

# FRIENDS IN DEED \*



Dear Friend,

There are weeks when I have specific stories to share about certain individuals that we have helped, which are always great. And then there are weeks when I can share with the same amount of satisfaction and fulfillment that we “just” served hundreds of men, women and families with basic necessities to make their lives just a little less stressful, whether we helped with food, community, a shower, rental assistance, a caring hand on the streets, or meaningful interactions that bring a smile to the faces of our clients and to us. This is what Friends In Deed offers each and every day, and while sometimes there aren't the “big” stories to share, we are grateful that everyone who comes to FID is treated with compassion, connection and dignity, which are “big” for each of the people we have the honor to serve.



One thing that did happen this week was that our staff was finally able to have a social gathering together! After 15 months of staying in our program silos, and not being able to have our holiday party or other get-togethers, now that we are all vaccinated, we had a fun dinner in my backyard and got to just “hang out.” One of the many things I love about our staff is that they genuinely enjoy being together and are friends. It is so wonderful to have this camaraderie and it makes working together even more enjoyable. I can't say enough about our staff: they are dedicated, tireless, fearless, and filled with joy and gratitude to serve their clients and guests. They truly love and care about them. So, when you see one of the staff, please say thank you!

As the heat begins to arrive here in Pasadena, please try and have

water, sunscreen, lip balm, and perhaps a hat to offer to our neighbors experiencing homelessness when you see them. Every little bit counts. And thank YOU for all that you do to [make it possible for FID to serve!](#)

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!*



We can only operate with your help!

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Staff party: Ryan (Eviction Prevention), Angel (Street Outreach), Tim (Food Pantry), Michael (Street Outreach), and Marlene (The Women's Room).



Stacey (Food Pantry), Helen (Admin), Jane (The Women's Room), Najwa (Housing Navigation), Lindsey (Bad Weather Shelter), and Merria (Development).



Eva (Admin), Doug (Security and Grounds), and Coty (Food Pantry).



Thank you so much to longtime supporters Gooden School for a generous donation of 1000lbs of food!



Pink pants day in the Pantry! Pantry Manager Stacey and volunteer Katie cheer up our day.



Daisy Troop 7641 collected over 425 pounds of our "Gold Items" in a food drive to benefit our Friends In Deed Food Pantry. Thank you to Ruby and her mom, Lindsey, for loading it all into their car and delivering it to FID House. And thank you Daisy Troop 7641 (and Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles) for helping us fight hunger!