

## Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

With Rabbi Joshua taking a little time off this week, I am pleased to be able to jump in and deliver the latest happenings out of Friends In Deed.

One of the great strengths at FID is our ability to integrate our services together to get the most out of our programs in order to better serve our clients. This was seen in action when Monday's rain activated our Bad Weather Shelter to provide overnight motel stays for the most vulnerable in our community. Staff members from The Women's Room, Street Outreach, and the Bad Weather Shelter all sprung into action to coordinate with our clients directly, with room availability at local motels, and with ride-share services to arrange transportation. All of this behind-the-scenes work went into ensuring our elderly and vulnerable clients had warm and dry places to stay during the inclement weather. Kudos for the great teamwork!

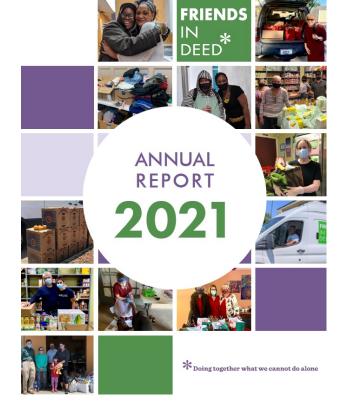


We are also proud to share big events coming your way! The Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is being hosted once again by Friends In Deed, and we are bringing it back LIVE! Please join Pasadena Mayor Victor M. Gordo on Thursday, May 5th from 7:30-9am at the

Pasadena Convention Center for food, fellowship, and a beautiful morning of togetherness and community with the theme We Are Stronger Together! The Keynote Speaker, <u>Reyna Grande</u>, is a PCC Alumna and best-selling author, and will be sure to move and inspire all those in attendance. <u>Tickets are on sale now</u>, and we extend special gratitude to Wescom Credit Union for being this year's presenting sponsor.



Throughout each year, we are blessed to have partners in the community who approach us with the hopes of having events benefitting Friends In Deed. We'd like to give a shout-out to Agnes Pasadena for their upcoming Friends In Cheese on Monday, April 25th. A limited number of general and VIP tickets are on sale now, and this event is sure to sell out. We encourage you to support this and other wonderful local businesses who give back to FID, as they are helping us live out our slogan of \*doing together what we cannot do alone.



We hope this weekly email serves as a regular reminder of all that we are accomplishing together in our local community. But, once a year, we are proud to share out a full report of FID's yearly impact. We invite you to read our <u>2021 Annual Report</u>. All of our work is made possible thanks to your support and trust, as Friends In Deed works tirelessly to lift up those in our community who need our help most.

Cheers to a beautiful weekend ahead!

Merria Velacso Director of Development



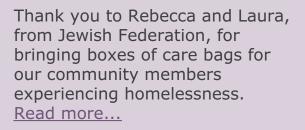
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**Breafast Bites!** 



Breakfast Bites returns to the Food Pantry! On Tuesday, students from Friends Western School returned to provide breakfast to our Food Pantry community as they waited for the pantry distribution to begin. <u>Read more...</u>

### **Care Packages!**







# **Toiletry Kits for The Women's Room!**

Last week, The Women's Room was visited by Jackie and Vennice from the Theta Iota Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.! <u>Read more...</u>

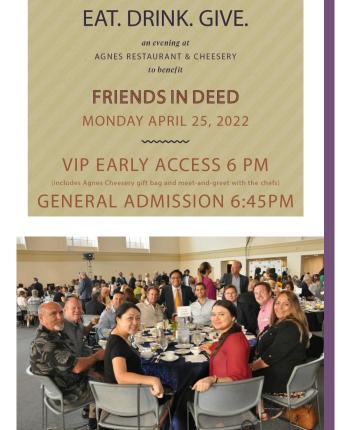
### **News and Events**

### Friends In Cheese!

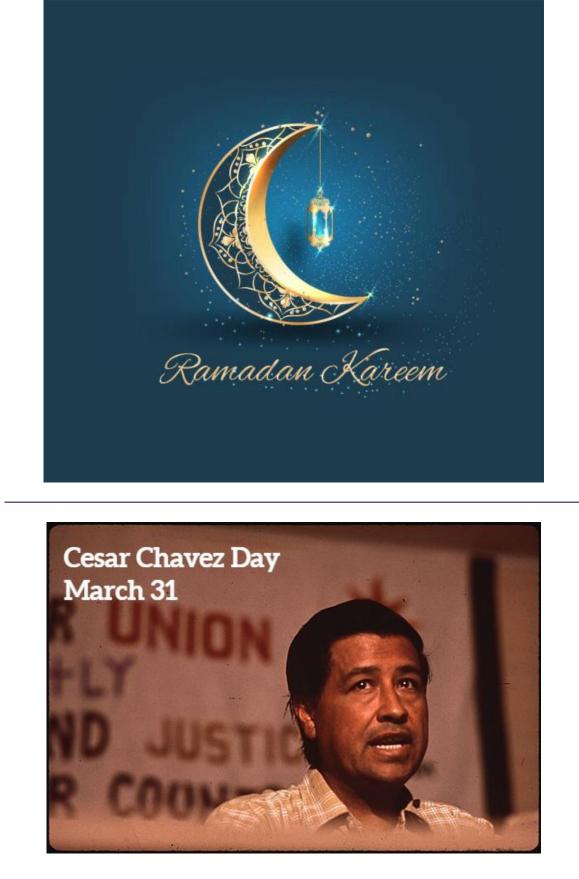
We are so excited for Friends In Cheese: An evening at Agnes Restaurant & Cheesery to benefit Friends In Deed on April 25th. Join them for an evening with tasty creations by local chefs, wine, cocktails, and raffles. Tickets are limited, <u>so reserve</u> yours now.

#### Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

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 May 5th. <u>Tickets now available!</u>



RIENDS (IN) CHEESE



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