

# FRIENDS IN DEED\*



Dear FID Community,

We often say that our programs provide a sense of community for our clients and guests. While this is certainly true for those that come on a regular basis, this week we saw that it continues to be true even after people leave our programs. In The Women's Room, Marlene told me that there happened to be several women, who have either been housed locally or outside the area, who came back to say hi and reconnect. And they did this because it was their community. They shared about their experiences, gave encouragement and offered advice. One even came back from Texas! It is this sense of belonging that makes Friends In Deed such a special place.



*Some of our TWR volunteers*

It is my pleasure and honor to lead an agency whose staff and volunteers pride themselves on creating a sense of community. It may not be solving the problem, but it's providing a sense of hope and love for those we serve. There is an ancient teaching that says, "if you save one life, it's as if you saved an entire world." When our guests and clients tell us that we literally saved their life, I know we are doing our job. Thank you for being such a critical part of our life-saving team.

And, on the subject of life-saving teams, I am praying for all

those in danger from the horrible fires - residents, first responders, and our brave firefighters.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



PS. Our popular Breakfast Bites program is back! If you or your organization are interested in providing breakfast snacks and drinks for our clients outside the Pantry any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please call Helen at 626-797-2402 ext 201, or email [office@friendsindeedpas.org](mailto:office@friendsindeedpas.org).

PPS! Don't forget the 125th anniversary tours of our programs at FID House on the second Thursday of the month, 10-11 am. Contact Helen (see above) to sign up.

As always, we can only operate with your help!

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The Street Outreach Team (Scott and Najwa) represent FID at the Salvation Army's Homeless Connect Day



Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek met up with with Street Outreach Specialist Najwa at the Homeless Connect Day

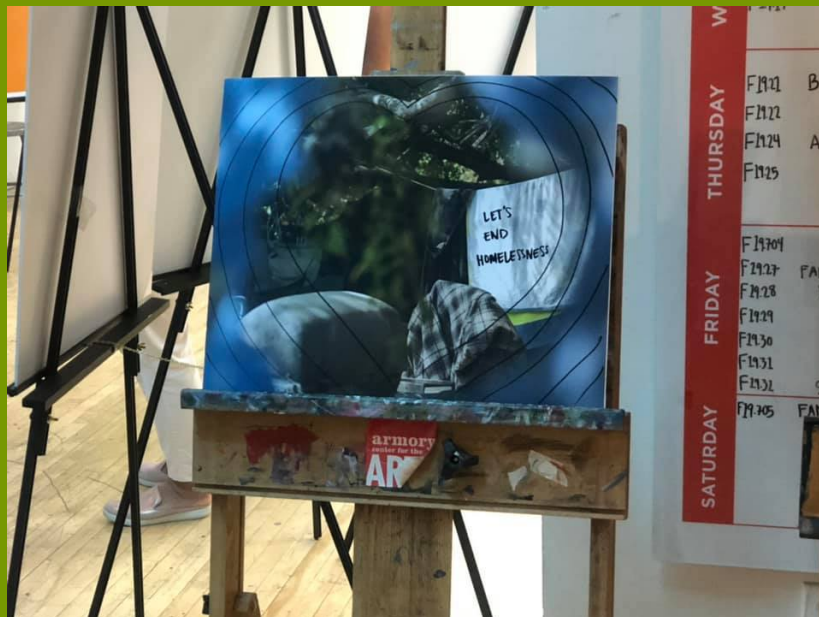


Staff from East West Bank provide "Breakfast Bites" for our Pantry clients (see above for contact details if you are interesting in providing breakfast for our Pantry clients)





FID volunteer Leslie Duremberg represents FID at a pop-up exhibition with the theme of homelessness at Armory Center for the Arts



(Above and below) thought-provoking art from the show

