



The Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

What happens when your spouse of decades, who has handled all of the bills, insurance, and other forms, passes away? What if you can't pay your rent, figure out how to apply for benefits, or deal with government applications for assistance? In addition, your English is not very good. This is a description of the life of a lady that came looking for rental assistance this week.

Ryan Greer, our EPRA Director, told me about a woman, Mrs. R., who is elderly and still coping with her husband's passing from COVID in 2021. Thankfully, her landlord is a very generous and kind person who has helped her to apply for the Housing is Key program, which will help repay ten months of the rental arrears, at a cost of approximately \$12,000. However, she still can't afford to live in her current place because she won't have enough to pay the rent. So, we are helping her pay the rent for the next few months while she looks for a new place to live. The strain of this situation, on top of grieving a beloved spouse, would be too much for many of us to handle. We are grateful that we can offer her a modicum of respite from stress during this difficult time.

Our phones are starting to ring off the hook for people like Mrs. R., and so many others, who are looking to get back on their feet after the two very long and difficult years of this pandemic. And as always, [we can only help these folks with your generosity and support](#), so thank you!



Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast 2019

We are very excited that the Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is next Thursday! If you haven't bought your ticket, table or sponsorship, you only have a few days left. We are expecting nearly 400 people, and we hope you are one of them! All the information can be found [here](#).

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua

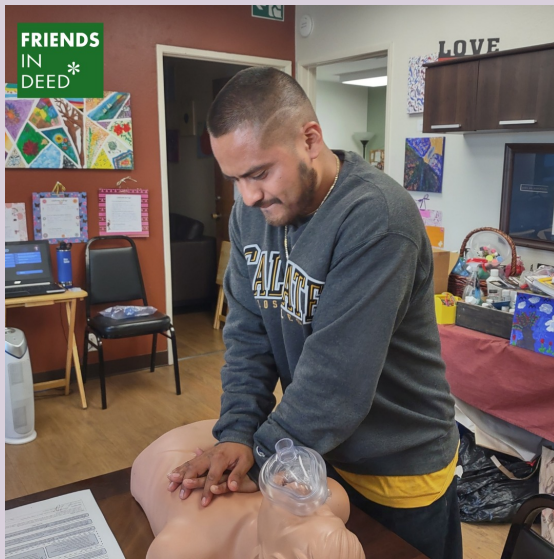


We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Get Social



First Aid and CPR Training!

Our Friends In Deed staff members had CPR and first aid training last week. Pictured: Street Outreach team member Michael practices CPR on a mannequin. [Read more...](#)



Pantry Volunteers

Regular weekend volunteers Hrag and Shereen do the heavy lifting for us every Saturday. [Read more...](#)



Sequoyah School Food Drive

Our Food Pantry welcomed students from Sequoyah School for a tour and talk. [Read more...](#)

Sibling Love!



Saturday sibling volunteers Audrey and Robert are appreciated every weekend as they help unload and unpack our Los Angeles Regional Food Bank produce delivery. [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Do You Knit or Crochet?

Join us! Knit or crochet eight inch squares in Friends In Deed's signature dark green or purple. You can also mix colors, as in a granny square! Drop them off at Friends in Deed on Mondays between 8am and 4:30pm or on Wednesdays between 9am and 11am. Last day to drop off will be Monday, May 16th. May 17th, at noon, we will install all our squares on the Washington side of Friends in Deed's trees to add some signature color and textile fun to our beloved building.

There will be yarn in the women's room if you need it. Tip: large needles make a quick square. Email FID volunteer Patrice at tricieart@aol.com if you have questions.

Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

There is less than a week to go before the City of Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast! [Tickets will remain on sale until 5pm on Sunday May 1.](#)

Friends in Deed
Yarn bombing!



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Join Mayor Victor M. Gordo, Community Members, Pasadena Residents, Civic, Business, Student, and Educational Leaders, and the Interfaith Community

49TH ANNUAL PASADENA MAYOR'S

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

HOSTED BY FRIENDS IN DEED

THURSDAY
May 5

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 AM
7:30-9:00 AM

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
GET TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISITING [FRIENDSINDEEDPAS.ORG/MIPB](https://friendsindeedpas.org/mipb)

We Are Stronger Together!



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