



Poverello News

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WE BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES

“Thank God Poverello staff gave me a second chance,” said Rocky Espinoza. Rocky is a husband, father of two children, a Poverello House employee, and a graduate of Poverello House’s Men’s Residential Treatment Program. The program is a six-month residential program followed by six months of aftercare. The goal is to have the residents become the productive, honest, and trustworthy men they were created to be.

Rocky started experimenting with drugs in high school. “I was from a small town with not much to do and little supervision, and so occasionally, I did drugs.” Rocky’s drug use became out of control when he lost his mother to breast cancer and then his father in a bad accident. “I just could not cope with losing my parents, and I did drugs regularly to escape the pain of losing them,” said Rocky. Rocky’s other relationships began to crumble. Soon his marriage was in jeopardy, and he was in jail.

The road to recovery, however, can be complicated. Rocky first graduated from the program in June 2017. But circumstances again drove Rocky back to the program. “We want the men our program to know that we won’t abandon them,” stated David Knoy, Director of Rehabilitation Services. Rocky entered the program again for three months and graduated. Rocky’s life transformed for the better because of the program. He is employed at Poverello House as a driver, and he and his wife welcomed a new baby several months ago. When asked what he was thankful for, he said: “My family, Poverello House, my co-workers, my sober friends, my job, and David for giving me a second chance.” To learn more about the Men’s Residential Rehabilitation Program, please contact David Knoy at knoy@poverellohouse.org.



Rocky Espinoza credits the Men’s Residential Treatment Program for changing his life.

“ Grateful for not sleeping on the streets for a safe place and my health being better. ”
-Jesus R.

GIVING THANKS

WE ASKED OUR CLIENTS
TO SHARE WHY THEY
ARE GRATEFUL

“ Not sleeping on the street. ”
- Kenneth C

“ Grateful because I am not on the street and the change of weather. Plus I can get a better night sleep without keeping one eye open. ”
-Thomas M.

“ Somewhere safe to lay my head ”
- Lacey Hyatt

“ I am thankful for a little shed that I can say I have a little spot for myself ”
-Deral A.

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“ Being off the streets and the meals, shelter and safe environment. ”
-Ramon R.

“ At the moment I am grateful for everything. ”
- Raymond C.

“ I am grateful because I am here and have a place over my head. ”
-Garren M. (housed)



Poverello House clients express their gratitude for Poverello House staff, programs and services.

“ Because of God and everything He has given us. ”
-Cynthia P.

“ That I am alive and that God places staff to be able to help us out. ”
-Jimmy F.

“ They attend to us when we are hungry and for the limited amount of people in the village. ” -Bennett R.

“ Took us including my dogs from the worst world I lived in, we were hungry we had no hope. Poverello House staff came along to bring us back hope. ”
-Robert B.

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6TH ANNUAL LES SCHWAB TOY DRIVE



It's that time of year for the annual Les Schwab Annual Toy Drive. Each year Les Schwab, with Fox 26, and the CW 59, have their annual toy drive benefiting Poverello House. Thanks to organizations like Les Schwab, last year Poverello House gave over 5,000 presents to children on Christmas Day. Other organizations throughout Fresno County also benefitted from the toy drive. People can drop new unwrapped toys at any Les Schwab store. For more information regarding the toy drive please contact Kristina Flores at kflores@poverellohouse.org



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Poultry spices

Chicken broth

Pies, all kinds

Canned whipped cream

Frozen Turkeys

Canned vegetables

Canned sweet potatoes

Instant mashed potatoes

Gravy packets

Cake and brownie mixes

Donation 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

A MESSAGE OF THANKS



Mary McGarvin,
co-founder of
Poverello House

Thanksgiving is a time when our thoughts turn toward what we are grateful for. I am grateful for my family, who keeps me wrapped in their love.

I am thankful that I married Mike when I was young. I am grateful that it meant that we had 47 happy years and memories together. I am thankful for the legacy Mike left behind. The staff at Poverello House make me feel grateful as they continue to do the work Mike did when we started this grand adventure in 1973. Over the years, I have become more grateful to see such generosity and support the community has shown Poverello House. I am grateful that the grand adventure continues.

HOW CAN YOU HELP DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Volunteer Poverello House provides many unique volunteer opportunities, including court-ordered community service. Volunteers are first required to complete orientation. Volunteers can be as young as age 7, however, all volunteers under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Donate Poverello House accepts check and cash donations. These charitable gifts allow Poverello House to provide life-sustaining services to the poor, hungry and homeless. Online giving is another option available on our web site. We also accept food, clothing and household items at our donation drop-off site.

Follow us Stay informed about the great things happening at Poverello House by following and sharing on social media sites: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

We are located at 412 F Street in Downtown Fresno.

For more information about Poverello House programs and services or to learn how you can support our mission by volunteering or making a monetary donation, call (559) 498-6988 or visit www.poverellohouse.org



THANK YOU FRIENDS

Hundreds of Poverello House friends gathered Oct. 12 for our Fourth Annual Gift of Hope Gala. Poverello House raised more than \$150,000 to provide vital community programs and services for homeless and underserved individuals and families in need. We greatly appreciate the generous support provided by our event and table sponsors and by participation in the live, silent and fund-a-cause auctions.



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