

# FRIENDS IN DEED\*



Dear FID Community,

Today is a special day for us: it's the 12th birthday of The Women's Room! Initially opened on this day in 2007, TWR has grown into a dynamic and powerful program, one of a kind in our area. While continuing the basic hygiene and food components, it has expanded from a day refuge for homeless and at-risk women into a day community center with case management, classes, support groups, field trips, therapy, expansive art opportunities and so much more. The days and hours have grown, the staff and volunteers have grown, its stature and place in the community has grown. And all of this has happened under the amazing leadership of our TWR Director, Marlene Martinez, and her staff. I am so proud of Marlene for her growth and development, and vision as a leader and manager, dedicating each day to not only making sure the ladies are cared for with compassion, connection and dignity, but to thinking about new ideas and creating strategies for improvement. Big kudos to Marlene, our TWR Program Associate Jane Armbruster, and TWR Case Manager Denisse Mirkin - happy birthday TWR!



While I usually share positive, happy stories in this space, there are also the heartbreaking ones, where sometimes we can help and sometimes we can't. This week, we had an older lady arrive at TWR after her daughter kicked her out of the house and she found herself homeless; a mother trying to prevent her middle-aged daughter from being evicted; and a man on the streets who was

being belligerent and ended up in jail. It is these situations that are so draining for the souls and spirits of our staff, even as the success stories exhilarate them. It is the tenacity, perseverance and ability to come back to work the next day that is so amazing to me. I'm so lucky to work with these amazing individuals!

All I will say on Jazz: [get your tickets NOW](#), as we are getting close to having 450 people signed up to come! We have incredible honorees to celebrate; amazing food, wine and distillery vendors; fantastic silent auction items; and even some surprise live auction items - it promises to be a 125th Anniversary party for the ages!

Finally, we observed September 11th this past week, 18 years since that horrible day in our nation. My wife and I lived 90 minutes north of Manhattan, while many of our dear friends lived in the city. We all remember where we were when we learned what had happened. May the lives lost be for a blessing; may the families who suffered losses continue to find comfort; and may the heroism of all the first responders never be forgotten.

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](mailto: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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## The Women's Room Art Show

September 21 - December 1, 2019

An exhibit of artwork created by guests of The Women's Room, which serves San Gabriel Valley women who are alone and homeless, or at risk of homelessness. The Women's Room is a program of Friends in Deed, an interfaith collaborative dedicated to meeting the needs of great Pasadena's most vulnerable residents.



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The Women's Room turns 12! Happy Birthday!



Students from Flintridge Sacred Heart provide Breakfast Bites for our Food Pantry clients (see the "PS" above if you are interested in the Breakfast Bites program)



Breakfast Bites in action!





(Above and below) Students from Flintridge Sacred Heart help in the pantry



"Raffle Monday" prizes in The Women's Room!