

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear Friend,

I must begin this message with a heavy heart regarding the horrific murders that took place in Atlanta this week; a domestic terrorist hate crime targeting members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. As many have stated, the racism and hate directed at their community is not new, but it certainly has been elevated since the beginning of the pandemic, with rising frequency of attacks, scapegoating, and harassment.

At Friends In Deed, we pride ourselves on being a welcoming and loving place where all people can find compassion, connection and dignity; this brand of racism hits home for us since a large percentage of our Food Pantry clients are Chinese or other people of AAPI heritage. We pray that our folks are safe, particularly given the majority of them are seniors. Let us heed the words of Representative Judy Chu, our congresswoman, and chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, who said: "I ask everyone to remember that hurtful words and rhetoric have real life consequences. Please stand up, condemn this violence, and help us #StopAsianHate." I invite you to visit <https://stopaapihate.org> to learn more and support our AAPI neighbors and friends.



On a much, much lighter note, our Funny in Deed virtual comedy event last night was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated, participated, and laughed along. We are thrilled that we raised over \$12,500. A special thanks is due to the Fishman Family Foundation for their \$5,000 match. I'd also like to give a big shout out to Merria, Stacy, and Lynn for directing the event behind the scenes, and to our comics, Cyrus Steele, Jason Salmon and Ace Guillen. If you missed the event, or want to relive some of my amazing jokes, [here is the link](#). You will need this passcode: *#6\$nd3Y

Finally, I am happy to announce that Stacey Cutshaw has moved to full-time and been promoted to Food Pantry Manager. She is doing great work and contributing to the ongoing success of our program, as well as adding new components, including implementing a database system for the pantry. Congratulations Stacey!

Thank you for all you do supporting our work - we are so grateful to be in partnership with everyone, making sure we are "doing together what we cannot do alone."

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



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Thank you to everyone who attended our Funny In Deed event! We had a blast!



Women's Room volunteer Joyce gets into the St. Patrick's day spirit with mint choc chip ice cream!



We are so blessed to have the help of volunteer Anat, who cooks delicious meals for our Women's Room guests on a regular basis! She recently treated us to veggie soup, turkey pasta casserole, fruit, mushroom and pecan salad, and delicious cinnamon rolls.



Thank you to Brian (left) and Hrag (right) of the [La Canada Kiwanis!](#)
Every Saturday they bring us donations from Ralph's stores.



Our Bad Weather Shelter supplies distribution team gets to work.
Distribution is on Thursdays and Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm
at Pasadena Presbyterian Church.



Pictured here, donations of sleeping bags, tarps, and sleeping pads
from [Assumption-BVM Conference \(part of the Society of St. Vincent
de Paul\)](#) are being organized for our distribution team to give out to

folks experiencing homelessness.

Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena presents
International Women's Day
SOAP DRIVE

Buy a bar of soap to donate to
The Women's Room in Pasadena
run by Friends In Deed.

All month long at Villages Pasadena



567 South Lake Ave. Pasadena
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Don't forget to visit [Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena](http://www.villagespasadena.com) this month and,
while you're there, buy a soap for their soap drive for our ladies in
The Women's Room!

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