



Dear Friend,

Most weeks, I share how your support of FID impacts the lives of those who are on the street, our most vulnerable neighbors. This week, I want to offer a few anecdotes about those who are trying their best to *not* end up on the street. These are people that seek our help with rent in order to avoid eviction.

You may know that there is a state-wide moratorium on evictions, one that was just extended until the end of January 2021. However, this moratorium is only for people affected by COVID-related challenges. And, even for those who are suffering job loss or other income loss due to the pandemic, the rent in arrears will be owed at some point in the future (that date and the amount owed hasn't yet been determined). Our new Homeless Prevention Manager (HPP), Ryan Greer, shared the following with me:

"First, some people that we are able to potentially help: A man who sustained a work injury, and was forced to dip into his retirement account. He now has received an eviction notice. There is also a woman who has been a Pasadena resident for a long time, and who has been homeless before. She found stable housing but is now struggling to pay rent because of issues with the stimulus check she received. While it was a welcome boost, it has changed her income level enough for her to lose her benefits, thereby rendering her unable to make rent."



Here is an example of someone we can't help: a woman facing homelessness, struggling with rent, but without an actual eviction notice - so we are not able to help. The rules set by the government grant parameters require several components to qualify for assistance, and one of them is a 3 or 30 day eviction notice. That is

the irony of Homelessness Prevention - we want people to avoid getting so far behind as to receive the notice, but can't help them without it.

In addition, this is an issue for landlords who can't pay the mortgages on their buildings, if they don't own them outright, if people aren't paying rent. And while there are aspects of the emergency assistance that do help landlords, it is not an insignificant challenge for them. So this is a complex and vexing problem for all involved, clients and landlords."

Of course, it is only with your [ongoing support and generosity](#) that we can offer help - as much as as possible - to the folks facing evictions, as well as offering all the other services we provide each and every day to our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you!

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Congratulations once again to First Congregational Church for being one of our Jazz honorees. Here are Co-Pastor, Rev. Marlene Pomeroy, and FCC's moderator, Krysty Leckrone, accepting a gift of

art from The Women's Room.



The Assistance League of Pasadena has purchased lunch for our TWR guests three times in two weeks. We are so grateful! Thank you to Ultra Soto-Rojas for reaching out to us and making it possible, and to League President Ursula Hyman for the support.

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