

Dear FID Community,

I hope that everyone is having a good first full week of 2020! We are certainly back to it in full force. A few things to share:

Our Bad Weather Shelter is starting to be open on a more regular basis as the cold nights increase. Every Wednesday, as I have shared, we are blessed to have with us several nursing students from Azuza Pacific Nursing School. They are beginning to really get to know some of our clients and are able to help them in a deeper and more consistent manner. Coy Perada, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of International and Urban/Rural Health Nursing (who is with the students every week), has referred one of our regulars to Chapcare. This gentleman is a man in his sixties with severely high blood pressure and a probable heart condition, and Coy has stayed in communication with Chapcare staff about him. These are small steps that make a big difference in the life of a person who would normally be alone.



APU nursing students at the Bad Weather Shelter

One of our regulars at The Women's Room is facing eviction from her apartment, her home of 20 years, as the building is being sold. She is extremely anxious about this change, and our TWR and Street Outreach Staff have been working hard to help her identify a new place. Najwa, Denisse, and Jane have been sitting with her every day this week, working to convince her that she *can* make the move, even if it is new and frightening. Partnering with Najwa's contact at Foothill Unity, it looks like our staff has identified a shared-living house for senior women in Monrovia that has a vacancy. We will hopefully have good news to share in the next few weeks. In other news, a bunch of ladies went to see 'Little Women' yesterday - going to the movies is always a fun field trip!

Tim and I will be at the grand opening of a new Nothing Bundt Cakes today in Rosemead. The owner, our amazing friend Ingrid Kuo, is donating 20% of the proceeds to FID thank you! And the Rose Queen and her Court will be in the Food Pantry tomorrow to help us stock the shelves and prepare for next week.

Finally, we are hosting our very first Landlord "Lunch and Learn" next week, as William will be able to share the benefits of renting to one of our formerly homeless clients who is ready for independent living. If you are a property manager, landlord, or owner, or know of one, please try to come - next Friday, January 17th from 10:30am-1pm at our Lake office. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to <u>wslocator@friendsindeedpas.org</u>.

As always, we can only do this work, and the so-much-more of it that we have planned for 2020, with your <u>help and</u> <u>generous support</u>. Thank you so much!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



PS. The annual Pasadena 2020 Homeless Count is coming up on Jan 21, and they need volunteers! More information and signups <u>here</u>.

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Interfaith Study Group

Sunday, January 12th, from 5 to 7:30 pm.

"Helping People Experiencing Homelessness"





"Insanity or Creativity" with Rabbi Joshua Grater

> "From Street to Advocacy" with Dorothy Edwards



ALLSAINTSCHURCH

132 North Euclid Avenue, Pasadena 91101 PLEASE BRING AN OPEN HEART, A MIND WILLING TO LISTEN AND LEARN AND A VEGETARIAN DISH TO SHARE IN OUR POTLUCK.

For information, contact Ada Ramirez, (626) 583-2734, <u>ARamirez@allsaints-pas.org</u> All Saints Church Pasadena, Islamic Center of So. Cal. & Pasadena Jewish Temple





VISIT US AT OUR NEW BAKERY IN ROSEMEAD!

Thursday, January 9 10:00am

RIBBON CUTTING with the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, January 10

FRIENDS IN DEED BENEFIT DAY 20% of sales will be donated to Friends In Deed, dedicated to providing supportive services to meet basic human needs, so the homeless and at-risk neighbors can rebuild their lives.



3628 Rosemead Blvd Rosemead, CA 91770 Saturday, January 11 9:00am

FREE BUNDTLETS FOR A YEAR* for our first 50 Guests.

11:00am-3:00pm FAMILY FUN EVENT Bring the kids to enjoy face painting and a'bundt'ant samples of our delicious cakes!

*Saturday, January 10 at 9:00am PST, at the Rosernead Nothing Bundt Cakes. The first fifty (50) guests, ages 18+, will receive one (1) "Free Bundtlets for a Year" punch card. Limit one card per household. While supplies last. Card can be redeemed for one Bundtlet per month for 12 months.

> NothingBundtCakes.com rosemead@nothingbundtcakes.com (626) 495-9550

Please support Ingrid Kuo at her new Nothing Bundt Cakes location!

NOTHING bundt CAKES



Thanks to Pasadena Covenant Church for their ongoing hosting of the Bad Weather Shelter...



...And for providing a delicious meal (see also below)





Rabbi Joshua talks to BWS clients during dinner



FID staff having fun at the end of last year!

