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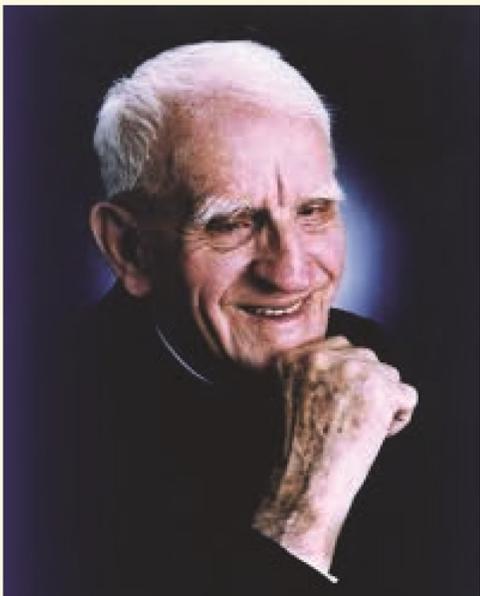
A Message from Good Shepherd Center, Inc.
of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God
March 2023

Join Us In Person!

72nd Annual Brother Mathias

*St. Patrick's Day
Celebration of Faith and Service*

Honoring St. Patrick and our Founder, Brother Mathias



Join us at St. Pius X High School
5301 St. Joseph's Dr. NW
Friday, March 17, 2023
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Adults - \$17
Children (under 12) - \$7

Purchase at the door or online at
goodshepherdcenter.com

A mission of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God
For more information call 505-249-6416

It's On!

Welcome to the Annual St. Patrick's Day Newsletter! We are preparing for the festivities that lead us to the 72nd Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. For the last three years we were unable to host an in-person dinner, but it's finally going to happen in 2023! St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching and we are still making every effort to get the word out about the event. There will be food, entertainment, games for the kids, and raffles for prizes (need not be present to win, of course).

If you are interested in coming, join us at the St. Pius X High School Gym between 4 pm and 8 pm.

Tickets are available at the door by cash or card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call: 505-249-6416.

We hope to see you there!

From the Board

I was born and raised in Albuquerque. After graduating from college, I returned to New Mexico and decided to get involved in my community. I chose the Good Shepherd Center. I have worked on the St. Patrick's dinner since then, while serving on the Good Shepherd Auxiliary Board. I am now the Treasurer of the Good Shepherd Center Board of Directors. It has been my honor, for the past 35 years, to serve such a wonderful organization that does great work in our community. We appreciate every donation and grant we receive and always use these funds in the most efficient way possible. We stretch every dollar, realizing that everyone works hard for the money that makes its way to us. Thank you very much, and we hope to see you at the 2023 Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

—Matt Chavez, Board Treasurer

Thank You for Your Support!

The quality of life for the people served at Good Shepherd Center would be greatly diminished without the support of generous friends within the local community:

To The Catholic Foundation for the generous donation for our kitchen.

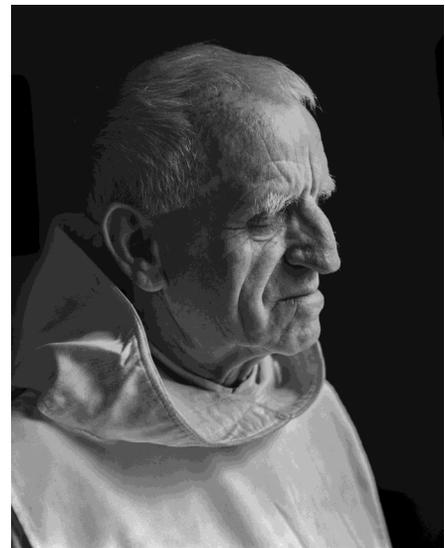
To St. John XXIII Casserole Program for their homecooked tasty meals for the community.

To The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Bishops' Storehouse for their contribution of food and goods.

To all who have provided food and goods to support our ministry.

