

FRIENDS IN DEED *



Dear Friend,

This week, let me introduce you to Sue. Sue was a home care worker for 20 years, but she got burned out by that kind of work. Then some things happened in her life that resulted in her going into sober living. She got a job in a warehouse making boxes and was able to move out of sober living and rent a room in someone's house. However, the job was seasonal and between seasons she couldn't afford rent - and she also wasn't getting along with her housemate. This forced her to move out and become homeless.

She lived in her car but was forced out of Pasadena because of parking rules in the city, so she had to move to the parks around Monrovia. She didn't feel safe, so she went to the Department of Public Social Services office, and they told her about The Women's Room. Sue said she only went there around once a month but she really liked it.

When the COVID outbreak first hit, Sue was in her car and feeling sick. She contacted Najwa, who was working from home, and Najwa guided Sue to a hospital nearby to get tested, and then to a county-run quarantine site. After she was cleared, Najwa got Sue into the Project Roomkey Motel Program. From there she connected with the Department of Mental Health and went into Friends In Deed's Scattered Site Motel Program. She remained there until this week, when she got her own apartment! Sue is so grateful and happy that this day is finally here. And she can't wait to cook her famous stuffed baked potatoes.



It is thanks to you, our dedicated supporters and donors, that I can share another success story this week. [If you haven't given recently, please consider making a donation, or becoming a monthly recurring donor.](#)

Lastly, we are so excited to share our brand new promo video! A huge thank you to longtime FID supporter and Bad Weather Shelter volunteer, Robert DeVaughn. Robert connected us with Arthur Hurley and Machine Age Media, his production team. Machine Age Media made this video completely pro bono, and Robert's awesome voice is the narrator. Enjoy, and please share!



Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend!

Rabbi Joshua



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Friends In Deed is very happy to be able to welcome Caitlyn (pictured here with dad Richard) as she works on her Girl Scout Gold Award Project!



Caitlyn's project consists of helping provide Personal Protection Equipment to formerly homeless families living in transitional housing in Pasadena. And she also wanted to be able to provide each

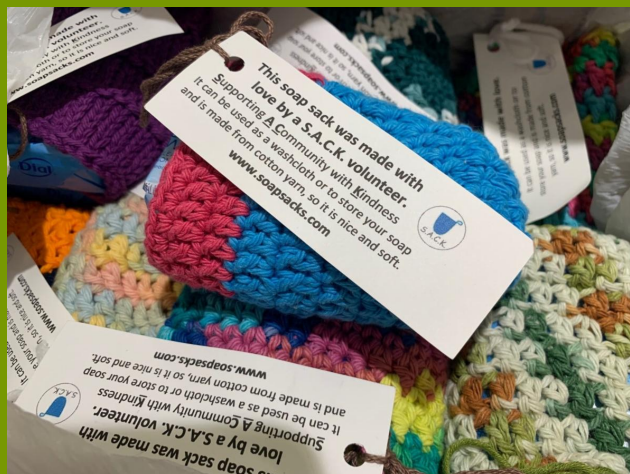
family with a bag of groceries.



Caitlyn and her dad arranged to make 35 pre-packed bags for
Pantry families.



Thank you, Caitlyn. Such a helpful and meaningful project!



A huge thank you to [Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena](#) for collecting
soap donations for The Women's Room.



And thank you to everyone who visited Ten Thousand Villages in March and purchased the soaps!



Volunteers Shereen Emadi and her father Ali Emadi have been helping us on Saturday mornings in the food pantry for almost two years. Here they are preparing shelf-stable bags for distribution the following week. We love our volunteers!



Jayno and her daughter worked to assemble these lovely Easter Baskets for the guests of The Women's Room.



Jayno thoughtfully included an Easter bunny, face masks, tinted lip balms, candy, and other special treats to make our TWR guests feel totally pampered.



Another photo of Sue, as she goes through the process of moving in to her new apartment

