



Poverello News

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SEPTEMBER WISH LIST

Coffee

Spices (Seasoning Salt; pepper; garlic salt)

Powdered Parmesan cheese

Chicken bouillon base

Juice pouch drinks

Bottled water

Hygiene items (razors, lotion)

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Cleaning supplies (sanitary wipes, bleach, floor cleaner, disinfectant spray, kitchen scrubbing pads, oven cleaner, degreaser, latex gloves)

33- and 50-gallon garbage bags

Men's underwear



Hours are

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and
7 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends.

Donation Gate is located on
419 G. Street

DONOR GIVES NAOMI'S HOUSE 14 MORE REASONS TO BE GRATEFUL

It's 7 p.m. and Naomi's House Triage Manager Rosemarie Duarte has to make some very difficult decisions.

Typically, most – if not all – of the 30 available overnight shelter beds at Naomi's House are already assigned to women seeking shelter, safety and solace from difficult living circumstances that include domestic violence, drug abuse, human trafficking or homelessness.

Once the house is full, Duarte and her team have to get creative with any additional clients seeking respite from the street. Every effort is made to accommodate clients at other triage centers, but sometimes, she and her team run out of options.

"We only turn away women when it's an absolute last resort," Duarte said. "Like Naomi's House, the reality is that the county's other triage centers are already at capacity as well."

But thanks to the generosity of Fresno-based homebuilder Wathen Castanos Homes, Duarte and her Naomi's House clients now have an additional option when the need exceeds the available beds. *(continued on page 2)*



Rosemarie Duarte, Manager of Naomi's House, checking the trailer dedicated to Naomi's House

NAOMI'S HOUSE - Continued



After touring the Poverello House campus and Naomi's House, Wathen Castanos Homes representatives Peter Castanos, Josh Peterson and Freddie Logue knew they had to help. The tour prompted the organization to purchase and donate a 14-bed trailer similar to ones used in natural disaster-relief situations like hurricanes and fires.

The trailer provides 14 bunkbed-style sleeping spaces with mattresses, lighting, privacy curtains, centralized heating and air conditioning, lockers for personal belongings, and USB outlets in each of the 14 spaces.

"We saw firsthand the challenges Naomi's House faces on a daily basis in terms of providing beds to women in need. The immediacy of the situation was very obvious," said Peterson. "We knew we had to do something and feel blessed to provide this resource to help advance this important work."

Now, Naomi's House clients who might have been redirected elsewhere because of capacity issues can stay on the Poverello House campus where staff members ensure that they are linked to health care, social services and housing programs as well.

If you or your organization are interested in finding ways to support Poverello House or Naomi's House programs and services, please contact Sara Mirhadi at mirhadi@poverellohouse.org.

BUSINESSES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Tom Van De Pol, Marketing (left), and David Atwater, General Manager

The local business community has been essential in supporting Poverello House's mission. Companies such as Van De Pol Petroleum demonstrate this commitment with an unrestricted monetary donation. Van De Pol Petroleum, a local petroleum distributor since 1947, believes in creating strong communities where it conducts business. They have supported shelters and services for homeless women and children located throughout the San Joaquin Valley. "We have always had an affinity for missions and we try to help those missions," said Ron Van De Pol, President and Board Chairman. Ron and his family have a history of supporting nonprofits by serving as board members and volunteering their time and talents to the community. We thank Van De Pol Petroleum for their donation that will go directly to providing overnight shelter and resources to our homeless families and individuals.

GIFT OF HOPE GALA



Please plan to join us at the fourth annual "Gift of Hope Gala" Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Downtown Fresno Radisson Hotel. Guests will enjoy a silent auction, live auction and a gourmet meal, with all proceeds to support our programs and services.

Table sponsorships (starting at \$1,500 for a table of 10) and individual tickets (\$150 each) are still available at press time. You can also help support the evening's success by donating items for our auction. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Krista Beavers at (559) 498-6988 or email her at beavers@poverellohouse.org.

THANK YOU FROM MARY MCGARVIN



*Mary McGarvin,
co-founder of Poverello House*

How do you say thank you to so many who have helped and supported Poverello House for these many years? Since Poverello House was started 46 years ago by my late husband Mike McGarvin, experience has taught us how wonderful and generous people have been holding us up financially and spiritually. It was because of a generous donor from the community we were able to purchase and remodel an old blood center that is now Poverello House's administration building and dining hall. This place has become a beacon of hope for people suffering from addiction and needing a place to transform their lives. We cannot express our full appreciation for your assistance. Thank you for donating your time, treasure, and talents.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**CENTRAL VALLEY
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

September 17, 2019

**GIFT OF
HOPE GALA**

October 12, 2019

**POVERELLO HOUSE
ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY
AND RESOURCE FAIR**

October 23, 2019

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