

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear FID Community,

One good story, one not so good. Richardia has been a guest in The Women's Room and she is the sweetest lady. Smiling, funny, good natured, and homeless. She is one of our older guests, and lives with some disabilities. Thanks to both Najwa and Denisse, she is on her way today to bridge housing! We are so happy for her and know that she has a good chance of thriving, with ongoing help.



A very happy Richardia, with Street Outreach Specialist Najwa

On the not-so-good front, another one of our guests, who we successfully placed in permanent supportive housing a few months back, has had a relapse in her addiction and is on the verge of being evicted. We know that it can take multiple attempts to stay sober, and studies show at least two

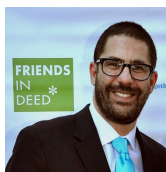
years of intensive case management are needed to keep someone housed. Marlene and Najwa are planning an intervention next week to try and help her before she is back on the streets again.

Sometimes we are up; sometimes we are down. Oftentimes we are both at the same time. I'm so grateful for our staff and volunteers who care so deeply and give 110%, no matter what.

Oh, and while this was happening, the Food Pantry had donations of over 5,000 pounds of food from generous people pulling up with carloads. And our Bad Weather Shelter opened on Wednesday and, with rain expected, will be open all weekend.

As you know, we can't do any of the above, and all the other holy work that took place this week, and every week, without you. By now, hopefully everyone has received our Winter Appeal letter, either by mail or email. This is our final fundraiser of the year, one that we count on to end 2019 strong. These funds are unrestricted, so they pay for our amazing staff, the administration, rent, utilities, significant insurance costs, and cover all program expenses not paid for by restricted donations. We need everyone's help, especially as we head into the holiday season. We know that there are numerous amazing non-profits you can support - [we are so grateful that we can count on you.](#) 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.

As always, we can only operate with your help!

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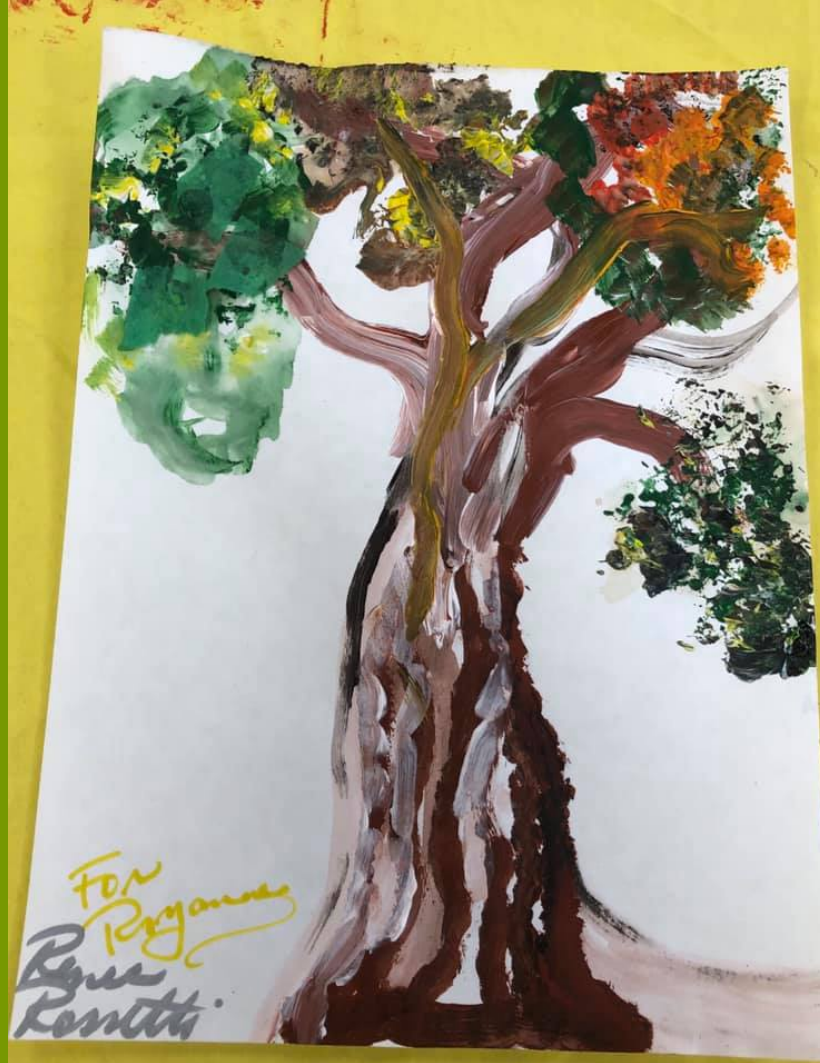
Thank you to the folk of Pasadena Covenant Church for hosting the Bad Weather Shelter, and volunteering for our first night of the 2019/2020 season!



