



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

A combination of COVID and the loss of their unemployment benefits saw Claudia and Josh evicted from the motel they were living in. They were surviving, living on the streets - until Josh ended up in jail for four nights. As a woman sleeping on the streets alone, without Josh's protection, Claudia was terrified.

Claudia connected with PORT (the Pasadena Outreach Response Team), and they got in contact with Friends In Deed. We were able to put Claudia in a motel, and have Josh join her there. PORT and FID have since been working in partnership to get the couple into bridge housing. This is not easy to do - most places will only take singles - but we have succeeded. This photo, of Claudia and Josh as they move into their own place, shows (from left to right) Nathan and Ashley from PORT, Josh and Claudia with Roxy the dog, Najwa from FID, and Tony from PORT.



The partnership with PORT is growing stronger each week and I want to give a shout out to Tony Zee and his team for their dedication, patience and resilience in helping to make Pasadena a more compassionate place for our most vulnerable neighbors. We look forward to seeing more PORT teams created in coming years.

We are seeing a steady growth in the numbers of women coming to TWR, which is really exciting; and the activities and services that we enjoy offering are starting to return as well. Kudos to Marlene and Jane for their perseverance during this long COVID period, and for working to maintain a loving, compassionate and safe environment for any women that came through our doors.

We are so [grateful for your support](#), commitment and engagement with FID – we cannot thank you enough!

And be on the lookout for the next installment of the Friends In Deed Podcast, which is returning with new episodes next week!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



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See you next week!

Friends In Deed Food Pantry

We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

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Mother's Day Gift Bags

The Women's Room was once again visited by Jackie and Vennice from the Theta Iota Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.! [Read more...](#)



Sweet Treats

A client dropped off some sweets to show appreciation to our Director of Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance, Ryan. [Read more...](#)



Small Luxuries for Our TWR Guests

Rev. Tracy Porter of God's Hands & Feet Global Ministry recently dropped off some incredible Mother's Day gift boxes for our guests at The Women's Room. [Read more...](#)

Spring Poems!

In The Women's Room, spring has inspired some creative writing in the form of



poetry. [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.

Friends in Deed Yarn bombing!



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