



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

While COVID affected all of the programs at FID, it certainly hit The Women's Room hard. Because of the close proximity and total indoor space, many women stopped coming and the activities came to a halt. This is why I am so excited that more women are now feeling comfortable to come in, volunteers are returning, and activities are firing up again! In the past few weeks, we have seen many new women, including several ladies experiencing homelessness. And, we have been able to offer a more robust schedule: haircuts; reiki; art; yarn-bombing our tree; dance and movement; more showers; laundry and good food; lots of people bringing toiletries; Mother's Day gift bags and other goodies; visits from Baxter, our new therapy dog friend; and more lively discussions and interactions. It is wonderful to see this! Big thanks to TWR Director Marlene and Program Associate Jane for making this all happen.



Last Friday, we had a tour of FID and discussion opportunity for our

Circle of Friends members. It was wonderful to be in person and have folks be able to walk around and see what we do. The Circle of Friends is a special donor group for those who generously give \$1,000 or more a year. We are grateful that so many folks have joined. If you are interested, or want to learn more, please reach out to Merria, our Director of Development.

And, as promised, there is a new episode of the Friends In Deed podcast! In response to the potential overturning of Roe v. Wade, I have a wide-ranging conversation with two senior staff members of our local Planned Parenthood - Juliana Serrano, VP of Advocacy and Equity, and Dipti Singh, General Counsel - about how this decision will disproportionately affect women living in poverty and women of color.

Thanks for all you do - we are so grateful for everyone who is a part of our Friends In Deed family!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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## Podcast

### **Roe v. Wade: How This Law Affects Women of Color and Women Living in Poverty**

After a short break, we are back with the Friends In Deed Podcast! Today, Rabbi Joshua (he/him) is joined by two senior staff members of Planned Parenthood of Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley: Juliana Serrano (she/ella), Vice President of Advocacy and Equity and Dipti Singh (she/her), General Counsel.





# Get Social



## Pasadena City College

The Associated Students of Pasadena City College held a drive for supplies for The Women's Room. [Read more...](#)



## Sweet Treats

Young community member, Rebecca, has been baking dessert for The Women's Room guests as her Bat Mitzvah service project. [Read more...](#)



## Yarnbombing!

The FID community has come together to create knitted and crocheted squares to decorate a tree in our front yard, and it looks great! Keep an eye on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#) for photos as soon as we have some available!

## News and Events

### Friends In Deed is Hiring a Food Pantry Associate!

The Food Pantry Associate will provide support in all aspects of the pantry's daily operations. This includes driving the Friends In Deed commercial van for pickups and deliveries; loading and unloading food & groceries; stocking shelves; serving and processing orders for clients; and keeping work areas clean and tidy. Above all, he/she/they must work well alongside staff, volunteers, donors, community partners, and clients of diverse backgrounds and experience. See full listing at [Salary.com](https://www.salary.com).



### Older Americans Month

Friends In Deed is proud to join with the City of Pasadena - Public Agency on May 25th at Jackie Robinson Community Center to celebrate Older Americans Month and share the programs and services we offer at FID with community members. Learn more at [cityofpasadena.net/oam](https://cityofpasadena.net/oam).





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