

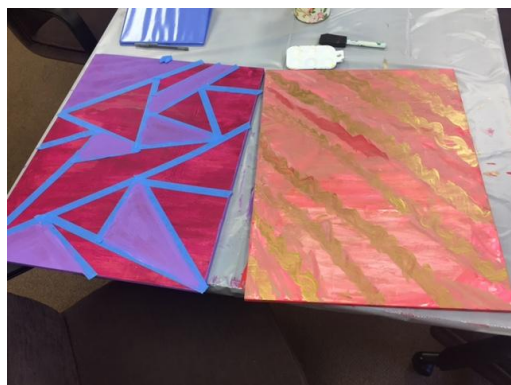
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Dear FID Community,

Big newsflash: Jazz on the Green 2019 is officially SOLD OUT! This is incredible and we are tremendously grateful that so many people want to join us in supporting the needs of Friends In Deed and our mission to help those most vulnerable in our community. We are expecting nearly 500 people, and have almost raised \$200,000 - this is our biggest and most successful ever! Thank you to all of our sponsors, folks who bought tickets, all of the vendors coming to share food and drink, and Castle Green for being so accommodating and helpful as this event continued to grow. Big shout-out to Board Chair Richard Cheung, Development Committee Chair Kathy Simpson, and Board Secretary Stacy Santeramo, who have volunteered countless hours to make sure this is going to be a spectacular evening; and to Helen Angove, our Operations Manager, for her hard work in keeping everything organized and up to date. And a thank you to our event coordinator, Iris Caplan, for her hard work on our tribute book and silent auction and for handling logistics. Together, we are certainly doing together what we cannot do alone!

This week, we have a story that illustrates exactly why we do all the work described above. After two years of living in her car, our TWR staff was able to house "Roseanne," a woman in her late 70s. Her story is pretty remarkable. She was literally abandoned as a baby and spent her first five years in an orphanage. Until the age of 13, she lived in several different foster homes, at which point she started to run away. After marrying at a young age, she worked in banking for most of her life - until she got divorced. She began working as a home-health aide, living with her clients. When her last client passed away she found herself without a home, and without the necessary skills to stay on her feet she ended up on the streets. She had no children, and no family. Yet, Marlene tells me that she is one of the most grateful guests, never complains, always has a smile on her face. After moving in to her new home earlier this week, she was reported as saying, "I can't believe I am sleeping in a bed again." Thanks to Marlene, Denisse, and Jane for their dedication to Roseanne and helping her find her way back to a home.



Finally, we are so excited that our second annual TWR Art Exhibition is opening tomorrow at the [Armory](#) here in

Pasadena. We have many talented women who find art very therapeutic, allowing them to express themselves and put their feelings onto the canvass. A huge thank you to our main art teacher volunteer, Leslie Duremberg, who spends so much time in TWR and has helped Marlene to frame and hang the paintings and other art pieces. I hope you will visit the exhibit and bring friends - it is in the community room, and is free. Thanks to the Armory for making this possible and believing in our mission. All the info is on the flier below, and we are grateful for the article in today's [Pasadena Now](#).

Our Food Pantry is seeing nearly 340+ families a week, our Street Outreach Team is engaging dozens each week, and our Homeless Prevention program has provided several thousand dollars to those facing eviction. All in a week's work at FID. Thanks for being a part of the team!

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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It's always a time for kindness in The Women's Room!



And here are some of the ladies who make it happen:  
Barbara, Cheryl, and Jean



Thank you to Gary W for arranging this donation of soup  
to the Pantry!

