



# Poverello News

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## DECEMBER WISH LIST

### Poverello House

New, unwrapped toys for all ages

Coffee grounds (regular)

Spices ("Pappy's" seasoning, ground pepper, garlic salt, Italian seasoning)

Capri Sun pouches

Packaged men's underwear (large, XL, 2XL)

Packaged men's T-shirts (large, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

Plastic cutlery

Packaged socks

Disposable shaving razors

Toilet paper

33 and 55 gallon garbage bags

Office supplies

(permanent markers, packing tape, masking tape)

Cleaning supplies

(floor cleaner, Pine-Sol, Lysol, degreaser, latex gloves (med., lrg.), sanitary wipes, oven cleaner, kitchen scrubbing pads)

### Naomi's House

Items for women, including:

Warm pajamas • Underwear  
Socks • Scarves • Hats • Jackets

Travel size personal care items  
Brushes • Hairspray • Gel

### 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

## MEET OUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Zack Darrah Begins His Journey



**Zack Darrah**, Chief Executive Officer

The Poverello House Board of Directors is proud to welcome Zack Darrah as its Chief Executive Officer, effective November 11, 2019.

Darrah, who previously served as Executive Director of Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM) for over five years, is no stranger to philanthropic efforts in the community. At FIRM, Darrah was engaged in building and supporting community-based solutions that involved public, private, and faith-based organizations to address growing social service needs including mental health, homelessness and housing, unemployment, and early education.

"I am humbled and honored to be the next leader of Poverello House," said Darrah. "I look forward to working with

the Board, the staff and the community to ensure that we continue to passionately advance our mission well into the future."

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Fresno Pacific University and a Master of Arts degree focused in Theology/Theological Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Darrah focused heavily on improving the community. He has experience in strategic planning, community advocacy, staff and leadership development, financial stewardship, fund development, social media outreach, volunteer management, and daily operations.

"Poverello House staff, donors and volunteers make a profound impact on our community," said Board Co-Chairs Tom Ferdinandi and Rob Veneski. "Zack is committed to leading these efforts and advancing the vision and mission inspired by our founder, 'Papa Mike' McGarvin."

# PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

## Annual Poverello House Block Party & Resource Fair

On October 23, the community gathered for The Poverello House Annual Block Party and Resource Fair. Sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross, over 400 people attended the event, and 35 vendors came to provide services for our clients. Saint Agnes Medical Center and the University of San Francisco Medical Program administered flu shots, blood pressure screenings and wound care. These are vital services for those we serve to help them stay healthy during this season. Banfield Pet Hospital provided veterinary care for our furry friends as well - pets owned by our clients were howling with excitement. Those in attendance were singing and dancing thanks to Jose Arreguin, who provided music for the event. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event possible. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's block party!



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## 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

This year, thanks to your generous donations, we've been able to provide care and the following services to those in need:

**Navigated to  
Housing**  
437

**Nights of Shelter**  
37,089

**Meals**  
490,247

**Transportation**  
7,960

**Showers**  
21,512

**Laundry**  
7,259

**Resident Program  
Completion**  
45

Despite the progress we have made in providing assistance to homeless families and individuals, the work continues. There is an increasing need for our services, such as overnight shelter, food, and substance abuse treatment. The Poverello House is looking forward to working with you to provide the homeless with an opportunity to become a thriving member of our community.

**If you're interested in  
donating please visit**  
[www.poverellohouse.org/donate](http://www.poverellohouse.org/donate)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Gift Wrapping	December 10-23
Children's Christmas Party	December 14
*Resident's Family Christmas Party	December 21
Christmas Toy Giveaway	December 24
Christmas Meal	December 25

\*Closed to the public\*

# PAPA MIKE'S CAFE RE-OPENING

In 2018, Papa Mike's Cafe served its last meal - until now. Chef Emery Bish is bringing back the iconic experience for Poverello House clients.

Papa Mike's Cafe is a restaurant-style experience that Papa Mike McGarvin began in the late 1990s. Once a month, visiting clients were greeted by volunteers as waiters and waitresses, to be served a three-course meal similar to that of a sit-down restaurant. On January 8, Poverello House Chef Bish, will be opening the doors to Papa Mike's Cafe.

"We really wanted to honor Papa Mike's legacy," said Bish. "We also wanted to give the clients an experience to dine with dignity - to come into an actual restaurant, and be served." Volunteers, sponsors for food, and in-kind donations are needed as the project continues.

Bish will also be starting a YouTube channel this January, where community members can learn the recipe that will be served that month at Papa Mike's Cafe. The first episode will feature a tutorial of Chef's meatball and marinara recipe.

"We want this to be a big hit within the community so that they see what Poverello House is doing," he explains. "We're more than what a lot of people think we are." If you are interested in donating to Papa Mike's Cafe please, email Chef Emery Bish at [ebish@poverellohouse.org](mailto:ebish@poverellohouse.org)

## Recipe

### ROASTED TURKEY BY CHEF BISH

*Looking for a very moist and flavorful turkey for your holiday gatherings? Try this recipe, by Poverello House's very own Chef Emery Bish!*

#### Ingredients:

- ☐ 1 turkey, thawed
- ☐ 8 stalks of celery, roughly chopped
- ☐ 2 onions, roughly chopped
- ☐ 2 large carrots, peeled & roughly chopped
- ☐ 1 oven roasting bag (not required)
- ☐ Salt & Pepper to taste

**Directions:** Chop vegetables and rinse the turkey in cold water. Place half of the vegetables in the turkey cavity and season the turkey with salt and pepper. Place the turkey in the roasting bag, and place the remaining vegetables into the bag, along with the turkey. Pour 2 cups of water in the bag with the turkey. Place the turkey in a roasting pan **BREAST SIDE DOWN**.

Roast 20 minutes per pound at 350 degrees.

The turkey is done cooking once the internal temperature is 175 degrees or above. Remove turkey from the oven and let it rest for 15 to 20 minutes. After the turkey has rested, it is time to carve the bird.

Remove turkey from the pan to prepare for carving, then drain and strain pan juices for a delicious gravy.

Serve and enjoy.

**Note:** If you use disposable pan this makes for easy cleanup.



The Poverello House team  
wishes you and your loved ones  
a Merry Christmas and  
a happy holiday season.