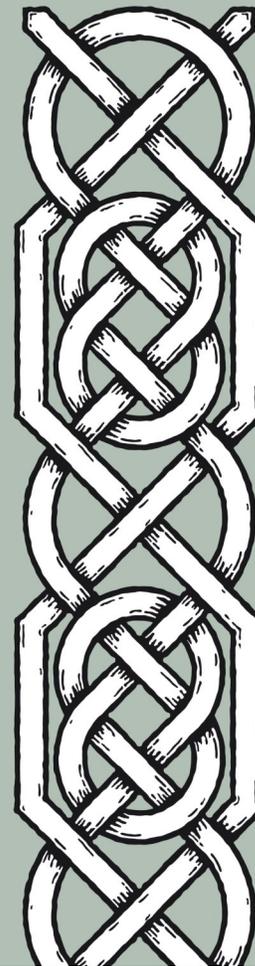
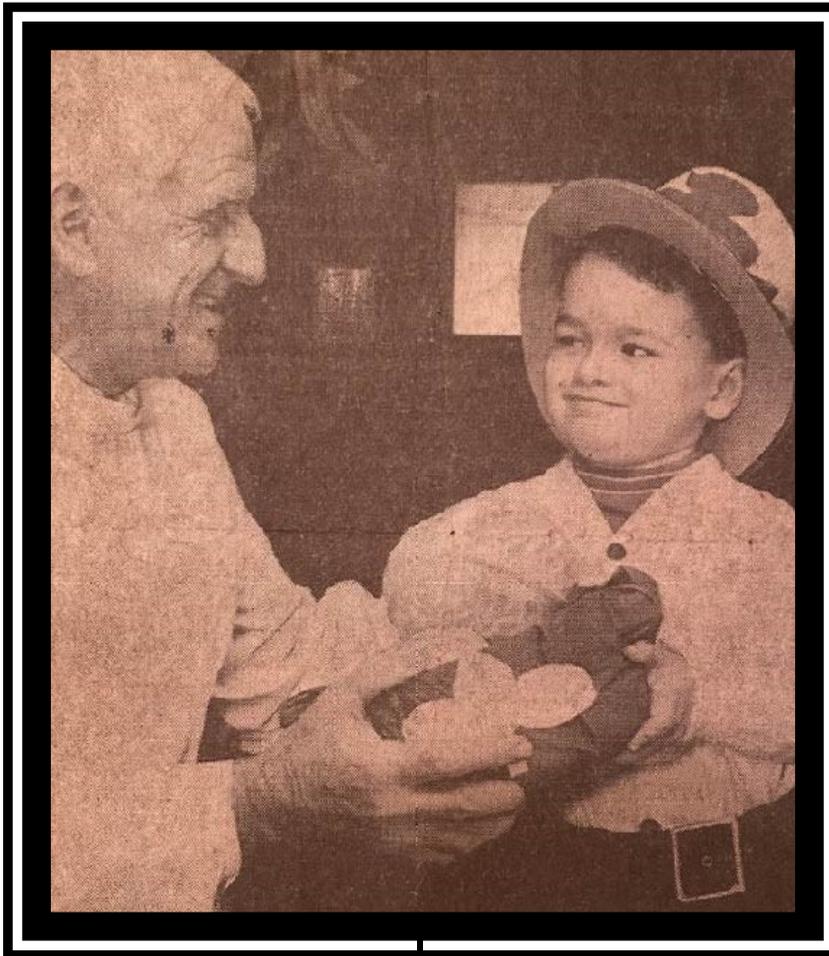
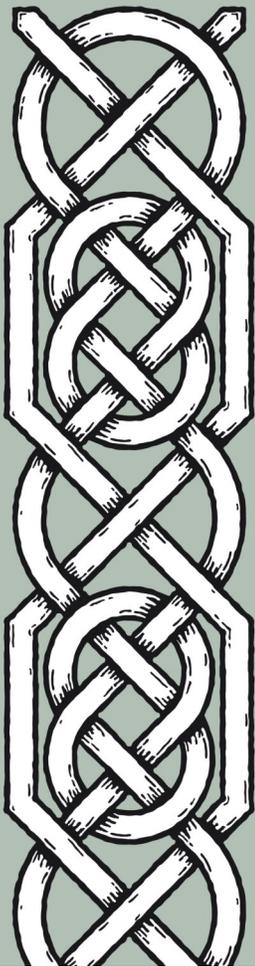
To Costco who provides us produce, baked goods, and other items.

To our individual and corporate sponsors who join us in providing services those most in need.



Brother Mathias Barrett, founder of Good Shepherd Center

Just Like Old Times



This photo was taken in 1968 of Brother Mathias Barrett, our founder, receiving a gift of a cabbage by three-year-old leprechaun Damon Martinez. Today Damon sits on our Board of Directors and continues to share his personal gifts to Good Shepherd Center. Brother Mathias' works span decades!

Today Good Shepherd Center looks quite a bit different from where it started in 1951. What began as a simple overnight shelter for men in the community now has many other functions. Our Fresh Start program helps men addicted to substances to get back on their feet. Other programs, including a new effort just beginning this month, focusing on housing and reestablishment

to provide pathways to stable housing and employment for those in need. Food and clothing are also offered.

