

Dear Friend,

Jazz on the Screen 2.0 is just a few days away from kick-off! We are so excited to celebrate our honorees, and today I want to introduce you to three amazing people who are receiving our Special Volunteer Recognition: Goh Kurosawa, Kellie-Bea Cooper, and Cathy McCormick. All three were regular volunteers in the Food Pantry before the pandemic hit, but once we moved into COVID mode, Goh, Kellie-Bea, and Cathy upped their game and became 'super' volunteers. They started coming in multiple days a week, staying for longer hours, and helping Tim and Stacey make the new pantry setup work smoothly. Goh is non-stop running back and forth, bringing meat and produce from inside the building to the clients outside; Kellie-Bea and Cathy are inside, restocking the shelves, making up more bags, and keeping things organized - all while rocking out to great music! They do this with a smile and such enthusiasm - it's infectious. We are so grateful for their commitment and dedication, and they are most deserving of this honor. Goh, Kellie-Bea, and Cathy - volunteer team of the year!



Goh



Kellie-Bea



Cathy

In addition to being a sponsor, making donations, and participating in the silent auction and the mystery wine pull, we have another fun and interactive opportunity for everyone - and this one includes supporting local businesses. Select restaurants and Vroman's Bookstore will be offering generous givebacks to FID during the coming week. See the schedule below - we can all be eating the same food on the same day, and buying wonderful books all week! Each of these restaurants will be donating Friends In Deed 20% of the receipt - just mention you're there to support Friends In Deed before paying the bill. Here is the schedule for dining-in or taking-out at each of the restaurants next week:

- Tuesday 8/24 from 9am to 6pm -<u>Nothing Bundt Cakes</u> (548 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena CA 91101).
- Wednesday 8/25 from 11am to 9pm <u>Foothill Restaurant</u> (2835 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena CA 91107).
- Thursday 8/26 from 11am to 9pm -<u>The Kitchen</u> (78 W. Union St., Pasadena CA 91103).
- Friday 8/27 from 7:30am to 7pm -<u>Copa Vida</u> (70 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena CA 91105).
- Saturday 8/28 from 12pm to 10pm We Olive (32 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena CA 91105).

From Tuesday, 8/24 through Saturday 8/28, if you buy anything from <u>Vroman's Bookstore</u>, you can get 20% of your purchase donated to Friends In Deed. If shopping online on the Vroman's website, you can enter FRIENDS in the coupon code section at "view cart" before checking out. If you shop in-store, <u>print out the coupon</u> and bring it with you. We will get 20% back from either way of shopping.

As I explained last week, all of the funds from Jazz are unrestricted and allow us to provide general support to all our programs and services. It is how we have moved 18 people off the streets and into housing since beginning of 2021; how we created a motel program to work with vulnerable individuals in their process toward housing; how we provide healthy and substantial food options to the 400+ households coming to the Food Pantry each week; how we have offered nearly \$100K in rental assistance for those facing eviction so far this year; and how the women in TWR continue to get the love, compassion, and attention they need with food, showers, laundry, and community each day. And it is thanks to YOU, our generous donors and supporters, that all of this can happen!

It is not too late to support Jazz- and be on the lookout all next week for the silent auction items, honoree videos, and a live kickoff event on Tuesday night at 7pm!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



PS. Pantry volunteers needed!

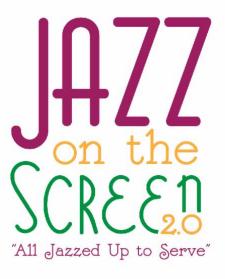
The Food Pantry is currently recruiting volunteers to help with client check in. This position has the most contact with our clients and involves entering client visits in our database system. Our community is diverse and the ability to communicate in Spanish, Mandarin, or Armenian is a plus. Volunteers are typically scheduled in 2-3 hour shifts on distribution days (Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-3pm; Thursday, 9am-1pm). We are really looking for volunteers who can give us a regular weekly commitment for the next several months. If you are interested, please contact the Director of the Food Pantry, Tim (pantry@friendsindeedpas.org), or the the Food Pantry Manager, Stacey (staceyc@friendsindeedpas.org)

We can only operate with your help!









This Year's Jazz on the Green Stays Virtual for Jazz on the Screen!

Tuesday, August 24th – Saturday, August 28th, 2021 With Live Kickoff Event on Tuesday at 7:00pm

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Special Volunteer Recognition

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For information, sponsorship opportunities or to donate to the silent auction, please e-mail office@friendsindeedpas.org or call 626.797.2402 ext. 201. www.friendsindeedpas.org

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URGENT!

The Food Pantry is facing a serious shortage of shelf-stable foods! Our "Gold Items" include canned tuna and chicken, hearty soups, beef stew, chili, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar, fruit juice, and vegetable juice (V8). We can also use dried beans, oats, other whole grains, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, jelly, and milk (shelf stable or powder). Items must be within their sell-by dates and in unopened packages, and can be dropped off at 444 E. Washington Blvd. on Fridays and Saturdays, 9am - 3pm. Thank you!



Nancy and her daughter Isabella facilitated a drive for The Women's

Room through <u>Her Drive</u>, a nonprofit organization that aims to combat period and hygiene poverty. Thank you for all the bras, menstrual care products, and general hygiene items for people in need in our area!



Friends In Deed has a new roof! Thanks to the generosity of the Ahmanson Foundation, our weathered rooftop has been replaced. Coming soon: solar panels!



Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year. <u>Read the full story here!</u>

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