



Poverello News

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NEW YEAR, SAME GRIT



Zack Darrah,
Chief Executive Officer

Happy 2022! While Poverello House continued to advance our mission in 2021, this article is about all that is ahead. Over these last couple of years, I have heard our organization called “gritty” on multiple occasions. I believe that means that we are committed to serving those experiencing homelessness right where they are. Recently, when I was at an encampment relocation event in the pouring rain with our HOPE Outreach team, I certainly saw grittiness. Nearly 50 years later, I

believe strongly that our grit has kept this organization alive and thriving! Renowned psychologist and author Angela Duckworth has spent her career studying grit and has defined it as “perseverance and passion for long-term goals.” I have had the humble honor of leading this organization full of grit that began with the grittiest man in our history, the legendary Papa Mike McGarvin. I believe that his grit continues at the heart of what Poverello House is all about. He persevered through broken down vehicles, a burnt down facility, an eviction from another, and countless challenges. It seems to me that the doors should have been closed many times over the decades, but the work kept going. My friends, this place is built upon the firm foundation of grit.

We have a passion for long-term goals, and I assure you that the future is bright. We’ve accomplished many of the goals for this organization over the last couple of years. Yet, there

is much more to do for those we serve. I am always saying how excited I am for what lies ahead here. This year is no different as I believe we will see Poverello House continue advancing our mission to heights beyond our imaginations. We will have a grand opening of our state-of-the-art shower and laundry facility in just a few weeks. This year, we will break ground on the future site of the Family Hope Shelter. The Family Hope Shelter will be an innovative and beautiful place to serve families experiencing homelessness. We are excited to build a 100-bed emergency shelter (with 50 Pallet Shelters) called the Village of Hope II in the City of Fresno. We will see our Poverello House team grow to well over 100 employees through several other new projects.

I will never be more inspired by the reality that all of this was born out of the grit of one man who started giving out sandwiches from the back of his car to those on the streets. However, the flourishing of Poverello House also continues because of you. You have carried us through thick-and-thin, through several economic crashes, through countless challenges, through the passing of our beloved founder, and even through a worldwide pandemic. Our organization’s grittiness does not end with Papa Mike or our staff today, but it is also seen beautifully in all of you as we work together to enrich the lives and spirits of all who pass our way. May our grit continue to make a real difference beyond our imaginations in 2022!

Humbly,

Zack



2021 Statistics

With your help, Poverello House made a big impact in 2021!

HOT MEALS AT POVERELLO HOUSE

234,680 Hot Meals Served



NIGHTS OF SHELTER

24,354 Village of Hope
13,101 Naomi's House
3,152 Other Nights of Shelter
162 Emergency Shelter Off-Site
TOTAL: 40,769 Nights of Shelter

PERMANENT HOUSING

356 Adults
86 Children
TOTAL: 442 Individuals



SHOWERS

40,378 Showers



LAUNDRY

8,595 Loads of Laundry



MAIL SERVICE

8,701 Pieces of Mail picked up by clients



PROJECT OFF-RAMP

TOTAL: 604 individuals living on freeways and canals relocated into shelters



MEN'S REHABILITATION SERVICES

TOTAL: 6,292 Counseling Hours



3,506 Group Counseling Hours



2,786 Individual Counseling Hours

SERVICE HOURS

6,598 Volunteer Hours
1,543 Intern Hours
1,689 Group Hours
3,841 Student Hours
Total: 13,671 Service Hours



Email: volunteer@poverellohouse.org

To make an impact in 2022, please visit www.poverellohouse.org/donate



YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

Despite the ongoing pandemic, 2021 was a year of growth for Poverello House. We expanded many services, such as overnight emergency shelter for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, showers, laundry, and three hot meals daily through our food services. The men in our residential treatment program received individual and group counseling to improve their mental health during their sobriety journey. Many thousands of pieces of mail containing identification cards, social security cards, and family letters were picked up by clients in our mailroom. Our amazing volunteers prepped and served food, sorted clothing, and wrapped thousands of toys. The HOPE outreach team relocated 604 individuals living on freeways and canals into shelters. Through our Rapid-Rehousing program, case management, and navigation services, 442 individuals received permanent housing. No matter what challenges may lie ahead, Poverello House will continue to provide services and be a source of hope to people in our community!



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Save the Date

Call for Hope Telethon

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MONTH DAY YEAR

Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available

Enriching the lives and spirits of all who pass our way

JANUARY WISH LIST

Blankets
Men's & Women's Winter Clothing
Dry Pasta
Ground Coffee
Pancake Mix
Travel Size Hygiene Items
Disposable Razors
Toilet Paper
Art supplies

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

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We were able to provide the spirit of the holidays for over
2,000 children in need.**



Christmas Eve Toy Giveaway

