



Dear FID Community,

This was an important week at Friends In Deed, as the Food Pantry reopened! Tim, Stacey and their whole staff created a distribution plan that really worked well, allowing for safety and for speedy service to our clients. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came to work! They worked tirelessly and we couldn't have done it without them. And those of the FID staff whose programs are not currently active were able to use their time to help at the pantry as well. While we are still working on the data, we know we saw about 340 households, which would have represented an average week before the pandemic started. We will see in the next few weeks, as people learn that we are reopened, if those numbers climb. We anticipate that they will.



Our Pantry Fill the Gap Program, thanks to Idealab, along with Marlene and Jane on our staff, has been providing dinners on a nightly basis to a minimum of 35 households. We have raised \$30K and will continue to help families until the funds are used up. It has been such a successful program for both the families and the local restaurants!

I want to personally thank all the very generous donors that have contributed recently, especially since this crisis started, helping us to feel stable and able to provide our services. We have also received significant grants, including funds from the Pasadena Community Foundation, the Gesner-Johnson Foundation and the City of Pasadena. We are grateful to everyone; please know that we are working very hard to keep FID in a strong financial position,

especially as we head into the summer and fall.

A big thank you to Marty Campolo, our Director of Grants and Finance; Bret Schaefer, our board treasurer; Richard Cheung, our board president, and the whole board of directors for their hard work, dedication and focus during these challenging times.

Finally, I had the pleasure of speaking to my fellow Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Pasadena at our weekly zoom meeting on Wednesday. See below for a video of the talk, which will give you a more comprehensive idea of what has been happening at FID, and in the community.



Blessings and have a lovely, safe weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Our thanks to Pasadena's Parks and Recreation Department for volunteering in the Pantry



Bags of food, prepared last weekend, ready for distribution!



Every inch of space is pressed into service!



Safe working practices!



Another client housed!



(Picture from last June)

Staying Safe at Home is not preventing [New Horizon School](#) from supporting Friends In Deed. They have pledged 15% of their Ramadan Appeal to Friends In Deed! Students from New Horizon School are pictured above, with Pantry Director Tim Nistler.



Students from New Horizon School helping in the pantry last June. We look forward to being able to welcome groups of children to our pantry again, one day!



FID staff staying in touch, despite the lockdown!



And board meetings are still happening, providing guidance and direction