



Poverello News

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REMOVING BARRIERS CREATING HOPE

The goal of Poverello House is to remove barriers for clients accessing services. Often families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness are stressed and have experienced a great deal of trauma. Many times they are shuffled from location to location to get the services. To streamline services and provide an improved client experience, all navigation, case management, and outreach services are in one building: the client services building. “We wanted to ensure that every client receives the best services possible without duplicating resources,” said Sara Rios, Client Services Manager. “It is also not uncommon that our clients access several programs of Poverello House.” “We are working together as a team to end homelessness with compassion and care.” The Client Services Building was made possible by generous donors such as Anthem BlueCross, 559 Pro Landscape, ALW Enterprise, Inc, New Hope Community Church, and Valley Wide Beverage. Your support breaks down barriers and gives hope to those experiencing homelessness.



POVERELLO HOUSE

**CHRISTMAS EVE
TOY GIVEAWAY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
6:00AM-9:30AM
AGES 0-17**

**CHRISTMAS EVE
LUNCH**

**POSOLE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
12:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH**

**TAMALES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
12:00 PM**



412 F St. Fresno, CA

Any questions, call Poverello House 559-498-6988

DECEMBER WISH LIST

- New, Unwrapped Toys
- Coffee Grounds
- Packaged Men's Underwear (large, XL, 2XL)
- Packaged men's T-Shirts (Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- Disposable Razors
- Toilet Paper

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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Zack Darrah,
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

As we enter this Christmas season, the theme of giving is regularly on my heart. Nearly five decades ago, this organization began with the simple act of giving someone a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Poverello House has become a reflection of how the act of giving allows us to understand that our spirits thrive in a posture of giving to others.

Once we give, it only moves us to give more. Once we give more, it only drives us to give more than that!

That concept is what has grown Poverello House from a sandwich operation into an operation that provided about 800,000 meals to the hungry in our community last year. This spirit of giving has seen us grow to operate three shelter programs, a residential drug rehabilitation program, and a place where anyone in need can come for hope. As we continue to give to those in need, I can assure you that we are excited about giving even more in the future. I can also guarantee that we are not done giving!

The truth is that we are only able to give to the hungry, homeless, and hurting because of your spirit of giving. This community gives with an inspirational generosity. Your giving is the motivator to serve our clients with great love every day. I have had the pleasure of seeing Poverello House receive your gifts throughout the COVID-19 crisis, in times of budgetary deficit, and in ways beyond what I could ever imagine. Mother Teresa once said, "Intense love does not measure. It just gives." I have certainly seen the intensity of your love through your immeasurable generosity!

I hope you have been richly blessed through your giving to those in need through your support of Poverello House. We continue to rely on your spirit of giving daily. This year is unlike any other in our history as an organization. I know that this year may have impacted your ability to give generously. However, if you can, I hope that you will consider giving, unlike any other year. I can guarantee that the blessings you will receive will be beyond what you could measure.

Peace, joy, and love,

Zack

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THE "GIVING" IN THANKSGIVING

Thank you for everyone who donated turkeys for our annual Turkey Drive. We were able to provide over 2,000 meals on Thanksgiving Day! Poverello House was also able to provide 600 turkeys and food boxes to families and organizations.



