

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear FID Community,

As we are now in August, I want to spend some time highlighting congregations that have been strong and ongoing supporters of Friends In Deed.

I begin with [First United Methodist Church, Pasadena](#). For many, many years, FUMC has given of its time, treasure and people-power in a variety of ways. The church has been a regular volunteer group at our Bad Weather Shelter, coming once a week for the whole season; we have gotten from them some of our key board members, including a past president, past treasurer, and other folks that were instrumental in helping us to survive a challenging time a few years back; Rev. Sandy Olweine, senior pastor, has invited myself and other leaders of FID to speak at services and other church gatherings; they have provided significant grants and financial support, both from the church and the foundation, and, perhaps most importantly, the church has been a literal sanctuary for many of our homeless neighbors, as FUMC have allowed people to stay overnight on their property, living out their faith in action. And, thanks to our partnership, the Street Outreach team has been successful in housing three people from the church in recent months. Thank you FUMC!



Rabbi Joshua with Rev. Sandy Olweine of FUMC

Some more good news this week: our new Housing Locator, William Shelby, working with his team and partnering with Holly Street Housing, was able to house an elderly gentleman. Mr. L has been homeless since 2012, is 72 years old, has lost his sight in one eye, and has a rod in his leg. He is so sweet and has a gentle demeanor. He lost his job in 2012 and has been a regular at the Bad Weather Shelter. Thankfully, he will now have his own place in Temple City - we are so grateful and so excited for him!



Oh, and while this was happening, the Food Pantry staff and volunteers helped give over 200 kids a new backpack and fresh supplies to start the school year, and the ladies in The Women's Room were gifted three brand-new leather recliners, offering five women a space to sleep in comfort. Another good week at FID.

Hopefully these kinds of stories will continue to inspire you to support the work of FID, especially by being a sponsor or buying an ad in our Commemorative Tribute Book for [Jazz on the Green](#). Our amazing honorees deserve it - Mishele Myers, Pasadena Covenant Church, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and, not least, Bill and Claire Bogaard, who will receive a lifetime achievement award. Will you be a part of the 125th anniversary celebration? We certainly hope so! [Tickets are on sale](#) now so get yours today.

Thank you for being a part of our team and helping folks like Mr. L get off the streets.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
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!

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Debbie Turner, our new Homelessness Prevention Manager



The Women's Auxiliary Church of Scientology of the Valley
bring in the fruits of their food drive



125th anniversary tour at FID House (see above
if you would like to take a tour)



Tim, the Food Pantry Director, talks about the Pantry to tour attendees



Sophie Owen has been collecting socks and donations as part of the celebration of her bat mitzvah!



Street Outreach Specialist Najwa Payton Jones represents Friends In Deed at Assemblymember Chris Holden's annual block party



An example of First United Methodist Church's work for FID - members help put together snack packs for the Street Outreach Team to take out on the streets

