## FRIENDS IN DEED



Dear FID Community,

This week there is so much good news - we have six people in new housing! Our teams really worked well this week, with three departments coming together to make this happen. Let me tell you a little bit about some of the folks.

Kathy is one of the ladies that Najwa was able to get into bridge housing a few weeks ago, and she is now in permanent supportive housing. Terry, someone who is a regular in The Women's Room, has been on the streets for a few years. Thanks to our wonderful working partnership with Union Station, she is now housed in permanent supportive housing. Roberta is a very sweet woman who has some serious developmental disabilities - she is now in permanent supportive housing. Tara lived with lived and taken care of her mom; when her mom died a few weeks ago, she lost the Section 8 voucher, was locked out her apartment, and was desperate to not become homeless. Debbie, our Homelessness Prevention Manager, was able to find a place in a local apartment complex that she could afford.

Finally, as you know, we don't often get the chance to help men, but this week we helped two. Kevin is a man that Scott has been engaging with who suffers with addiction. Thanks to the relationship that Scott had built, he was able to locate a sober living facility and get Kevin a bed. Don is also someone that William has been working with and he was in permanent supportive housing. He is doing well, is employed, and was ready to live on his own. He now has a unit in a low-income senior living complex.

We are often asked how we are being so successful. In addition to having dedicated and talented staff, these staff have developed relationships with many other local agencies, have contacts in a variety of housing locations, and do serious research to locate new opportunities. In fact,

this week we had a group in Santa Barbara reach out to us because they had heard from other local agencies that our homeless prevention program is the one to talk to in order to learn how to tackle this problem in their community. I am so very proud of all our staff and am so glad when they have a week like this where successes happen, and people's lives are changed for the better in such a significant way.



A TWR Thanksgiving feast

While this is all happening, Tim and his staff and volunteers, including the Jaycees, are getting ready to distribute 390 turkeys on Sunday to our pantry families, and Marlene and her staff and volunteers will have their annual Thanksgiving feast on Monday, helping nearly 75 ladies to celebrate the holiday with food, festivities, gifts and community.

As you know, none of this is possible without the ongoing support and commitment of generous donors like yourselves. One of the main themes of all religious traditions is that of gratitude and giving back. In this season of Thanksgiving, please consider a gift to Friends In Deed, knowing that we are helping our most vulnerable neighbors enjoy this special season as well. And, if you want to laugh your way into Thanksgiving, see below for a comedy show next Wednesday that is benefiting FID.

On behalf of the staff of Friends In Deed, we wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving holiday - thanks for all you do!

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.

As always, we can only operate with your help!





The fabulous Killer Unicorns are doing a special showin aid of Friends In Deed. The cost ofentry is \$10, but any further donations of money or food go straight to us.

Come and join us!



Friends In Deed staff show off their new FID baseball caps at the most recent staff meeting. From theleft: (back) Debbie, Scott, Denisse, Coty, Doug, Najwa, Tim, Joshua, Helen (front) Marlene, Stacey, Jane.



Thank you to the ladies of the SGV Panhellenic Society who collected many bags of toiletries for The Women's Room, and gave a donation too!



And thanks also to Christian, pictured here with Pantry Associate Stacey. Christian organized a food drive for the Pantry!



ALL SAINTS CHURCH



## **Homeless Memorial Service** Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Service: 6:00 pm

Dinner Reception: 7:00 pm

All Saints Church

132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena

Parking available in lot north of the church campus and on streets!

Each year, thousands of persons experiencing homelessness die on the streets of our nation due to illness, exposure or violence, many from our very own community of Pasadena. These individuals die without the dignity and respect they deserve. Please join us as we honor and acknowledge their lives and membership in the human family.

If you can't be with us, log on at 6:00 pm to watch the service LIVE! www.allsaints-pas.org/worship/streaming/

For more information and/or to provide the name of someone you know who lost their life on the streets (they will be acknowledged in the service), please contact: Juliana Serrano at 626.583.2731 or jserrano@allsaints-pas.org.





All Saints Church Homeless Memorial Service is always a moving occasion. We invite you to

join us there.



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