

# Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving! I wanted to share what took place at FID earlier in the week, as we helped our clients and guests prepare for the holiday. On Sunday, we held our annual Operation Gobbler, which is an event co-hosted by the Pasadena Jaycees, who provide the majority of the turkeys and come to prepare and staff the event. We served over 260 households belonging to our Food Pantry clients! We are grateful to community members, elected officials, and individuals for donating turkeys, pies, and other Thanksgiving food.



On Monday, The Women's Room (TWR) had its annual Thanksgiving feast for the ladies. It is always a wonderful afternoon filled with good food, inspirational art projects, meaningful discussion, and so much gratitude in the room. The Church of the Ascension brought the meal and gifts for our guests. One of the gifts was a blank water bottle that they decorated with words of affirmation, stickers, and sharpie markers. Our writing teacher, Lisa, came and did a project — it was writing why they were thankful. Some of the things the ladies shared was how thankful they were for FID and TWR, family, God, sunny skies, trees, and flowers.



We are so grateful that we can serve our clients and guests throughout the year, but especially around holidays, when we all know how important it is to be with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who helps make this happen — it is appreciated more than you know!

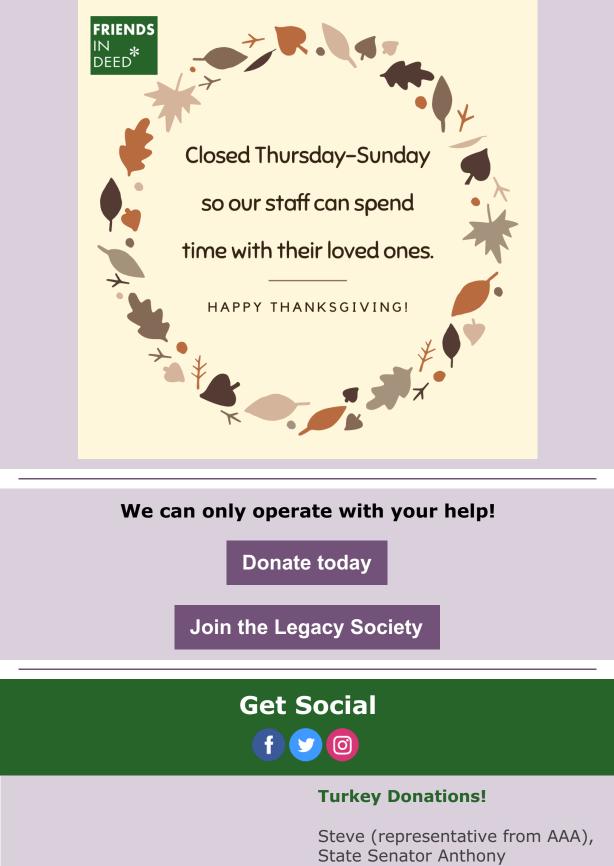
Be on the lookout for our Giving Tuesday emails and join in the fun! We have a special raffle opportunity for those who give \$100 or more, which you won't want to miss.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua





Donate \$100 or more and get entered into a raffle to win these beautiful hand-painted cookies made by @craftsmancookies!



State Senator Anthony Portantino, and FID Executive Director Rabbi Joshua gather for a quick photo. Friends In Deed received donated turkeys to give out to members of our community to enjoy this Thanksgiving. We are so grateful to be doing together what we cannot do alone this holiday





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# **More Turkeys!**

We were so glad to again be recipients of turkeys from Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo and Ralphs/Food4Less annual Operation Gobble Gobble! <u>Read</u> <u>more...</u>



#### Yet More Turkeys!

A big thank you to Councilmember John Kennedy and his team of volunteers! <u>Read</u> <u>more...</u>

# **Montecedro Food Drive**

Our friends at MonteCedro have done it again! <u>Read more...</u>





#### **Generosity from Westridge School**

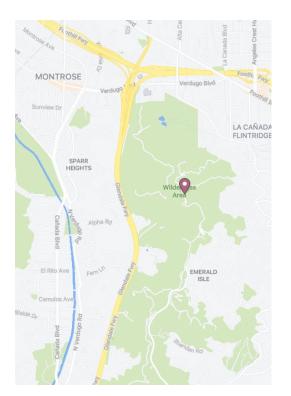
Longtime supporters of FID, Westridge School, held a drive that collected at least 2,500 pounds of food! <u>Read more...</u>

# **News and Events**

#### Will Hike for Food!

Our Friends at <u>Walking</u> <u>Pasadena</u>, <u>Nobody Hikes In LA</u>, and <u>Weekend Sherpa</u> have organized a <u>Will Hike for Food</u> event in support of Friends In Deed, on Saturday November 27 at 9am!

You are invited to enjoy a moderate hike of about 3 miles at Cherry Canyon in La Canada. Participants are requested to bring nonperishable food items for collection and donation to Friends in Deed. Remember, time and location are subject to change due to weather and other



conditions. Stay tuned to the <u>event page</u> for updates.

#### Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Benefit Shopping

Shop for handmade fair trade gifts at <u>Ten Thousand Villages</u> in Pasadena, November 16-30, and they will donate 15% of your entire purchase back to our organization. Just be sure to mention Friends In Deed at checkout in order to support us when you shop.







# 2021 Nonprofit of the Year!

Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year!

Read more about this prestigious award

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