



POVERELLO NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

FRANCISCO'S PATH TO HOPE

Francisco Jr. found inspiration, hope, and new opportunities for success during his stay at Poverello House. Coming from Pennsylvania, Francisco faced significant challenges that led to three years of homelessness. These challenges included going through a divorce, dealing with physical health complications that required surgery, and depression. He was searching for a place he could trust. He was searching for somewhere that could provide the help he needed to rebuild his life.

This is where Poverello House stepped in. A place offering consistent hospitality from the start. We became a place that cared for and guided him toward possibilities he had not seen before. During his time at Poverello House, Francisco was able to secure employment, gather important documents, and find housing. His housing ensured that both he and his dog felt safe and accepted. Francisco reflected on his experience, "I didn't have to worry about where to get food or my basic needs. I felt like Poverello gave me a chance to focus on myself; something I've never done before."

In April 2024, Francisco began his journey toward stability while working with his first case manager, Mercedes. Francisco secured a spot in the Village of Hope through Mercedes' assistance. Mercedes helped guide Francisco in pursuing employment and successfully made connections. This led to a job at Denny's, where he continues to work today.

Francisco transitioned into the Hope Pointe emergency shelter three months later. He was at a stage in his journey where he was prepared for long-term housing. At Hope Pointe, he entered the Bridge Program and began working with a new case manager, Keara. "Francisco was that guest who always brightened our day. He's very hardworking, always smiling, and had the most playful and happiest dog that would come into his appointments with him. He will be very missed at Hope Pointe, but we know he has many dreams yet to come to fruition," Keara shared.

Francisco focused on building his work experience, confidence, and readiness for housing while at Hope Pointe. He began discussing his passion for car detailing and wanted to pursue it further in early August of 2024. Francisco purchased his own detailing equipment and created business cards for his personal detailing business. Together with the support of Poverello House, he discussed how this venture could help him maintain stability while working toward securing housing.

Francisco was invited to a meeting where he was offered shared housing. Initially hesitant about the idea of living with strangers. Francisco had a change of heart after visiting the property and meeting the family. He appreciated the sense of community he found there. He took a step into the unknown. Poverello House continued to guide him throughout the process. The staff ensured he felt welcome, loved, safe, and respected in his new home.

Without the financial assistance from Poverello House, it wouldn't be possible to help many of our guests secure their initial housing. This crucial support provided him with the foundation he needed to eventually take over the rent once the most challenging part is behind them. For Francisco, this assistance was key to his success. We are thrilled to see him thriving as he works toward his next goal of securing his very own permanent residence. Francisco will continue working closely with Case Stability Managers Jeff, Lindsey, and Ed. Together, they will focus on helping him maintain a stable income, improve his budgeting skills, and achieve many other goals on his path to lasting success.



Francisco shares a big smile after getting his hair freshly braided at Hope Pointe.



Francisco and Hope Pointe Navigator Keara on move-in day!

OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS: SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ALL

CLOTHING CLOSET



Providing clothing for those in need ensures that vulnerable individuals have access to basic necessities, promoting dignity and confidence.

Distribution Days

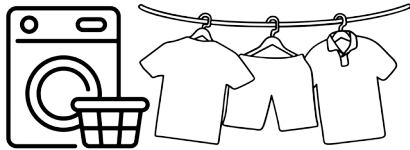
Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
9 AM - 11 AM

Ways to Give

We accept new and gently used clothing for men, women and children. Donations are accepted Monday - Friday 8 am-5 pm and Saturday - Sunday 8 am - 1 pm at 412 F St. Our donation lane is located on G Street between Santa Clara and San Benito.

Get Involved

Volunteer opportunities available or host a collection drive. Contact us at 559-498-6988 or email info@poverellohouse.org.



LAUNDRY AND SHOWER SERVICES

Providing showers and laundry services to those in need offers more than just cleanliness—it restores dignity and well-being.

Shower Times

Men: Monday - Sunday

7 AM - 10 AM

Women: Monday - Sunday

1 PM - 3 PM

Ways to Give

We accept personal care items like:

Shampoo and conditioners, body wash, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, and new or gently used towels.

Donations are accepted Monday - Friday 8 am-5 pm and Saturday - Sunday 8 am - 1 pm at 412 F St. Our donation lane is located on G Street between Santa Clara and San Benito.



COURTYARD



Poverello House operates on a no-questions-asked policy, welcoming everyone without judgment or barriers.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Sunday
7 AM - 5 PM

Services

Library

Free Wi-Fi

Charging Stations

Drinks and snacks



PAPA MIKE'S CAFÉ CELEBRATES 7 MONTHS OF SERVING WITH DIGNITY

Papa Mike's Café is celebrating 7 months of serving the community at Poverello House. Countless people have enjoyed a warm meal. The café has become a welcoming hub of hope.

Every dollar donated to Papa Mike's Café will be matched by Lennar Homes, up to \$100,000. This doubles the support for this vital service. Join us in celebrating this milestone and help keep the mission growing!

Meals Provided in Café
Jan-August 2024
300,000

Kids Meals per Month
900

Cost per Meal
\$5.00

DOUBLE YOUR
IMPACT.
DONATE TODAY!



August 1 - October 31



1980'S
KITCHEN SPACE TO MAKE CHILI BEANS



2023
RENOVATION BEGINS FOR A NEW KITCHEN



2024
GRAND OPENING OF PAPA MIKE'S CAFÉ

1973
PAPA MIKE HANDS OUT PB&J'S IN CHINATOWN



1990
PAPA MIKE IN CURRENT LOCATION KITCHEN



WINTER 2023
KITCHEN RENOVATION COMPLETE!



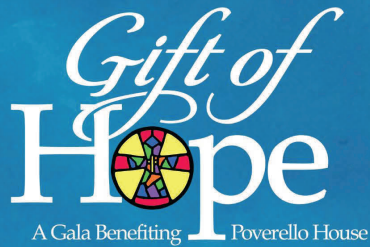
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Raider Nation Wrecking Crew Central Valley Chapter stopped by our donation lane. Your generous donation of school supplies will make a meaningful difference for students in need. We truly appreciate your support and dedication to our community!



Thank you to Two Sisters and Friends Snacks for their incredible generosity. These inspiring young ladies raised over \$300 by selling their delicious treats at Sunnyside Country Club. We are deeply grateful for their support of our mission!





IMMEDIATE HELP. LASTING SOLUTIONS.

JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024
AT 6 PM

TABLE MOUNTAIN CASINO

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Poverello House is thrilled to celebrate our 7th Annual
Gift of Hope Gala.

This event will be unlike any other Gala you have
attended!

*SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE*