

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear FID Community,

Wow - Jazz on the Green this past Wednesday was spectacular! It was our largest ever, nearly 500 guests, and our most successful fundraiser ever, raising over \$200,000. What can we say? Thank you!! We have so many people to thank: all those who attended, [our generous sponsors](#), all of the food and drink vendors, Castle Green, the amazing jazz trio, Romanesque Catering, and everyone who made the event so beautiful - the sound, photo, and event staff. A beyond-huge thank you to Richard Cheung, Kathy Simpson, and Stacy Santeramo, who worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was handled, worked overtime on the seating arrangements (we are truly sorry for those that didn't get a table seat - we will be ready for the crowds next year!), and didn't stop the night of the event. To FID board members Ervin Galvan of We Olive for helping to coordinate the vendors and serving his delicious food, and Sonya Perry for organizing the volunteers. To our FID staff for being fully present and representing us so well - including Helen Angove for her organization of RSVPs and behind-the-scenes work, and guest auctioneer Tim Nistler. To Mr. Sandor Lakatos for his beautiful piano playing and sharing his moving story with us. And to EVERYONE who helped in large and small ways (insurance policy in case I forgot someone). :)

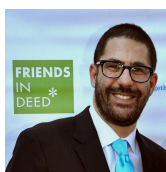
And of course, to our honorees, who graced us with their presence, kind words and ongoing support of FID: Mishele Myers, Pasadena Covenant Church, Ingrid Kuo, Nothing Bundt Cakes Pasadena, and Bill and Claire Bogaard. It was our pleasure to honor you!



Even as all the magic of Jazz was happening, the engine of our services continued to churn. Yesterday, TWR had a beautiful and emotional Welcome Mat party for "Roseanne," the lady I talked about last week, who is now housed. We gave out some significant rental assistance this week to keep people in their homes, helping them avoid becoming homeless. The LDS Sisters and Elders brought their fun and cheer to The Food Pantry.

Finally, on a personal note, Sunday night begins Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. We will gather in synagogues around the world to pray, reflect, ask forgiveness, seek to appreciate our successes of the past year, and acknowledge our shortcomings - contemplating ways to do better in the coming year. We will spend time with family and friends, pray (lots of praying!), and welcome the New Year with new resolve to renew our ways, heal our world, and fiercely love one another (and all of humanity) with a new hope. We say *Shana Tovah U'metukah*, may it be a good and sweet new year. May it be so.

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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A magical evening under the fairy lights!



Beautiful Castle Green



Transformational Sponsor Barbara Levinson



Honoree Mishele Myers with her family



Honoree Ingrid Kuo



Honoree Pasadena Covenant Church



Sandor Lakatos, Street Outreach client and pianist extraordinaire!



Just two of the many amazing volunteers without whom we could not have done this event!



University Club of Pasadena



One Hope Wine Tasting



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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