

Dear FID Community,

For 126 years, Friends In Deed has been serving the most vulnerable in our community. We pride ourselves on offering our services with compassion, connection and dignity. We love our clients and guests; we cherish our volunteers; we so appreciate the support of our community. And, we know our staff would do anything in the service of those we serve.

It is for these reasons that the decision we are sharing here is so painful. We found out yesterday that one of our volunteers is exhibiting mild symptoms of COVID-19. He has not been able to be tested yet, but nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, we are temporarily suspending all FID programs, including the Food Pantry, for a minimum of two weeks. Our staff will continue to work remotely as best they can, but we cannot provide the onsite services of the Food Pantry or The Women's Room.

We know that this is very difficult for our clients and guests, but we hope that everyone can understand that the health, safety and well-being of everyone is our first priority.

We will of course keep everyone updated on any developments, and we look forward to the day, in the not-too-distant future, that we can return with full capacity to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

Please stay safe - and blessings for health and wellness.

Rabbi Joshua



Even while providing reduced services, we can only operate with your help! And we want to be ready to go back at full force on the first day we are able. Thank you!

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Photos from the week just gone - moving Pantry operations outside to manage risk



Gloves and mask!



Safer collection of food donations



Food bagged ready to go



Storage space has been at a premium!



More food for our pantry community!