



Dear FID Community,

These are certainly unusual times! I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

We are excited to share that, starting Tuesday, April 28th, our Food Pantry will be reopening. I want to thank Tim and Stacey for their dedication and focus in creating a plan that we hope will keep everyone safe, while allowing our most vulnerable clients to once again be able to receive food on a weekly basis. Please see our [website](#) and social media for the new protocols and system for how the pantry will be operating, and the 'gold items' that we need most. The key component for everyone here is this: we will ONLY be accepting donations on FRIDAY and SATURDAY from 8:30am-4pm. We are so grateful for all those that want to contribute food donations, but in order to keep the pantry functioning well, and maintain safety for everyone, we will have to be strict on these rules. We hope you understand, and we are so appreciative for everyone's generosity and kindness.

I want to thank Idealab and all of those folks who contributed to our [Pantry Fill the Gap Program](#). We have raised over \$20,000 and fed over 212 families, which equals over 1,000 people! These include pantry clients, TWR guests, HPP clients and referrals for folks who have lost their jobs. We are so grateful to Tom McGovern, Managing Director of [Idealab](#), for creating this and helping us to make it happen. The money raised not only helped our clients, but all of the money will go to the local restaurants who provided the food. This is a wonderful Pasadena community effort!

Marlene and her staff are working to figure out ways that we can reopen The Women's Room, in a modified way, so stay tuned for that news. And, from a distance, William finalized housing for one gentleman and got another man, 70 years old, off the streets and into permanent housing. Making a difference whenever, and wherever, we can.

Finally, to all our Muslim friends and neighbors, we wish you a *Ramadan Kareem* as you begin your holy month of fasting and spiritual reflection.

Blessings and have a lovely, safe weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



PS. Our thanks to Pasadena Now for publishing this opinion piece:

<https://www.pasadenanow.com/main/guest-opinion-rabbi-joshua-levine-grater-let-all-who-are-hungry-come-and-eat/>

We can only operate with your help!

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Our thanks to Stephany Jensen and Stacey Kostanhan of [The Kitchen](#) for providing many of the Pantry Gap Program meals!



Happy clients have been sending us pictures of their pizzas



Mmm, olives!



And our thanks to Dono Choi of [Teri & Yaki](#) for further provision of Pantry Gap meals!