



Happy Friday!

On most weeks, I share stories from our programs, a small lens into someone's life and how FID was able to be there for them in a moment of need. And yet, it is also clear that none of the work we do would be possible without the incredible support of our donors, community partners and volunteers. So, today, I am going to open our exciting journey towards Jazz on the Screen 2.0! This is our annual major fundraiser where we honor several people that have contributed to Friends In Deed in different ways. Over the next several weeks, I will dive deeper into highlighting each honoree separately, but today I want to introduce them:

- **Anat Bruck**, dedicated TWR volunteer for many years
- **Pasadena Presbyterian Church**, a longtime supporter and this year's host of our Cold Weather Distribution Program
- **Vroman's Bookstore**, a wonderful and iconic Pasadena business, and our steadfast partner for the Holiday Toy Drive for the Kids each winter

And Special Volunteer Recognition for three Pantry stalwarts:

- Goh Kurosawa
- Cathy McCormick
- Kellie-Bea Cooper



We are so excited to celebrate these amazing folks as our 2021 Jazz honorees! Help us to have a successful event by becoming a sponsor or making a donation - be a part of the excitement. [Click here](#) to learn more about all of the giving opportunities.

Finally, we published our 2020 Annual Report this week. If you didn't receive it, [you can see it on our website](#). I want to give a huge shoutout to our Director of Development, Merria Velasco, for all her hard work and attention to detail to make this such an aesthetically beautiful and complete look at what we accomplished together in one of the most difficult years we have all faced. We have already received one comment that I wanted to share:

"I can't begin to tell you how fabulous this report is! No fluff. No exaggeration. By the numbers... with personal stories that make this report deeply meaningful. This report has put me beyond the 'thinking about it' to the 'I'm going to do something about it' stage of support. I'm so moved by the vital life-saving work you do. Thank you for caring and serving in a way that changes our world and allows those of us on the sidelines to have a guiding light to good works made real."

That pretty much sums up 'doing together what we cannot do alone.'

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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The "cookies" group (formerly known as "the homeschool moms") prepare lunch for The Women's Room every month, and they've been part of the TWR volunteer group for many years now. Pictured, from left to right : Jennifer, Nicole and Mishele.



LA Works volunteer action center worked with Servicon to create these blankets at the event FID Admin. Asst. Eva (pictured, right) attended in June. They dropped off the blankets this week! Thanks to Jonathan (left) and Steve (center) for thinking of Friends In Deed and our clients!



Have you heard about Circle of Friends? Donors of \$1,000 or more each year are invited to quarterly events to learn more about the impact Friends In Deed is making in all different aspects of our community. Pictured here is a tour of the Food Pantry with Pantry Manager Stacey sharing insider information with these stakeholders. Thank you to all who attended!



Check out the Friends In Deed Street Outreach & Housing team looking sharp in their new polos! When you see them doing work in the community, feel free to give them a smile and a wave for all the goodwill they are bringing to our unhoused neighbors.

Over the course of two consecutive Saturdays, July 31 and August 7, we will be distributing backpacks and supplies to our community. We ask that all donations be dropped off/sent to Friends In Deed, July 20 to July 23. Our address is 444 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104. We hope that you will join us in this effort!



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Back to School Supply List 2021-2022

More 6th – 12th grade than lower grades

College ruled notebook paper (this is used more commonly than the "Wide-ruled" paper)

Wide ruled notebook paper (early grades will use this)

Spiral notebooks

Composition Notebooks, hardcover

Pens; red, blue and black

Pencils, including #2 yellow 6-sided for younger grades; mechanical pencils Erasers

Pencil-top Erasers

Copy paper (for printing on computer)

Zipper pouch for pens and pencils (3 holed to go in binders)

Dry Erase Markers

Colored Markers (**NO Sharpies or Permanent Markers**)

Highlighters, all colors

Colored Pencils

Sharpener for colored pencils (must hold shavings)

24 Colors Crayons (prefer Crayola Brand)

2 Pocket Folders (prefer poly folders)

Student scissors (such as Fiskar)

Rulers (metric & customary)

3" x 5" index cards

Glue Sticks (many schools prefer the sticks to bottles of glue)

3 Ring Binders - 1"- 3" (Prefer with Clear View pocket on front)

Tab Dividers for Binders

Tissue/Kleenex – small little packages that can easily fit into the backpack or school desk

Hand sanitizer – still incredibly important

Disinfecting wipes – still incredibly important





Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year. [Read the full story here!](#)

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