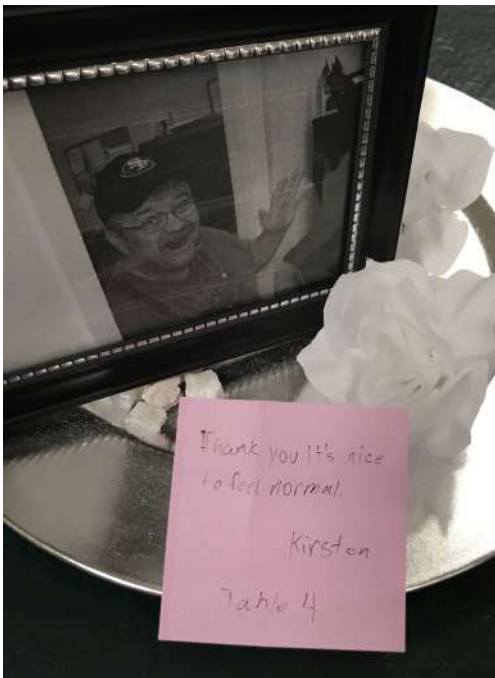


Poverello News

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PAPA MIKE'S CAFE IS BACK!



On January 8th, for the first time in years, the doors of Papa Mike's Cafe opened again. Tables were adorned with tablecloths and pictures of Papa Mike. Volunteers were ready to greet our guests for the special evening. Chef Bish and his team created a menu that all could enjoy.

The experience included a three-course meal with a fresh salad, choice of entree, and a dessert. For the main course, the clients had the option of Chicken Marsala, Spaghetti, or Baked Fish. It was an evening of good food and even better conversation.

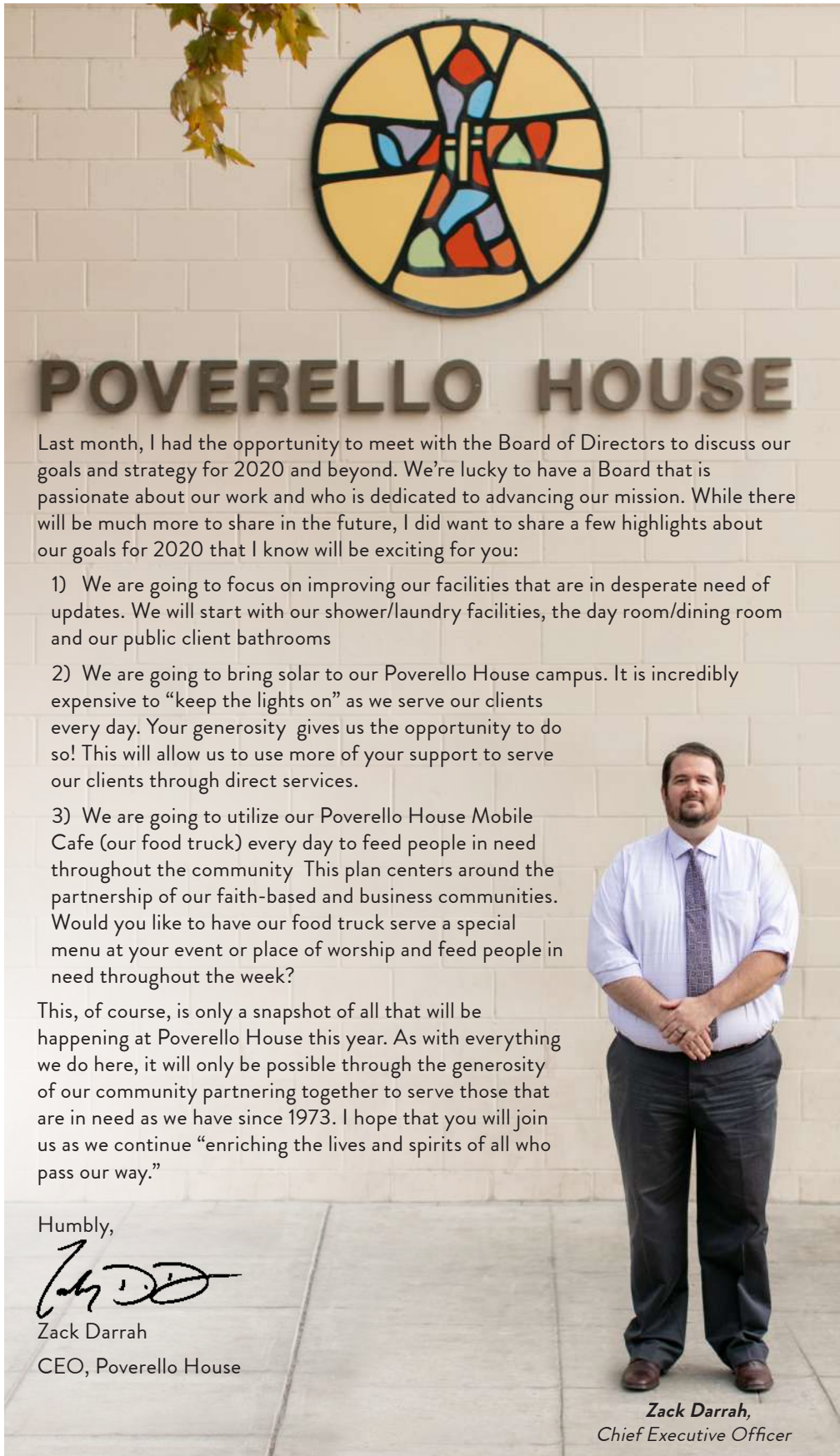
The Cafe's full service, restaurant-style experience, gave clients a special opportunity to dine outside of the normal meals here at Poverello House. The clients thoroughly enjoyed the evening. One client wrote a note to Chef Bish that said:

