

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear FID Community,

Well, here it is: the final email of 2019! I want to thank everyone for reading this weekly communication, and to say I am humbled and honored by how many comments I get on how these missives keep people engaged in FID and the work we are doing on a weekly basis. I love writing them!

Obviously, with the end of our 125th year of operation, we are working hard to have a successful appeal, and I am grateful for all of you who have already donated. If you have not yet donated, [please give what you can](#), and maybe even a little more. As incentive, here are some general facts and figures from this past year:

- Our Homeless Prevention Program has helped 51 families and individuals with rental assistance and case management to keep them from being evicted and becoming homeless.
- The Food Pantry has served 17,225 households, which equates to 35,800 people; we have distributed roughly 450,000 pounds of food, which equals about 385,000 meals. We provided hundreds of kids with school supplies and holiday gifts, and nearly 300 families with Thanksgiving meals.
- The Women's Room has served roughly 60 non-repeating guests every month, added new programs, had an art exhibit at the Armory, taken several field trips, and is seeing an average of 25 ladies a week for case management; we are providing an average of 12 showers a day and 9 loads of laundry.
- Our Street Outreach Team has had an average of 30 engagements per month with chronically homeless individuals; of those, we have housed 11 individuals either in permanent or bridge housing. Our Housing Location program has placed 3 individuals into

permanent housing.

- Our Bad Weather Shelter served an average of 90-100 individuals during the 45 nights we were open last season. This season we have been open 7 nights and have had between 25 and 50 guests.
- And, across all of our programs, we have had the amazing help of more than 1,000 volunteers from a huge cross-section of the community.

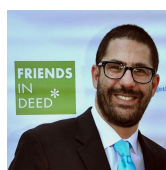
Is that inspiring or what?! So, with this news, please help us end the year strong with a [gift to support all that we have done, and all that we are planning to do in the new year.](#) We can't do it without everyone's help!

Finally, I want to thank two groups of amazing individuals: the entire board of directors, under the stellar direction of Chair Richard Cheung, for their dedication and commitment of time and treasure to help Friends In Deed operate at such a high level. And our incredible staff without which we couldn't do any of the work (and so much more) that I mentioned above. For the competitive ones in our ranks, these are in alphabetical order: Coty, Debbie, Denisse, Rev. Donna, Doug, Helen, Jane, Liz, Marlene, Marty, Najwa, Scott, Stacey, Tim, William. And a special blessing for Donna, who is retiring after many years of leadership at FID.



I want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Kwanza, and a very happy and healthy New Year! Thanks for making our vision of "doing together what we cannot do alone" such a remarkable reality.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



Reminder: All FID offices and programs (except the shelter) will be closed from December 21-January 1. We look forward to seeing everyone on January 2.

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



The Women's Room Christmas Party at First Lutheran Church



Raffle with exciting prizes!



Entertainment from volunteers Kay and Brooke



Many thanks to mom Nicole, with Reid and Bennett, for the many items they collected for our Bad Weather Shelter



Board member Ervin (of We Olive) in full-on chef mode, cooking for the Bad Weather Shelter. The kitchen smelled amazingly of garlic and olive oil!



A team effort from FID's board, staff, family, and friends to cook dinner for BWS



Thanks to Robin and Episcopal Communities and Services
for 150 "blessing bags" for our Street Outreach Team to
distribute!



Thanks to Tom Sawyer camps for providing breakfast bites for the Pantry!



Staff holiday party!



Fontaine and Maria of St Anthony's Greek Orthodox Philoptochos Society present a generous check to Operations Manager Helen



Jody of Kaizen Martial Arts and Fitness with the results of

their blanket drive!



Hannukah celebration at The Women's Room

Celebrate our Grand Opening



VISIT US AT OUR NEW BAKERY IN ROSEMEAD!

**Thursday, January 9
10:00am**

RIBBON CUTTING with the Rosemead
Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, January 10

FRIENDS IN DEED BENEFIT DAY

20% of sales will be donated to Friends In Deed,
dedicated to providing supportive services to meet
basic human needs, so the homeless and at-risk
neighbors can rebuild their lives.



**Saturday, January 11
9:00am**

FREE BUNDTLETS FOR A YEAR*
for our first 50 Guests.

11:00am-3:00pm

FAMILY FUN EVENT

Bring the kids to enjoy face painting and
a'bundt'ant samples of our delicious cakes!

*Saturday, January 10 at 9:00am PST, at the Rosemead Nothing Bundt Cakes. The first fifty (50) guests, ages 18+, will receive one (1) "Free Bundtlets for a Year" punch card. Limit one card per household. While supplies last. Card can be redeemed for one Bundtlet per month for 12 months.

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Long-term and valued FID supporter Ingrid Kuo is opening a new Nothing Bundt Cakes location! 20% of sales go to Friends In Deed at their grand opening on January 11.

