

FRIENDS IN DEED *



Dear Friend,

It is always a joy when I can share good news with you, our dedicated supporters and friends. This week, we had a few wonderful successes - let me share one of them.

Linda is a Pasadena native who has been homeless for 17 years, sleeping under bridges or in shelters when she could find one that would take her in. Due to the physical and emotional damage caused by abuse from her family, she is on disability, but she always spent her disability checks on motel rooms for as many nights as she could, and relied on panhandling for food. She lost her previous housing when the building was bought by a new property management company, which evicted all the folks on disability. This is not an uncommon story.

During the day, Linda spent her time mostly in parks, reading, writing, and doing art. She has worked with several different organizations to try and get housed, but nothing has ever quite worked out for her. Finally, a friend gave her Friends In Deed's phone number. We were able to get her into an emergency motel program, and then worked with her to get into permanent housing.

At the time of writing, Najwa is at the permanent housing facility, working with the staff and Linda to get all the paperwork done so that she can get the keys! She will be moving in next Thursday.

Linda says the thing she is looking forward to most about having her own home is to no longer worry constantly about being attacked. She also hopes to go back to school and finally earn her high school diploma, and we wish her the very best of luck!



On a more somber note, I'm sure we are all watching the harrowing weather and tragedies unfolding in Texas and other states battling the effects of extreme climate change. And one of the heartbreaking aspects of these storms is the deadly toll it is taking on the unsheltered populations. I have several clergy colleagues in Texas and they shared the following few agencies that are working directly in the community with the most vulnerable. This week, I urge you to consider donating and supporting one of them.

[Mobile Loaves and Fishes](#)
[Front Steps](#)
[Glimmer of Hope](#)

Let's keep all those in harm's way, and the first responders working overtime, in our hearts and do what we can to help.

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Assumption Conference

FOOD DRIVE

*Come join us in serving the Lord
by feeding our hungry neighbors*

Date: **Feb 27th**

Time: **11 AM - 2 PM**

Place: **North Parking Lot
Orange Grove Blvd &
Sierra Madre Blvd**

Requested food items:

Peanut Butter • Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken • Cooking Oil
Cereal • Rice • Sugar • Flour

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Assumption Conference are going to be hosting a food drive to help in feeding our hungry neighbors!

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**THURSDAY
MARCH 18TH
AT 7PM
FREE FOR ALL!
REGISTER TO RECEIVE
ZOOM VIDEO LINK**

FUNNY IN DEED
A VIRTUAL COMEDY NIGHT FOR A CAUSE

*DOING TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE

Save the date! In a month's time we're getting FUNNY IN DEED by hosting a virtual comedy night. It is FREE to virtually attend, and there will be multiple chances to donate and get entered to win snazzy raffle prizes. We look forward to "seeing" you there on March 18th!



Lindsey, our BWS Program Associate, dropped by FID House to get some additional things for Thursday's "Bad Weather Supplies" distribution. Every Thursday and Sunday, through March 7, Lindsey and the team will be with our friends at Pasadena Presbyterian Church from 4:30p to 6:00p, to distribute supplies to our homeless neighbors. To donate, contact Lindsey at bws2@friendsindeedpas.org



Thank you to [Philz Coffee](#) for a generous donation to our Food Pantry!



Our new friend Ariel KFan celebrated her birthday by supporting Friends In Deed! Ariel, her colleagues, and friends and family collected \$3,700+ for food for the pantry. She and her brother Leon (a Pantry volunteer) also brought 6000 masks donated by LA Face Masks. Thank you, Ariel.



A lovely shout out from Trinity Presbyterian Church, one of our long-term congregational partners

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