

**FRIENDS
IN
DEED***



Dear Friend,

I hope that 2021 has treated you well and safely thus far. A new year and a new season brings new leadership for Friends In Deed. I cannot believe that I have served as board president for the past seven years. It has been a true honor and privilege to work with the board and staff during this tenure.

My first experience with FID was an invitation to the Bad Weather Shelter from former board member Elwood Hain. When I arrived at the Pasadena Covenant Church I was quickly put to work assembling sleeping cots and sorting the personal belongings of our homeless clients. I immediately felt so connected with the mission of FID of helping our less fortunate population. A few months later I was asked to participate on the board of directors. Unbeknownst to me, I would end up with the privilege of serving as board chair for the next several years.

I am proud to have led this amazing group of directors, which has grown Friends in Deed into a million-dollar nonprofit and a leader in serving our most vulnerable population with greatly needed resources. We've grown and strengthened our staff and programming and increased the depth of our reach into the community.

It has been an amazing opportunity to have served in a leadership role in this impactful organization. One of the greatest joys as board president has been meeting so many caring individuals, local groups, faith-based organizations, and businesses who want to serve our most vulnerable neighbors.



As my final act as the outgoing board president I want to publicly thank Pamela Marx, past board president, who worked tirelessly with me to keep Friends In Deed afloat during challenging times; Stacy Santeramo, who I convinced to serve on the board and who directed our many amazing Jazz on The Green events; Rev. Donna Byrns and Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater with whom we have a wonderful working relationship; and past and current board members who gave their time and expertise and said yes to me *every time* I asked for something. Also I want to give a huge SHOUT OUT to the FID Staff, who are the most dedicated people I know, and to the volunteers, who we can count on day after day. And of course I would be remiss if I did not say a big enough thank you to our generous donors, who put so much trust in Friends In Deed, allowing us to care for our clients with compassion, connection and dignity.

So it is with great humility that I say so long (not goodbye) as the outgoing president. Your passion and compassion in serving our most vulnerable neighbors is inspiring and has made Pasadena a better and safer community.

Stay well, stay safe, and God bless,

Richard
Immediate Past President



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FRIENDS IN DEED'S
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WEATHER**

Supplies

CLOTHING:

gloves
hats
jackets/sweatshirts
socks
waterproof clothing
shoes

PPE:

masks
hand sanitizer

SUPPLIES:

ponchos
hand & foot warmers
umbrellas
blankets
tarps
backpacks/suitcases



INTERESTED IN DONATING?

Email Lindsey at bws2@friendsindeedpas.org.

A selection of photos from the hectic period just before the holidays:



Last day of the Food Pantry in 2020! Let us hope that 2021 is a kinder, happier year for all of us.



Pasadena Police Department dropped off \$250 worth of gift cards for our pantry clients!



Thanks to Cacique USA for a generous donation of Ranchero Queso Fresco, Four Quesos Blend, and Jalapeño Queso Dip!



Preparations for Christmas for the Kids



Gifts took over floor space throughout the building!



Standing ready to distribute gifts



A delighted young member of our pantry community!

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LIVES
MATTER**