Dear Friend,

Obviously 2020 was a difficult and painful year in many ways. It was very challenging for us at Friends In Deed, as all of the programs were affected, albeit some more than others. I wanted to share some of the information we have finalized in regard to the numbers of people served, support given and overall program metrics. We look forward to sharing more specifics and stories in the coming months, but these are the basics:

**The Food Pantry:** We were open 139 days in 2020 and averaged 125 households per day, distributing just over 635,000 lbs. of food.

**The Women’s Room:** We served 200 unduplicated guests, equaling 1,265 total visits, with showers, laundry, meals, support, and community.

**Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program:** A total of 60 months of rent paid, supporting 30 households. We distributed a total of $82,726.05 in rental assistance.

**Street Outreach:** Our team engaged 178 folks on the street, 130 received our services and were entered into the county database, 42 were first-time entries into the Coordinated Entry System (CES - the housing database pipeline), and 16 were successfully put into housing.

**Bad Weather Shelter:** Open 40 nights, 104 unique individuals served, 37 were seen by nurses from our Azusa Pacific Nursing School partnership, 25 received expanded case management and referrals, and 13 were housed.

**Housing Location:** 9 new units were identified in buildings where we didn’t previously have relationships with the property managers or landlords, and 1 person was housed in this program.

**Project Room Key:** We had 9 clients served with a total of 183 nights of stay in motels; all 9 received case management and 1 went into Permanent Supportive Housing.
As you can see, we were quite busy and served a large number of people. The big highlight is that across all of our programs, we housed, or partnered with other agencies to house, a total of 34 people into either bridge, permanent or permanent supportive housing. Amen!

For all of these successes, we thank YOU: our supporters, donors, friends, volunteers and community partners. Together, in the midst of a horrible pandemic, we are doing together what we cannot do alone.

Don’t forget to register for our Funny In Deed virtual comedy night, get entered in our awesome raffle drawings and get ready for some laughs!

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua

We can only operate with your help!
Sign up now for this funny-raiser, with all proceeds benefiting Friends In Deed. And everyone who registers by Monday, March 15th gets entered into a raffle! Register today!
Some of the prizes that will be up for grabs in our Funny In Deed raffle!

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

Thank you to Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena, for running a soap drive for our ladies in The Women's Room!
Rev. Marlene from First Congregational Church, Pasadena, helps Tim pack bags for the pantry during her regular Friday volunteering slot.

Joey, another regular Friday volunteer from First Congregational!