



# Poverello News

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## LIFE AND TIMES OF PAPA MIKE

*The Poverello House newsletter will occasionally feature a story about the life and times of Papa Mike.*

*"Trust that there is going to be more to give"*

Robert was having a professional crisis. As a seasoned case manager, he was often concerned about the limited resources that the community had for his clients. One day, feeling frustrated, he left his office and saw Papa Mike giving a client a food bag. Another client walking by saw him do this and asked him for a food bag. Papa asked the client if he was staying at Poverello House's Village of Hope. The client said he was. Papa then said, "Well since you already get meals at Poverello House, there is no reason to give you a bag." The client spat on the ground and angrily walked away. The next day Robert saw Papa Mike gave the same client a bag of food. Robert asked Papa Mike, "Why are you giving him a bag today, but not yesterday?" Papa Mike answered, "Well, he said he was living with his sister, and he needed food." Robert then said, "But Papa Mike, with resources so limited, why would you give him a bag of food?" Papa Mike smiled and said to Robert, "You're trusted with all of these resources, and the one thing you have to remember is that none of this belongs to you. You have to have faith that more is coming."

**"We're stewards," he continued, "we get these resources to give them back out."**

Robert realized at that moment that he had to provide hope and resources to people, no matter the circumstances. It does not matter if the person is well dressed, dirty, suffering from addiction, or mental illness; they come to Poverello House for help and hope. Papa Mike's humble and gracious words truly stuck with Robert, and shifted his perspective of the work he does each day. Robert now carries Papa Mike's outlook of stewardship as he continues to guide those in need to the safety of the Poverello House.

If you have an inspirational story about Papa Mike that you would like to share please email [kflores@poverellohouse.org](mailto:kflores@poverellohouse.org)



**POVERELLO HOUSE** SAVE THE DATE

**POVERELLO HOUSE 2020**

EIGHTH ANNUAL **5K** WOODWARD PARK FRESNO

**RUN FOR MEALS**

START TIME - 7:15 AM WOODWARD PARK FRESNO, CA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

Register online at **POVERELLOHOUSE.ORG/5KRUN**  
or call 559-498-6988 for event details.

#RunForMeals

## 8TH ANNUAL RUN FOR MEALS

Bring your family and friends to the eighth annual Run for Meals 5k run and 2-mile walk on Saturday, June 6, 2020. All proceeds benefit the food program and other vital services at Poverello House. To register for the 5k please go to our event website at [www.poverellohouse.org/5krun](http://www.poverellohouse.org/5krun).

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Kristina Flores at [kflores@poverellohouse.org](mailto:kflores@poverellohouse.org) or call (559) 498-6988. Hope to see you there!

## FEBRUARY WISH LIST

### Poverello House

Bottled Water

Blankets

Ground coffee

Copy Paper

Baby Formula

Packaged men's underwear (medium, large, X-large)

Packaged men's T-shirts (large, X-large, 2xl)

Spices (granulated garlic, chili powder)

Flip flops

### 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

## EVENTS AND MARKETING INTERN

Poverello House is seeking an energetic, self-starter to assist in developing and coordinating digital and marketing materials. This is an ideal internship for students interested in gaining marketing and event experience while working with a nonprofit organization.

Those interested, send resume to Kristina Flores at [kflores@poverellohouse.org](mailto:kflores@poverellohouse.org)



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Chief Executive Officer

## POVERELLO HOUSE MOBILE CAFE IS READY TO ROLL

When I first took a tour of Poverello House, I was thoroughly impressed with the Mobile Cafe (food truck). This amazing resource was provided in 2016 by a generous grant from the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (Class 45). The Mobile Cafe has three main purposes; providing nutritious and hot meals for those in need in rural communities, workforce training for participants in the residential drug rehabilitation program and a mobile MAP Point for outreach to those experiencing homelessness in rural communities. While this is certainly impressive, there is an increase need for the in our community.

In my last article, I shared that we were going to begin utilizing the Mobile Cafe every day to provide meals to those in need in our community. I am excited to inform you that we are ready to partner with you to make this a reality! We have hired a Sous Chef who will be operating the food truck. Our Executive Chef, Emery Bish, has designed a special menu for the food truck. Our ability however, to provide meals throughout the community depends on your support!

The Mobile Cafe can come to your place of worship, to your business, or your organization to serve a meal. There is a suggested donation for the meal based on how many meals we will serve. These funds will support the men's residential rehabilitation program and additional meals for the community. I would personally be happy to preach a special message at your church, share at your place of worship or give a presentation about our work to your business/organization in conjunction with the Mobile Cafe serving a meal!

If you would like to schedule the Mobile Cafe or if you have any questions, please contact Chef Emery Bish at [ebish@poverellohouse.org](mailto:ebish@poverellohouse.org) or call him at (559) 498-6988. We look forward to partnering with you to provide vital meals to those throughout the community every day.



## UPCOMING FOOD TRUCK EVENTS



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|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>April 4</b>  | <b>9:00am to 1:00 pm</b> | 22058 Railroad Ave., San Joaquin CA |
| <b>April 16</b> | <b>9:00am to 1:00 pm</b> | 16846 4th St., Huron CA             |
| <b>April 22</b> | <b>9:00am to 1:00 pm</b> | 2131 N. Van Ness Ave., Fresno CA    |



Acrylic image of Papa Mike was dropped off by the Department of Arts Chair, Marc Patterson.

J.P. Green, a student from McLane High School, painted this image as part of Famous Fresnan Portraits project.