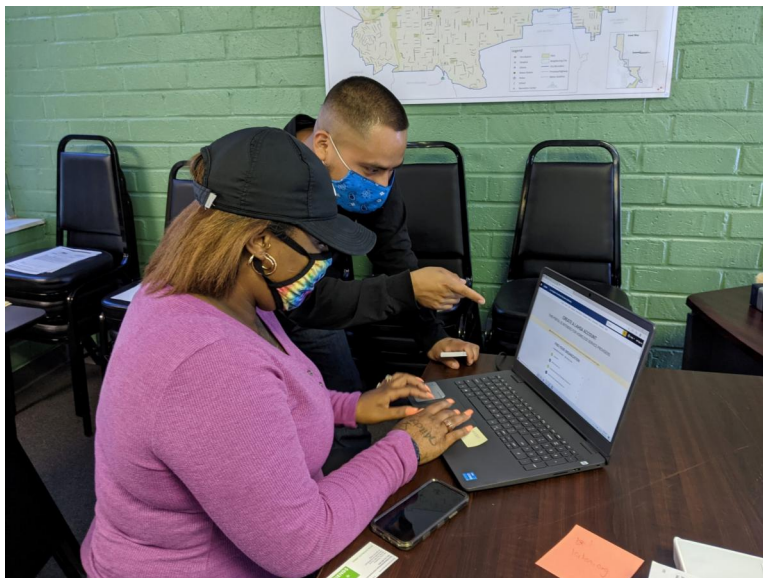


FRIENDS IN DEED *



Dear Friend,

I am excited this week to introduce the newest members of the Friends In Deed (FID) staff, Angel Maxwell and Michael Jaimes, as they begin in their roles as our Street Outreach Workers. Their job will be meeting and engaging folks on the street each and every day, building relationships, gaining trust, and offering necessary supplies and support. The hope is then to transition these folks to a housing plan, working with Najwa and William. Angel and Michael are part of the newly renamed and reimagined "Street Outreach and Housing Program." I asked each of them to share a bit about themselves:



Meet Angel

While I am new to Friends In Deed, I am very familiar with the population we all serve, as I have been working with homeless and mentally ill clients for nine years. I enjoy helping others and I currently run my own outreach in Los Angeles once a month providing home-cooked meals, clothing, and hygiene products for people who live close to me. For self care, I enjoy spending time with my son, assisting him with small science projects, and taking mini vacations - anything that puts a smile on his face is heartwarming to me. I'm excited to share ideas and meet everyone from FID because we all play an important part in helping the clients learn independent living skills and in supporting them with achieving their goals in life.

Meet Michael

I would like to express my enthusiasm in joining Friends In Deed and all the clients we serve. My experience in this field varies from serving as a house manager specializing in helping clients find housing to working with at-risk teenagers. Throughout my experience, I've learned many coping skills for myself and my clients that remind us all how valuable life is. With this in mind, I look forward to working with you all.

Angel and Michael will be on the streets of Pasadena, so if you see them, please say hi! They will have FID shirts on, and soon a Friends In Deed logo magnet on their vehicle. More importantly, if you encounter a person on the street in need of assistance, please email one of them: angelm@friendsindeedpas.org or michaelj@friendsindeedpas.org - or call their direct line, 626-715-1185.

Our Street Outreach and Housing Program has now grown from two full-time people to four full-time people, allowing us to hopefully reach even more of our unhoused neighbors. We hope that will include more people like Porfirio Luna:



Porfirio worked for 20 years in the same job, and then lost it because of the pandemic. His wife of 30 years told him to get out if he wasn't bringing home any money. Already suffering from mental illness, he walked away and slept in a Pasadena park for three weeks.

When he was found, Porfirio was severely ill with malnutrition. It took multiple coordinated efforts from Pasadena homeless agencies to get him the help he needed. As a start, he was housed in a single-room-occupancy facility which also provided him with social services support.

However, Porfirio is very independently minded, and he wanted to stand on his own two feet. The FID Housing Location program was able to assist him with getting his own apartment in Pasadena,

which has returned his sense of independence to him, and he is now actively looking to get back to work.

Of course, it is only with the support and commitment of all of you that we can continue to help folks like Porfirio, so please **consider making a gift, or becoming a recurring donor**. This way, we can continue “doing together what we cannot do alone!”

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend!

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

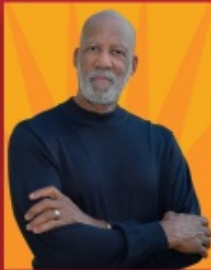
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Dr. Terrence Roberts
Civil Rights Pioneer &
Mental Health Professional



MAY 3-7, 2021

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[Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Event!](https://jrpasadena.org)



Springtime celebrations! Our thanks to First Congregational Church Pastor Marlene Pomeroy and members Lu, Elizabeth, and Kim for assembling these gift bags for our guests in The Women's Room.



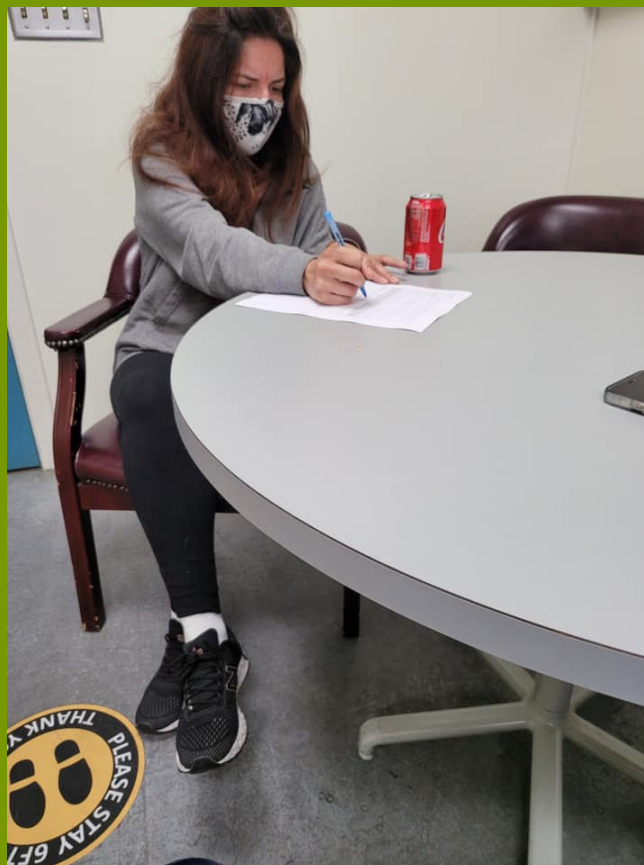
Our Wednesday morning distribution team in the Pantry! These folks sort food, distribute bags to clients, and work as runners when a client needs something switched out - and all with smiles on their (masked) faces. We truly couldn't do it all on our own, and are continuously grateful for their steadfast service.



Pantry Director Tim shows off our COVID-safe check-in area at the



Long-time volunteer Celia plays bingo with our guests in The Women's Room. Always a popular activity!



Street Outreach client Jasmine signs the paperwork for her new home in permanent supportive housing



New - bigger and sturdier - storage sheds at Friends In Deed House to help us with our ever-growing need for storage space. They won't stay this empty for long!

