteer and business supporters at our 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This highly successful fundraising event would not have been possible without the support of these individuals.

Silent auction volunteers at check-in.



*Tasting station provided by **Solento Organic Tequila***



***Jeff B.** & helper Setting up surfboards for the auctions.*



***Anna M.** from **Outerknown** keeping players energized with snacks and beverages.*



“Thank God for Brother Benno’s. They saved my life with all the services and my son went into the rehab, graduated and now is sober.”

The recovery program helped my son get his family back and life back on track.”

CORA R.



“Being imprisoned by addiction is a living hell. By interacting with the men and women in our recovery program, we become part of the key that will open the gate to their freedom.”

HAROLD KUTLER

**Brother Benno
Foundation
Recovery Program**

(760) 439-1244 ext.101
recovery@brotherbenno.org

**Changing people’s lives
through the
12 Steps of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

LEAVING A LEGACY

BY KATHLEEN DIEHLMANN

The Brother Benno Foundation survives and thrives thanks to a variety of supporters: volunteers, advocates, corporations, foundations, and individual donors like you. One such supporter was **Judith Cardinal**, a donor and supporter of Brother Benno’s, who passed away on May 28, 2024.

Brother Benno’s was chosen as a beneficiary of Judith’s estate. Thanks to Judith’s support the Foundation will benefit from her substantial gift and continue its work uplifting the dignity of those we serve.

Judith and her husband **James** (who passed away in 2014) were practicing Catholics who took a tour of Brother Benno’s many years ago and made contributions to Brother Benno’s for years before her death in May.

“That was really nice, thinking of the homeless,” **Jeanette Lang**, Judith’s neighbor, said about Judith’s legacy gift. “That is really touching.”

Planned giving, like Judith’s bequest,

is an essential part of Brother Benno’s continued survival as a nonprofit organization serving the unsheltered, working poor, those suffering from addiction, veterans and our senior neighbors who are struggling to get by.

If you would like to learn more about adding The Brother Benno Foundation to your trust or will, please contact **Kathleen Diehlmann** at Kathleen.diehlmann@brotherbenno.org.

For those of you who already have a planned gift set up for Brother Benno’s, please let Kathleen know a little bit about you, including why you are leaving this gift and what Brother Benno’s means to you. It is helpful for us to learn more about individuals’ intentions prior to death when possible.

Regardless, The Brother Benno Foundation is truly grateful for the support of the generous souls who have left behind a final gift to our nonprofit. May their memories (and legacies) be a blessing. **Ω**

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There is an adage that states, “The best work is often done by those who are invisible, working diligently behind the scenes.” This describes our tournament volunteers and committee members perfectly. This year’s committee members, led by Co-chairs **Amy Selich** and **Chuy Reyna**, included **DinaMarie Ahee**, **Jeff Bizzack**, **Kathleen Diehlmann**, **Debra Drew**, **Linda Engstrom**, **Anna Meyer**, **Nita Rodriguez**, **Catherine Shaw**, **Belinda Smith**, **Susan Westlund** and **Elias Velazquez**. Our sincere appreciation also goes out to **Susan**

Somers, FM Marketing, for help with event publicity.

As the sun set on this remarkable event, it was clear - this day was a testament to the power of community. As we move forward, let us remember that our work is far from over. Your continued support is essential to ensure that we can continue to uplift the dignity of those in need. **Thank you for driving our mission forward.**

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Picture: 1st Place Winners - Team Kuney/Pearson - Will Korp, Fernie Ramirez, Sean Rogers (not pictured) Tyler McCumber

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER CHARLES WRIGHT

Congratulations to long-time Board Member, **Father Charles Wright** on his 60 year anniversary in the priesthood.



inception in 1983 has been invaluable.

We cherish the laughter and wisdom he shares, especially his delightful sense of humor.

Father Charles was a dear friend of Brother Benno, and his

Brother Benno's is truly honored to have Father Charles as our representative of the [Prince of Peace Abbey](#) and our spiritual advisor.

legacy of kindness and compassion continues to inspire us all.

Thank you, Father Charles, for your enduring commitment and service.

His unwavering dedication to the Brother Benno Foundation since its

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“Brother Benno's is a great organization that we like helping because they serve a very critical need in North County by helping to feed the homeless, and they work with them to get off any addictions. It's particularly heart-breaking when young children come through the serving line with their parents.” ~ Scott M, Volunteer Serving Team Leader



♥♥♥ OCTOBER SERVING TEAMS ♥♥♥

Thank you serving teams! The gifts of your time and caring service are received with heartfelt thanks.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 St. John The Evangelist	2 Stephanie's Team	3 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	4 San Luis Rey Mission	5 St. Thomas More
7 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	8 Riverview Church	9 Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary	10 Servers R Us	11 St. Patrick's	12 TVIA
14 North Coast Methodist	15 OPEN	16 Friends of Brother Benno	17 Ernest Packaging	18 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	19 Girlfriend's Care
21 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	22 Rotary Club of Vista	23 San Luis Rey Methodist	24 Signal	25 Oceanside Sanctuary	26 Camp Pendleton Ortho. Dept.
28 OPEN	29 Brother Benno's Volunteers and Staff	30 Soroptomist International	31 OPEN		

OCTOBER NEEDS

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Men's pants (all sizes)
- Men's athletic shoes
- Men's belts
- Hoodies
- Hats (caps/beanies)
- Underwear - Men's & Women's (new)
- Socks -Men's & Women's (new & gently-worn)

- Adult Backpacks & Dufflebags (gently-used)
- Blankets
- Reusable Water Bottles

- Baby diapers - size 6

HYGIENE & PERSONAL CARE

- Disposable razors
- Neosporin - individual packets
- Travel-sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion & tissue packs

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Bottled waters, sodas, & juices
- Ziplock sandwich & snack bags



DONATIONS for our Guests?

DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS

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ALL CLOTHING



THRIFT SHOP



FOOD & OTHER ESSENTIALS



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MEMORIALS

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

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Harold & Kay Kutler - Pictured, Brother Benno

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SHOP

Tuesday - Friday

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10:00 AM – noon

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By the numbers: Your gifts are meeting needs

	AUGUST 2024	OUR 41st YEAR		AUGUST 2024	OUR 41st YEAR
Meals	10,453	5,048,653	Blankets	4	54,484
Lodging	2,160	376,829	Tarps	103	9,329
Clothing	4,117	1,573,239	ID Vouchers	41	11,195
Showers	404	293,090	Lbs. of Food Rescued	157,965	4,945,787
Bus Passes	253	91,629	HUGS	1,000	1,032,244