



Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Every once in a while, we get to help someone who is a part of the FID community. In the last few months, we have had that opportunity.

Cassie has been a volunteer in our Food Pantry for many years. She is one of the main people that helps to sign families up for the Thanksgiving meals and Christmas for the Kids. She always has a smile and a warm welcome for all the families. Recently, she fell into a difficult situation.

She had lived in the same apartment building, just down the street from FID, for 12 years. Back in January, there was a leak that caused mold, and the landlord refused to fix it. It was Section 8 housing and, when the unit had its Section 8 inspection, the unit was deemed unfit for human habitation. The landlord still refused to fix the problem, which led to him losing his Section 8 status. So, Cassie had to leave, and was unsuccessful in finding new housing.



We put Cassie in a motel and started working on referrals for senior housing. We were successful in finding a place in senior housing in Duarte and, yesterday, Cassie moved in! It's very close to the mountains, has a community room, and lots of community activities. We were also able to give her a \$100 Target gift card to get set up, thanks to a generous donor who has agreed to provide these cards for any client that gets housed. We are thrilled for Cassie, and want to give a big shout-out to William Shelby for his hard work in making this happen. As soon as Cassie gets settled in, she promises to be back volunteering in the Food Pantry!

Cute dog alert! We have brand new volunteers at The Women's Room, and some of them have four paws! We have partnered with the organization LoveOn4Paws to have them bring in quality animal-assisted therapy services to The Women's Room guests. Thanks go to TWR Program Associate, Jane Armbruster, for making this connection - the women loved meeting Baxter, a new friend!



And of course, we continue to hold the people of Ukraine in our hearts and pray for an end to this brutal war. May the light of goodness and peace smother the darkness of evil and hatred.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



TEMPORARILY
CLOSED



Gate construction means we
cannot accept donations on
Fri/Sat March 11th/12th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
IS ABOUT TO START



**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING
YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD!**

We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Podcast

**2022-10: Lent, Ukraine and
the Power of Women: A
Conversation with Rev.
Marlene Pomeroy**

Join us today for a [wide-ranging
spiritual conversation with Rabbi
Joshua and Rev. Marlene
Pomeroy](#), co-pastor of First
Congregational Church in
Pasadena and an FID board
member.



Get Social



Motel Love

Hotel Le Reve Pasadena has been INCREDIBLE: so accommodating and so so kind to our guests. [Read more...](#)



New Staff Sweatshirts!

Staffers showing off their FID pride! From left to right: Najwa (Street Outreach), Helen (Admin), Eva (Admin), Michael (Street Outreach). [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Friends In Deed Giving Day

Ready to come together as a community? So are we! [Visit our website](#) to find out about our very first Friends In Deed Giving Day, on March 23!



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Soap Drive!

In honor of Women's History Month, we've teamed up with our friends over at Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena for a soap drive to benefit our guests at The Women's Room. Head over to their store at 567 S. Lake Avenue during March and you can buy a bar of soap to donate. Thanks for the support!



Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Save the date! Friends In Deed is once again hosting the annual City of Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at 7:30 am on 5-5-22. We are proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker is [Reyna Grande, author of the bestselling memoir, The Distance Between Us.](#)



Volunteering is Beautiful!

Are you a licensed nail tech? We want you! The Women's Room is searching for a talented individual to play a role in helping to restore dignity through compassion, connection, and the gift of your skills. We are looking to have manicures once a month. We ask that our volunteers be vaccinated and wear masks while inside our facility. If you are interested in joining our family please email our program director, Marlene Martinez, at twr@friendsindeedpas.org.

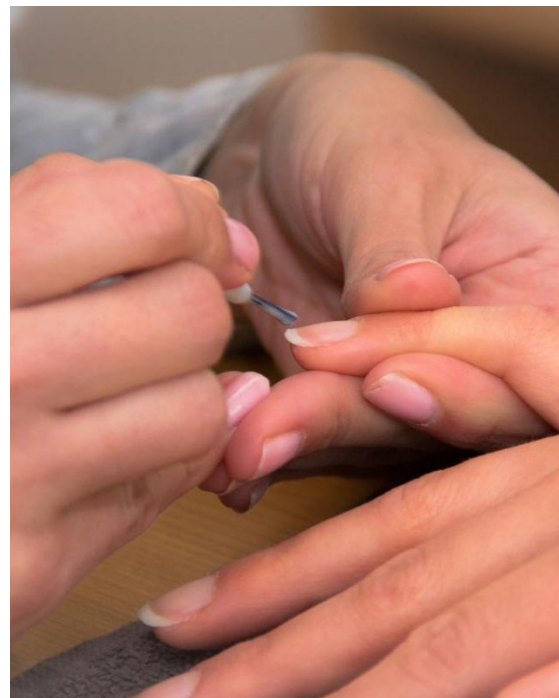




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