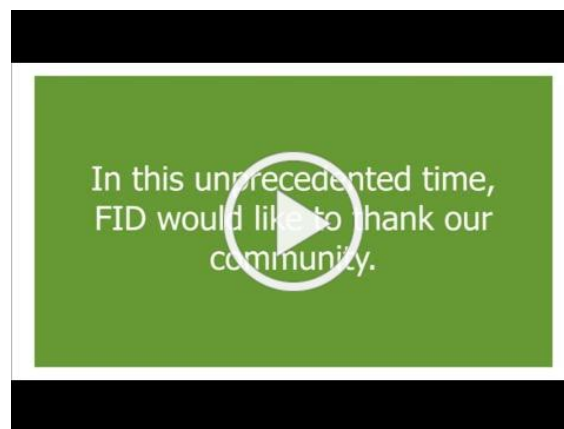




Dear Friend,

Our motto is "doing together what we cannot do alone." Over the years, this has meant many different things and taken many different forms. In this most difficult year it couldn't be more needed - or, thanks to YOU, more accurate. Without you we could not be doing this work right now. So, to the volunteers who are able to come during the pandemic to help make the Food Pantry and The Women's Room run so smoothly; the many, many donors and supporters that continue to give so generously; the businesses and community partners that we are grateful to work with; our board of directors who give tirelessly of their time; and everyone who stops by with donations of food, toiletry kits, supplies and a kind word - thank you!



And this week, I can share the wonderful news about another person getting the chance to move into her own home. Ms. West is 80 years old and has been living in her car for the past 18 months. She had lived in an apartment for fourteen years but her landlord decided to sell the building - which is not uncommon - and she was left with nowhere to go. Thanks to our Street Outreach team she was navigated into a new apartment that William located, where a landlord agreed to rent to a person with a Section 8 voucher. William is our Housing Locator and is always on the lookout for other landlords willing to give people a second chance in life. If you are a landlord, or know one, please be in touch with him at wslocator@friendsindeedpas.org.



Finally, tonight at sundown begins Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. This weekend, the Jewish community would normally be gathering in homes for festive meals with family and friends, and spending lots of time in synagogue praying with our communities. Obviously, things will be different this year. But the message will be the same: reflection, introspection and hope for a good, healthy, safe and peaceful new year. The greeting is “Shana Tovah, a good year.” In the midst of the horrors of the past year, I pray we can seek to find the sparks of light which can give us hope for the coming year.

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



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The Women's Room celebrated its 13th birthday this week with a small but heartfelt socially-distanced celebration!



Thank you to all of the firefighters and first responders working endless hours to protect us

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