## FRIENDS IN \* DEED



Dear FID Community,

Getting words of appreciation feels good to anyone. This week, two of our staff received notes thanking them for the help they provided in making a difference in the sender's life. The first one is from a client who Denisse and Najwa (working as a team) got housed; the second is from one of our community partners about helping to house another lady who has been living in her car at the church and attending The Women's Room. I will let their words speak for themselves. (The first one came with emojis that didn't copy well, but they added to the love expressed by the note.)

Dear Denisse,

I am too grateful for WORDS TO YOU, YOUNG LADY!

I have a very serious hunch that YOU, (After I'd shared with YOU alone one day that I wanted to go to a program of some kind) were instrumental in spreading my wishes to one or two others on the Staff there at The Women's Room...who in turn contacted NAJWA. OR perhaps YOU just contacted NAJWA directly. OR maybe my coming here was arrived at in some OTHER WAY. But I am truly so beholden to YOU AND EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH MY BEING CHOSEN TO COME HERE!!!

It has been a wonderful BLESSING, in EVERY ASPECT.

Najwa,

On behalf of the FUMC (First United Methodist Church) Board of Trustees, we thank you for your diligent work in finding a home for Hope. Last night the Trustees were so pleased to hear of this good news.

We are indeed grateful for the partnership that we all have, to be able to provide some small comfort for some of our unhoused folks living at the church. With the support of Officer Donovan and the PPD, we are working together with the ultimate goal of finding permanent housing.

Please share our gratitude with Rabbi Joshua and your other partners at Friends in Deed.

With grateful thanks, Marilynne Wilander, Chair of FUMC Trustees



Hope, mentioned in the letter above

Another week, one small step for addressing homelessness in Pasadena, one huge step for these two women. We feel fortunate to be a part of both steps.

As always, we can't do this work without your <u>ongoing</u> <u>support</u>. As we head toward the end of the year, and the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, your donations and generosity are so important. Please continue to give so that our programs can continue strong and unabated, serving our clients with all of the compassion, connection and dignity that they so deeply deserve. Thank you!

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.

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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Aria, from Girl Scout Troop 1955

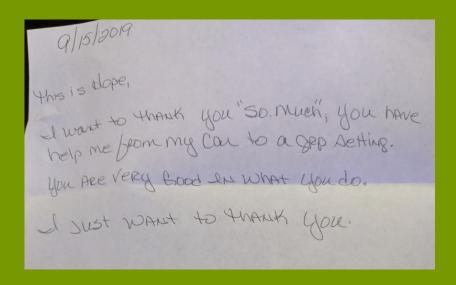


Aria has been sewing and filling these lovely care kits for the ladies in The Women's Room



Our Pantry Manager, Tim, has been taking a well-earned break in Spain and Portugal. We're glad he's been having a wonderful time, but we will be tremendously

## glad to have him back!



Another lovely thank-you letter, this one from Hope (as mentioned above) herself!



## The Women's Room Art Show

September 21 - December 1, 2019

An exhibit of artwork created by guests of The Women's Room, which serves San Gabriel Valley women who are alone and homeless, or at risk of homelessness. The Women's Room is a program of Friends in Deed, an interfaith collaborative dedicated to meeting the needs of great Pasadena's most vulnerable residents.



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