"Thank you. It's nice to feel normal."

Chef Bish continues to bring Papa Mike's vision to life. Through his daily nutritious meals for the clients, he cultivates the spirit of both "listening with compassion; giving with a warm heart and a smile."

Poverello House is looking for local Chefs to feature in Papa Mike's Cafe, along with in-kind donations to support this monthly event. To see how you can be a guest Chef and/or sponsor Papa Mike's Cafe, please contact Executive Chef Emery Bish at ebish@poverellohouse.org or visit www.poverellohouse.org/donate.





POVERELLO HOUSE

Last month, I had the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors to discuss our goals and strategy for 2020 and beyond. We're lucky to have a Board that is passionate about our work and who is dedicated to advancing our mission. While there will be much more to share in the future, I did want to share a few highlights about our goals for 2020 that I know will be exciting for you:

- 1) We are going to focus on improving our facilities that are in desperate need of updates. We will start with our shower/laundry facilities, the day room/dining room and our public client bathrooms
- 2) We are going to bring solar to our Poverello House campus. It is incredibly expensive to "keep the lights on" as we serve our clients every day. Your generosity gives us the opportunity to do so! This will allow us to use more of your support to serve our clients through direct services.
- 3) We are going to utilize our Poverello House Mobile Cafe (our food truck) every day to feed people in need throughout the community. This plan centers around the partnership of our faith-based and business communities. Would you like to have our food truck serve a special menu at your event or place of worship and feed people in need throughout the week?

This, of course, is only a snapshot of all that will be happening at Poverello House this year. As with everything we do here, it will only be possible through the generosity of our community partnering together to serve those that are in need as we have since 1973. I hope that you will join us as we continue "enriching the lives and spirits of all who pass our way."

Humbly,

Zack Darrah
CEO, Poverello House



Zack Darrah,
Chief Executive Officer

FEBRUARY WISH LIST

Poverello House

- Blankets
- Jackets
- Coats
- Diapers – All Sizes
- Baby Formula
- Packaged men's underwear (medium, large, X-large)
- Packaged men's T-shirts (large, X-large, 2xl)
- Travel size hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, conditioner, shampoo, deodorant)
- Bottled Water
- Silverware (Forks and Spoons)

Donations are accepted

Monday - Friday

8 am - 5 pm

Saturday - Sunday

8 am - 1 pm

412 F. Street, Fresno

Donation lane located on G Street between Ventura and San Benito



Stephanie Negin, new POV Board Chair

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW BOARD CHAIR

The Poverello Board of Directors held their annual strategic planning session in January 2020. As I listened to the service numbers from previous years, I am extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve. For example, between October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019, Poverello House provided **490,247 meals** and **navigated 437 individuals** to housing! I am even more excited about our outlook for an equally promising future.

Talented Staff: Among our most important assets are our talented and passionate staff. From our new CEO, Executive staff, to our Case Managers, Poverello House is committed to delivering the highest quality service and providing unparalleled service to our clients.

Community Focus: Poverello House is dedicated to the community in which we serve. As each year passes, we have had new opportunities to work with other community partners to address homelessness. Through our work with the State, County, large and small businesses, individuals

and volunteers, we are vested both professionally and fiscally as we continue to assess the need and work hard to identify solutions.

It is the support of our local government, staff, community partners, volunteers and donors that enables us to continue to serve “all who pass our way.” As the incoming Chair of the Board of Directors, I urge you to join Poverello House this year – as a volunteer, supporter and/or donor – as we work to make the community a better place for all.



490,247

Meals provided by the Poverello House



437

Individuals navigated to housing by the Poverello House

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COME CHECK OUT ALL OF THE EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT POVERELLO HOUSE THIS YEAR!

Our CEO, Zack Darrah, would love to give you a tour of the Poverello House, or grab coffee with you to talk about what is planned for Poverello House this next year. To schedule a tour or a time to chat with Zack, please email him at zdarrah@poverellohouse.org, or give him a call at 559.498.6988.