We have come a long way since 1951 and we strive to continue our work to help as many guests as possible while following Brother Mathias' example of love and service.

This year, as we celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the Good Shepherd Center, we look forward to sharing in the memory of Brother Mathias and his Irish heritage as we host the 72nd Annual Celebration of Faith and Service. Please join us in the festivities. All proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Center.

Book of Life

We pray for our community every day, especially for:

Rest in Peace:

Donald Beard
Armando Sandoval
Russell Morris
George Pino
Miguel Saavedra
Nick Wayne Barbaro, Jr.
Don Beard
Christopher D. Teague
Patrick Metro
John Kirkpatrick
Adam Paul Martine
Brother Malechy Corbet, OH

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For the Roybal Family
The Adkins Family
The Metzler Family

Anthony Galaz
Richard Baca and Family

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Or submit a request



Covid-19 vs Good Shepherd Center

It appears that we have survived the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. We not only survived, but thrived. With your support and all of our services: Overnight Emergency Shelter, Hot Meal Program, Respite Bed Program, Clothing Room, Mail Services, Fresh Start Program, and an expanded Reestablishment Program, all remained open.

With the growing need in this city to find supportive and affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness, we at the Good Shepherd are beginning a new Housing Program designed to assist

hard-to-place individuals into a place they can call their own. Numerous studies point out that once a person is secure in their housing, many of the issues which brought them into homelessness can be addressed.

With your continued support, we can all make a difference in the lives of those not as fortunate as ourselves. Also, I hope to see you at the Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Day Celebration this year. The legacy of Brother Mathias lives on!

Want to Help?

All physical donations may be made at our location at 218 Iron Ave.

We're in need of the following items:

New In-package Clothing:

Belts
Jeans
Running Shoes
Underwear S/M
Undershirts/T-Shirts

Toiletries:

Travel-Sized Lotion
Travel-Sized Deodorant
Travel-Sized Shampoo and Soap
Razors and Travel-Sized Shaving Cream
Toothbrushes and Travel-Sized Toothpaste

Foods Most In Need:

Canned Corn
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Tuna and Meat
Canned and Dried Beans

Rice
Powdered Drink Mix
Coffee (ground or instant)
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables



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A New Project in Br. Mathias' Legacy

During the pandemic, the Re-establishment Program was started to assist those who are often overlooked by other services. Program participants were sometimes just recently homeless due to the pandemic or did not suffer from a battle of addiction and/or disabling mental health but still lacked stable homes, and that is where the Housing and Re-establishment Program come in. Our staff helped with preparing clients to return to a stable life by offering case management services, 1-on-1 life skills, helping clients apply for benefits, job readiness, applying for low income housing, and helping clients obtain market value housing. These services were funded by a COVID-19 grant from the City of Albuquerque. The Good Shepherd Center took the services one step further by offering clients a place to stay as they addressed issues and gained employment. Sadly, the grant for this program ended in September of 2022, but the Good Shepherd Center has continued to support this program by donations from our benefactors.

As the Housing and Re-establishment Program staff worked with their clients, they saw a need for additional services and programs. The desire to have their own housing voucher program began to stir in the leaders of Good Shepherd Center. Many clients would require ongoing case management and support as they returned to a normal life, but due to the limitations of staff this was not achievable. During this time the City of Albuquerque made it a mission to address homeless issues. Part of the city's plan is to help those homelessness obtain long-term stable and permanent housing by

partnering with local nonprofits that manage and provide services to these clients. As of December 1, 2022, as a natural part of the Housing and Re-establishment Program' growth, the City of Albuquerque has contracted with the Good Shepherd Center to provide assistance and case management through two programs. The first program is a Rapid Re-housing Program in which clients will receive assistance and case management services for at least 12 months. While the second program is a Permanent Supportive Housing Program for those who are homeless and impacted by a disability. These clients will receive assistance and case management as long as they are enrolled in the program. These new programs are funded by a city grant, thus the Good Shepherd Center has been able to hire additional case managers to help with these new programs.

The original Re-establishment Program still operates at the Good Shepherd Center and is 100% funded by the donors, but is now the GSC Transitional Housing Program. With the aid of this program, many clients are able to be housed as they move into one of the new programs to obtain voucher housing, or others will obtain stable ongoing employment and gain fair market housing.

The Housing and Re-establishment Programs and their clients are grateful for our donors' support and prayers as they build stable productive lives.

—Nate Jennings, Housing Advocate