

As we finish our plans for our annual Turkey Tuesday event on November 21, I wanted to thank you for making our 21st Dinner &



Auction on October 14 a success. After costs, nearly 300 attendees helped us net over \$100,000 during, and after the event. We are humbled that so many friends and sponsors chose to gather at Ceruti's again for food, fun, traditions like our Heads & Tails auction, generously donated items for the silent and live auctions, and watched the unveiling of our Sally Ley celebration video (you can watch the video at www.thefranciscancenter.org/video). As Sally was known to say, "a full home is a happy home", and you certainly helped fill Ceruti's home on October 14! Your generosity will provide needed support of our clients through the Sack Lunch, Food Pantry, and Medicine Cabinet ministries, and help grow our Family Thrift Stores.

As St. Francis of Assisi wrote, "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given." Your support through our event will certainly give those we serve the mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in Humility, Compassion, and Love. Knowing that you are in our corner and continue to meet the needs of the community is very encouraging as we share the compassion of Christ to our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Tony Ley

Executive Director

P.S. SAVE THE DATE! Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday October 12, 2024. It will be the 35th anniversary of our organization; plan to celebrate with us!

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