

FRIENDS IN DEED*



Dear Friend,

We are very excited to share that we have launched a new program at FID: the Street Outreach and Housing Program! This will be an extension of our current street outreach, which has two full-time workers on the streets, meeting, engaging with, and offering critical necessities to our unsheltered neighbors. Now, if they encounter a person who seems ready and willing to work on a housing plan with our two Housing Navigators, we will put them into a motel room until we find bridge or permanent housing.

One of the lessons the pandemic has taught us is that it is much easier to do the hard work with an individual to get them into permanent housing if we can place them in a motel room while they are going through the process. For the resources to launch this program, we are so grateful to The Fishman Family Foundation, Manny Abascal, and two anonymous donors who together gave us \$103K to allow up to four individuals to be in a motel room for as long as we need to move them through to housing. These funds will cover the program through the end of the year. We feel confident that other donors and foundations will be energized by this program and allow us to continue. If you want to be a part of this new endeavor, please [make a donation](#) and let us know it is for "Street Outreach and Housing."



This is already working - because Carl (pictured above) was the first person to benefit from the program! The "angels" (Carl's word) in the Food Pantry recognized Carl's need and referred him last week to our team. Carl is so grateful he says that if he won the lottery, he

would give all the money to the Pantry! Thanks to our new program, Najwa was able to place him straight into a motel. From there, things progressed at breakneck speed. Within a few days, a place became available in bridge housing, where Carl will be given the support he needs to navigate toward independent housing of his own - something that could happen in as soon as three to four months. Carl says it's been "quite a journey: one miracle after another."

Our work continues to grow and reach more people in new ways. We are so grateful for everyone's support and dedication to our mission, allowing us to serve our most vulnerable neighbors with compassion, connection and dignity.

As this is Memorial Day Weekend, may the memories of all those who lost their lives serving in the armed forces be for a blessing, and may their families continue to find comfort and strength.

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend!

Rabbi Joshua



Help us spread the support!

Lawn Sign Pick-Up Event

**Monday, June 7th at FID House parking lot
Between 8:00am and 5:00pm
444 E. Washington Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91104**

We have 165 lawn signs that we'd like to have posted all over the community. No reservations, first come, first served. We will post on social media if/when we run out. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay updated. Thank you for your show of support for Friends In Deed, we appreciate your help!



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Carl with Housing Specialist Najwa



Craft in The Women's Room - everyone enjoyed making these lovely pipe cleaner rings!



Every Saturday morning, our hardworking volunteer Kyra unpacks, sorts, and organizes over 1,600 pounds of produce picked up from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. We couldn't do our work without her!



Volunteer TJ made such a great job of organizing pantry supplies for us! A reminder that, as well as food, the Pantry can also take donations of soap, shampoo, dental care, and diapers (particularly larger sizes).



Potatoes and onions are always popular at the Food Pantry! We are pleased to be able to give out fresh produce alongside shelf-stable pantry staples.