

### **Fresno State faculty volunteer at Poverello House**

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, bright and early on a chilly Saturday morning, twenty eager Fresno State faculty and family members met in the parking lot of Poverello House (412 F Street) to volunteer their morning to help that organization serve some of Fresno's homeless and impoverished. Poverello House, a non-profit, nondenominational organization, has been operating in Fresno since 1973. Its services have grown to include 3 meals each day of the year for individuals and families in need, free medical and dental care through the Holy Cross Clinic, showers and laundry facilities for the homeless and an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program (and this is not an exhaustive list). The volunteers that met were called together for a community service event sponsored by the Untenured Faculty Organization (or UFO) and organized by Drs. Klaus Tenbergen (UFO, Community Outreach Chair) and Jason Bush (UFO, President). Split into several smaller groups, volunteers packed lunches, cut vegetables, cleared empty product boxes and even gift wrapped donated toys to be distributed to kids in need. Each of these tasks brought home the daily effort and dedication of the regular volunteers that make the work of Poverello House possible. The gathering of homeless and impoverished individuals and families outside the gates brought home the depth of the need among the poorest residents of Fresno. Though only experiencing a snapshot of the work that goes on under the roof of Poverello House, the enactment of respect and compassion witnessed at their facilities was deeply moving and inspiring.

- Dr. Andrew Fenton (UFO, Historian)  
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(From left to right, Klaus Tenbergen, Andrew Fenton, Srinivasa Konduru, Sean Boyd, Robert Powell, Marinn Pierce, Dana Powell, X Tenbergen, Keith Johnson, Anthony Radford, Amanda Mortimer, John



Mortimer, Marianne Jackson, Alma Major, Randy Major (not pictured, Jason Bush, Kathryn DeFede, X Defede, Kate Hussmann, Young Kim)





