

Poverello News

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A GIVING HEART? COME AND VOLUNTEER AT POVERELLO HOUSE



Mike "Papa Mike" McGarvin in early 1970's.

Volunteerism has always been an integral part of Poverello House and its mission. From making sandwiches to leading an art class, our mission is best served by the passionate and giving hearts of people in our community. The volunteer program is expanding, and we are eager to share exciting new changes. This year, we added two staff members to our volunteer team. Abigail Nolte, the Community Engagement Coordinator, works to connect volunteers directly to our clients by providing enrichment opportunities, classes, and service days. Partnering with HandsOn Central California through the Volunteer Infrastructure Program, AmeriCorps member Cierra Beninga also joined the team. Cierra has been working to recruit specialty volunteers, elevate client experience, and connect Fresno's greater community with Poverello House through special events.

Serving at Poverello House means being directly involved in the enrichment of our community. We offer in-person service opportunities for students, families, and individuals.

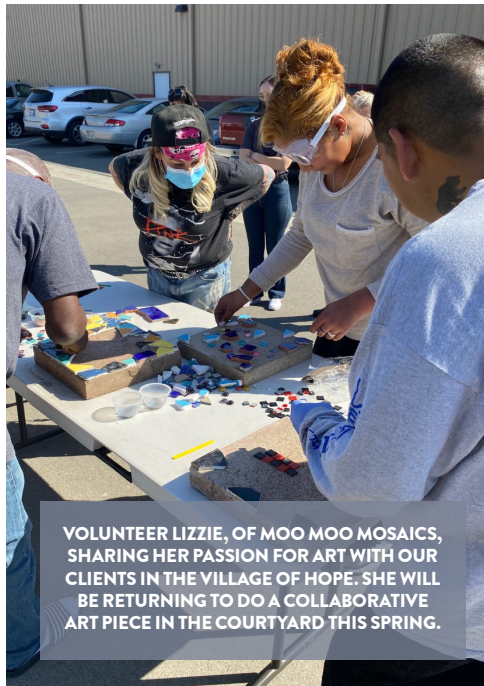
We have launched our new online registration system, "CERVIS," which offers opportunities to serve at an event that interests you. Service days are available in the kitchen, clothing warehouse, the community library, and upcoming events. Sign up for a single event or apply to be a part of our new Ambassador Program for specialty volunteers. The Ambassador Program is an exceptional group of volunteers who work directly with staff and clients to ensure we live out our mission every day. For information about volunteer opportunities or to apply for the Ambassador Program, reach out directly to Abigail for more information at anolte@poverellohouse.org.



Our volunteer team Abigail and Cierra serve coffee at a food truck event in the courtyard.



VOLUNTEERS OLIVIA AND LISA, SORTING AND SETTING UP OUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY.



VOLUNTEER LIZZIE, OF MOO MOO MOSAICS, SHARING HER PASSION FOR ART WITH OUR CLIENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOPE. SHE WILL BE RETURNING TO DO A COLLABORATIVE ART PIECE IN THE COURTYARD THIS SPRING.



"I'M VERY BLESSED IN LIFE. VOLUNTEERING IS MY GIFT BACK TO GOD."

- Carolyn



FRESNO CITY FIRE CADETS CLASS 55



"EVERY TIME I VOLUNTEER AT POVERELLO HOUSE, I AM REMINDED HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO WORK ALONGSIDE FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND RESIDENTS AND HOW REWARDING IT IS TO MEET AND SERVE OUR CLIENTS."

- Stephanie Negin Past Board Chair

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- Toilet Paper • Bottled Water • Twin and Full Sheets
- Men & Women's Shoes • Gallon Size Zip-Lock Bags
- Women's Undergarments & Sports Bras
- Spices: Ground Pepper, Cumin, Oregano, Garlic Powder, Garlic Salt

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Zack Darrah,
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friend of Poverello House,

Almost every day, I have the pleasure of meeting volunteers on our campus. They may be serving a meal, chopping celery in our prep kitchen, folding/sorting clothing, or working in our warehouse (or countless other tasks).

As I thank people I encounter, I am often thanked right back for “letting” them be part of what we do! Is that not amazing? I meet people regularly who share their volunteering experiences here and every story is about how it deeply impacted their lives. When we serve others, we are the ones transformed in that process. That was at the core of Papa Mike’s philosophy.

Volunteers are central to how we operate and are also a reflection of our mission. It is also yet another reminder of how this organization belongs to our community. The truth is that we would not have the ability to impact the hungry, homeless, and hurting the way we do without people like you.

I encourage you to come down to Poverello House and serve as a volunteer. Mother Teresa once said, “give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.” Willingness to give of yourself to love others is the only requirement. Also, for all of you who has volunteered with us, I want to thank you. Your time is your most valuable resource and the time you give reflects what Poverello House is all about. May our hands be used to serve, and our hearts used to love those who are in need in our community!

Blessings,

Zack



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1st Papa Mike’s Café

April 17th Spring Cleaning Service Day

May 9th Mother’s Day Brunch

PLEASE REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER AT POVERELLOHOUSE.ORG

NEW WAY TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER



CERVIS

You can now easily register to volunteer on our website. Poverello House’s

Community Event Registration & Volunteer Information System (CERVIS) is live on our website.

www.poverellohouse.org. New Volunteers can register for an upcoming orientation, and existing volunteers are able to register for service opportunities.

For help navigating the new system, reach out to Abigail directly at anolte@poverellohouse.org or (559) 498-6988. We look forward to seeing you at Poverello House.

PARTNERS IN VOLUNTEERING



HandsOn
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

HandsOn Central California was formed by a group of community leaders who recognized the value of volunteerism as a tool for community change. Today HandsOn is also a referral agency for Fresno County.

Assigning community service from court orders or probation programs. HandsOn interviews, provide site placements, and tracks community service hours for participating organizations. Poverello House is a proud partner. We welcome three to five court-ordered volunteers a month. Poverello House strives to offer meaningful projects for people completing their service hours. Many court ordered volunteers stay involved and continue volunteering at Poverello House after completing their hours.



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