



Dear Friend

This November, my dad is going to turn 80. He is doing great in the mind and in spirit, but his body has many problems. He can barely walk now and just was forced to get a motorized scooter. He lives in severe pain in his back and legs. This has made it so hard for him to enjoy my nephew, his six-year-old grandson.

I am telling you this not to get to know my dad (he is a great guy!), but rather because I can't imagine him surviving on the streets or in his car. But this is precisely what our Outreach Team encountered this week. They received a referral for an 80-year-old woman who has been living in her car for the past year. From what they learned of her story, she had been living in the same apartment building, with a Section 8 voucher, for the past 17 years. William told me that she is super sweet, one of the nicest ladies he has met. A year ago, however, the owner sold the building and put the residents out. While she has a voucher, she doesn't have enough money for first and last on rent, not to mention there are almost no units available. William and Najwa met with her, and we were able to get her into a motel while they look for permanent housing. I ask you to think of the 80 year olds in your life and imagine this scenario.

It is only thanks to your dedication and commitment to Friends In Deed that we can help this woman, and so many others, on the road to rebuilding their lives. In this time of COVID-19 and economic downturn, we are so grateful for everyone who continues to be so generous in their support, thank you!

Finally, on this Juneteenth, let us take this day to commit to learning more about our national history, listening as our Black neighbors and friends share their pain and struggle, and continuing to work for justice and equality.

And, Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

Blessings, have a lovely and safe weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Coming soon...FID yard signs!

FEED THE HUNGRY! The Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Assumption-BVM Conference is happy to announce that we will be sponsoring a Food Drive in support of *Friends In Deed*, in the month of June. Your support is critical and will assist to offset the recent increasing demand for food services in the Pasadena area.

WE NEED YOU TO LEND A HAND!

St. Vincent de Paul, here at Assumption Church has recently assisted Friends In Deed by providing food donations for their re-opening. Because of this, we understand their underlying need for additional food. Covid-19 has stressed the limits of charitable support at *Friends In Deed*, as well as other food pantries in our area. **WE CAN HELP!**

MOVING AWAY FROM COVID-19, IT'S TIME TO BE INVOLVED AGAIN!

And it's simple. Here's what you do:

1. Prep a food bag, or whatever you can contribute...even a few cans or boxes of rice will help (soups, canned tuna, peanut butter, rice, coffee, sugar and flour are good; think non-perishable and make it convenient on yourself).
2. Come out this Saturday, JUNE 20th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
3. Drive to the North Parking Lot of Assumption Church, located on the corner of N. Sierra Madre Blvd. & E. Orange Grove Blvd. in Pasadena.
4. Remain in your car, or practice social distancing if you exit, as we will do the same... please wear a mask.
5. Drive through ... Drop off.

THAT'S IT!!! Congratulations! You have just contributed to feeding 350 families/700 individuals for several weeks!

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 20th
TIME: 11:00am to 2:00pm
PLACE: North Parking Lot, Corner of N. Sierra Madre Blvd. and E. Orange Grove Blvd., Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

During this crisis we all look for ways to support our neighbors who are needy. Providing food is a convenient way to be involved. Food is the bare essential, and feeding those who are hungry immediately eliminates fear and provides hope. Victory over poverty is through our Faith and Works. Contribute and feel joyful!



Thanks to our awesome City of Pasadena's Parks and Rec volunteers for helping out in the Food Pantry!

