Dear FID Community,

Another long, hot week is coming to a close. The Women's Room saw an average of 30 women this week, and, on two occasions, 33 women. That is a tremendous number, so thank you to Marlene, Jane, Denisse and all the volunteers who helped to make everything go smoothly, ensuring that women could shower, get their laundry done, have two healthy meals and, for those that wanted, participate in wonderful classes, activities and programs. In our small, cozy space, it is a challenge, and it can get a little hectic and cramped, but compassion, connection and dignity are always available!

William Shelby, who has begun in earnest as our Housing Locator, is busy looking for landlords and property managers willing to meet and learn more about how they can be a part of the solution of moving folks from homeless to housed. He is developing a plan for education meetings with landlords, including being part of a major expo taking place in Pasadena in October. If you are a landlord or property manager, or know of one, please be in touch!

I am also thrilled to report that our team has housed two people this week, one man and one woman, and should be housing another man next week. Mr. M, a senior who has been on the streets for many years, and Ms. T, a middle-aged woman and longtime TWR guest who has been homeless in her car for more than a decade, will both have a roof over their heads this weekend. Thanks be to God!

It is for all of the ladies in TWR, the two folks we have housed, and the hundreds of others that we served this week, that we need your ongoing support! We are now just over three weeks away from Jazz on the Green - are you a sponsor, have you taken out an ad in our tribute book, have you bought your tickets? We are so excited to have nearly $160,000 committed! Can you help us get over $200,000, allowing us to head into the fall strong and start planning for 2020? Every dollar counts, so give generously, what you can, when you can, and thank you!
With Labor Day upon us, please remember not only those on the streets, but all of the many thousands of people working one, if not two, jobs and barely making ends meet, trying to stay housed, feed their kids, pay for medical care. Those are the invisible group of the most vulnerable.

A reminder that Friends In Deed will be closed on Monday, as our staff needs a well-earned rest. Enjoy the long weekend!

Blessings,
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.

PPS! Don't forget the 125th anniversary tours of our programs at FID House on the second Thursday of the month, 10-11 am. Contact Helen (see above) to sign up.

As always, we can only operate with your help!
Goodbye to Barbara (center of picture) and thanks for your volunteer service in the pantry!
Our new Homelessness Prevention Manager, Debbie, poses in front of the banner.

Liz (of Union Station Homeless Services, a valued partner) and Nancy join the selfie crew!
The Women's Room library is converted into a sensory sound bath for meditation!

Inspirational crafts in The Women's Room!