

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear FID Community,

I had two very unique and moving experiences this week, on both ends of the emotional spectrum. On Tuesday night I had the privilege of being a part of the annual homeless memorial service at All Saints Church. This is a service that remembers any people experiencing homelessness, or who are formerly homeless, who have died in the last year. The congregation was full, with volunteers, community leaders, and most importantly those people experiencing homelessness at this time. We lit candles, offered prayers and readings, and slowly read the names of the nearly 35 people on the list this year. There was an audible expression of grief when the names of Ricardo and his dog Big Moose were read, as they were famous on the streets. Apparently Ricardo died, and then four days later, Big Moose died - of a broken heart. There were tears shed, hugs offered, and, after the service, a huge feast that was lovingly prepared by over 60 volunteers. If you've never been to the service, I highly encourage you to do so next year.



The Homeless Memorial Service at All Saints

Yesterday, I had the great joy of joining my fellow Rotarians at the Salvation Army to help distribute 250 brand new bicycles to families in need. It was such a fun and lively time,

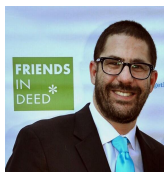
and the look on the faces of the kids who were there, seeing a brand new bike for them for the very first time, was priceless. I was glad to see a few of our own FID pantry families.

I know some of them will also be with us this weekend, as Tim and his crew distribute toys and gifts for over 290 kids. Thank you so much to the individuals, the schools, the congregations, and everyone who gave with such amazing generosity.

That spirit of giving continued in The Women's Room, where the toiletries, socks and other needed items were overflowing, and will be given away at the TWR holiday party next week. Like the Israelites building the tabernacle, all of you gave from your hearts, pouring out your spirit for the good of something bigger than ourselves.

And I hope that generosity will continue to flow for our Winter Appeal. Thanks to those who have already given, helping us reach the 20% mark of our \$100,000 goal - [let's keep the kindness rolling in!](#)

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!

DONATE



Thank you to the folks of St Elizabeth Church for volunteering at the Bad Weather shelter this week!



And thank you also for the delicious food!



Operations Manager Helen, Rabbi Joshua and TWR Case Manager Denisse at the All Saints Church Alternative Christmas Market. Our thanks to All Saints for this opportunity to suggest alternative ways of celebrating the season!



Astrid and Nofel of Saiful Bouquet Structural Engineers
pictured with Doug after bringing in the food they
collected in their food drive



Huge thanks to Five Acres for providing Breakfast Bites
for our Pantry community on Thursday!



A lovely selection of breakfast food, with a seasonal theme



Pasadena Rotarians, preparing to give away bikes!



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