And thank you also to the APU nursing students who were on hand with their medical skills



Vroman's gift tree - come and pick out a name to make a child (from a family that uses our pantry) very happy this holiday season!



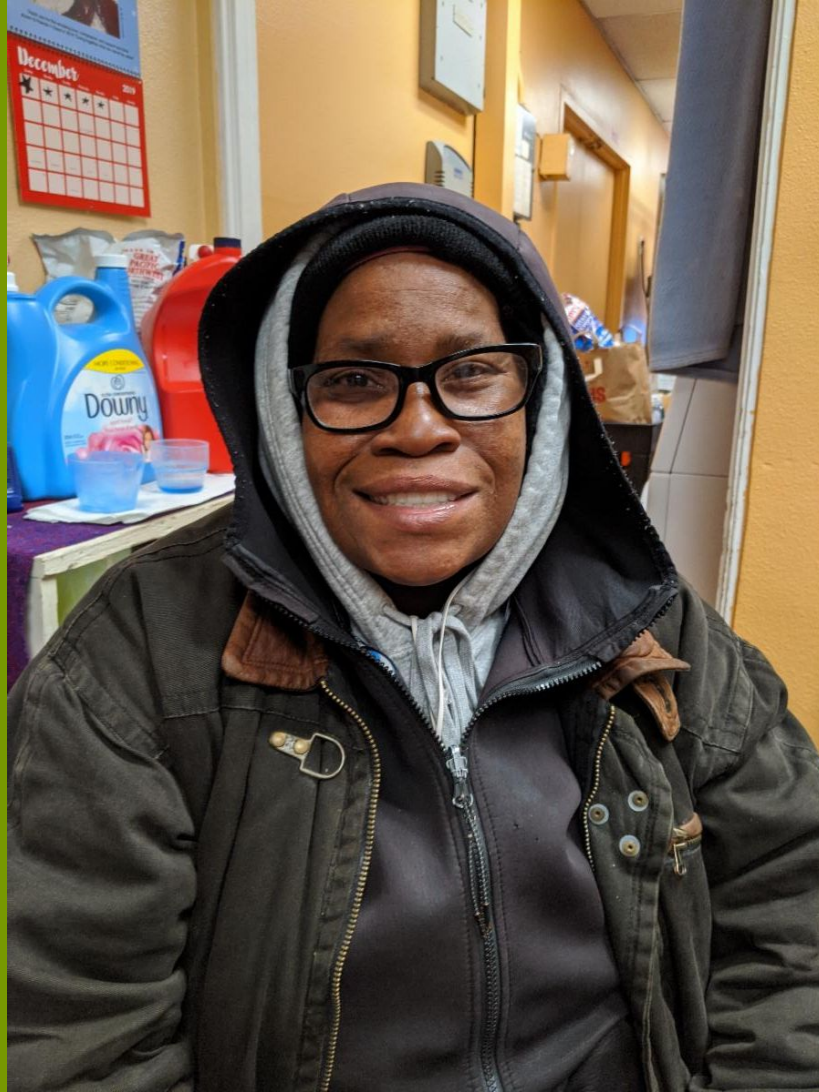
Art from The Women's Room. Trees are life



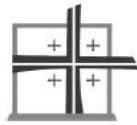
Huge thanks to Killer Unicorns for putting on a comedy show in aid of our Food Pantry. We didn't stop laughing all evening!



The "Naughty Christmas Song" - Christmas music like you've never heard before



Another happy picture of Richardia



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.



This is always a moving occasion - please join us!



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