



POVERELLO HOUSE

Quarterly Impact Volume 2

CELEBRATING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

As we celebrate National Volunteer Month in April, we'd like to highlight the Caudillo family for their dedication and impact on our mission. At the heart of every successful organization is a community that believes in giving back, and the Caudillo family is a perfect example of that spirit.

What began as an 8th-grade class project for Angel Caudillo— aiming to provide a hot meal to those in need—quickly turned into a heartfelt family effort to serve our guests. With the support of his family, Angel worked together with his cousin Israel, who created a video shared on social media to help raise funds for the project. After learning more about our community through a tour of Poverello House, Angel and his family identified several ways they could contribute.

Their first visit included distributing 100 snack bags and drinks, followed by passing out Pan Dulce and coloring books during their second visit. Angel's cousins, ages 10-15, helped pack the snack bags, while Angel's mom and other family members supported the effort, including purchasing Pan Dulce from a local family-owned bakery to support small businesses.

Thanks to generous donations from family and friends, Angel also provided hygiene kits, which were distributed alongside the books. Patricia, Angel's mom, shared how rewarding the experience was for the entire family, emphasizing how even the smallest gifts are greatly appreciated.

Their story is a reminder that when a community comes together, even the smallest acts of kindness can make a lasting difference. We are incredibly grateful for their heartfelt contribution to our community. If you're inspired by the Caudillo family's story and want to make a difference, consider volunteering with us. Scan the QR code below to get started!

The Caudillo Family



"I feel happy knowing I was able to help, and I'm hopeful for their future. I encourage others to volunteer because helping others is a rewarding experience." - Angel Caudillo

"The warmth of giving back to our community is a gift in itself. We may offer our time and effort, but what we receive in return is far greater: a sense of purpose, connection, and gratitude." - The Caudillo Family



Volunteer Today!

Ways You Can Help:

Papa Mike's Café Support, Clothing Closet, Donation Warehouse, Kitchen and Meal Preparation, Campus Beautification, Enrichment Activities, and Special Events!

Contact us at volunteer@poverellohouse.org

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

TIMES ARE CHANGING AT POVERELLO HOUSE



Hello friends! I want to bring you some information about some of the changes that are happening at Poverello House. In the upcoming months, we will be closing some of our programs. These closures are due to expiring grants. There will be a total of 120 beds closed along with outreach services and other associated activities. All levels of government are facing significant deficits. We also face volatility of resources available at the Federal level. The times look dire for us an organization. They also look dire for those that we serve daily.

However, Poverello House has been here before. Over the 52 years of providing these services and enriching the lives and spirits of all who pass our way, there have been many obstacles. The main building burned down with no replacement. The organization was evicted from another building. Yet, the mission continued. Papa Mike never thought to quit. he mission is too important. The people we have served and still serve are too important.

The ebbs and flows of resources are part of the work we do. The only way that we have made it this far and will continue to make it is because of your support. The incredible volunteers who serve daily saves the organization millions of dollars annually. The donations of food, clothing, and other items provides millions of dollars of goods that directly help those in need. Your generous financial gifts keep us afloat.

We will weather this storm together. We will need your hands and feet to keep serving meals at Papa Mike's Café. We will need socks, clothing, and blankets. We will need your financial generosity. I know that the mission of Poverello House will go on because it belongs to all of us. Please consider giving more of your time, talent, and treasure than ever before. Thank you for helping this mission continue through every storm. We could not do it without each of you!

Blessings,

Zack Darrah



First Poverello House



Second Poverello House

MONDAY - FRIDAY

BREAKFAST:
7:30 - 10:00 AM
LUNCH:
12:00 - 2:30 PM
DINNER:
2:30 - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY

BREAKFAST:
9:00 - 10:30 AM
LUNCH:
12:00 - 2:00 PM
DINNER:
3:00 - 5:00 PM



**Papa Mike's Café
Hours**

JANUARY 2025 - MARCH 2025

32,418

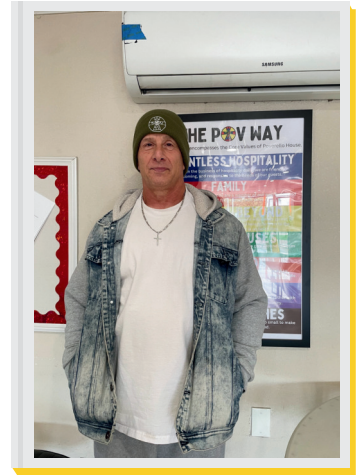
meals served at Papa Mike's Café



A PATH TO PURPOSE AND A NEW BEGINNING

Brett arrived at Hope Pointe in September, a man determined to change his life and find stability. From the very beginning, he expressed his strong desire to break free from the patterns that had previously held him back, sharing, "I'm tired of giving in to the ways of this world." His journey toward transformation began with a heartfelt prayer, a reflection of his deep faith and commitment to change.

Throughout his time at Hope Pointe, Brett remained focused on growth and positivity. He shared his belief that "iron sharpens iron," a principle that guided him each day as he worked hard to rebuild his life. Brett's faith and resilience were apparent in every aspect of his journey, as he embraced prayer and connection with others within Hope Pointe's programs and in his personal life. A significant driving force for Brett was his love and commitment to his two sons.



This powerful motivation to create a better life for his family pushed him to stay focused on his goals. Over time, he made remarkable strides, securing housing by January 31st, marking a major milestone in his path toward stability. Today, Brett is not only a proud father but also a dedicated full-time baker, working hard to support himself and his family. He has successfully created a home for his children and is now a beacon of hope and strength. Brett's time at Hope Pointe was not just about finding housing—it was about finding purpose. His participation in prayer sessions, cooking classes, and other activities helped shape his journey and provided him with the tools and confidence to move forward.

His favorite Bible verse, Psalm 91:11, speaks to his unwavering belief in God's provision and protection as he steps into a new chapter of his life. His message to others in the program is one of perseverance.

"Stay in the fight, pray about everything, and fully participate in your housing plan."

Brett's own path is a testament to the power of faith, dedication, and community support, and he encourages the staff to "stay compassionate, stay humble, and love freely"—reminders of the core values that have helped him succeed.

We are incredibly proud of Brett and the incredible progress he's made. His story is one of hope, resilience, and the transformative power of belief. We look forward to seeing the continued blessings that await him as he continues to walk his path.



STRENGTHENING RECOVERY THROUGH NATURE AND REFLECTION

The Route to Parks grant supported the men in our rehabilitation program's time at Millerton Lake, where they connected with nature in a peaceful setting.

This outing provided more than just a break. It allowed the men to reflect on their journeys, build stronger connections, and experience nature's calming influence.

Following the trip, the team gathered to discuss strategies for establishing support groups that foster lasting relationships and community. The goal is to offer opportunities for "good, clean, sober fun" and build healthy support systems that will carry the men forward in their recovery.

Andres, one of our participants, reflected on his experience:

"The trip to Millerton Lake helped me see the beauty of nature and reminded me there is more to life than addiction. Being surrounded by sober, happy people, I felt the peace nature offers. It showed me a new path toward healing and hope."

This outing marked a significant step in the men's recovery journeys, offering them the clarity and support they need to continue building a brighter future.



5K RUN

AND 2-MILE WALK



RACE TO REGISTER FOR THE 5K!



NOT RUNNING? LEND A HAND!

SATURDAY
JUNE 7TH, 2025

WOODWARD PARK
AT SUNSET VIEW SHELTER

STARTING AT 8:00AM
 **7775 N. FRIANT FRESNO CA, 93720**