

FRIENDS IN DEED*

Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Our motto, "doing together what we cannot do alone," was in full effect during the past few weeks! I want to share just a few of the projects, donations and connections we made recently. We are particularly grateful and excited because all these were done by young people in our community.

The "Design Angels" at Eliot Arts Magnet made a cabinet from scratch for The Women's Room!! Huge thanks to Matilda and Yzzy, to moms Marna and Cecilia, and of course to Liane, who coordinated the project with TWR.



The Girl Scout slogan is "Do a good turn daily." Violette and Claire did their good turn and presented Tim with the money they raised

from collecting and returning recyclable items. While dropping by FID, the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles girls took a tour and then stocked the tables with produce bags. Thank you, Violette and Claire. It was a good turn, indeed!

For their Senior Service Project at St. Francis High School, La Canada, CA, Evan and Nico create COVID-19 Care packages for us to distribute to our community members experiencing homelessness.

The packages went to the Food Pantry and Bad Weather Shelter programs. On top of that amazing work, Evan stopped by to present Tim with a check for \$450. This was left over from Evan and Nico's fundraising. It is so great to see young people taking initiative to help their community and showing tremendous compassion. Thank you, Evan and Nico!!

The Women's Room has a completely updated laundry room! Huge shout out to Joe from Boy Scout Troop 131 who took this on for his Eagle Project. This makes a huge difference to the daily operations for TWR, and we are so grateful!

In a world that is fraught with pain and struggle, it is inspiring to see young people put so much effort and love into helping others. It is a spark of hope that we should fan and help turn into flames.

I hope you will listen to the [podcast](#) this week, which includes a very personal interview with one of our regular TWR clients.

Finally, as we head into summer and the heat returns, please look to provide water and other drinks to our neighbors on the street, as the potential for heat stroke and dehydration is prevalent and extremely dangerous.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Podcast

Stories from the Street with a Special Interview of a TWR Guest

On this episode, Rabbi Joshua shares a few stories about clients that we have helped in the last few weeks. And, he has a very moving interview with a regular guest in The Women's Room, a lady in her 60s who has been struggling with housing and homelessness for the past ten years. She shares some of her story, and talks about the recent loss of her beloved friend and companion of the last five years. We liked to call them the 'Laverne and Shirley' of The Women's Room!



Get Social



Laundry Room Remodel!

For more pictures of our remodeled laundry room, as mentioned in Joshua's message above, [click here](#).

Senior Service Project

Evan from St Francis High School presents a check for the extra money they raised to Tim, Director of the Food Pantry. [Read more...](#)



Girl Scouts Good Turn!

Violette and Claire present Tim with the money they raised from collecting and returning recyclable items. [Read more...](#)



Design Angels!

For more pictures of the Eliot Arts Magnet Design Angels project, [click here](#).



News and Events

Backpack and School Supply Drive!

We ask you to help us by

dropping off donations of backpacks and school supplies to Friends In Deed House.

Donations will be accepted between 9am and 3pm on the following days only:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday,

June 30, July 1 & July 2;

Thursday & Friday, July 7 & 8;

Saturday, July 16;

Thursday & Friday, July 21 & 22.

For more information and printable list, [click here](#).



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Friends In Deed

2022-2023 Back-to-School Backpack & School Supply Drive

Dear Friends,

As the school year ends and summer approaches, we are looking forward to making a fresh start in the fall. The Food Pantry community is pleased that our young students will again return to be with their friends and teachers in the classroom next school year. With anticipation, we have already started planning our annual "Back-to-School" event.

Our FID families continue to face many financial challenges including frustrations over rising prices and supply shortages. Economic instability and the pervasive uncertainties of our time make it even more difficult for families to prepare their children for the new school year. This makes our 2022-2023 "Back-to-School" event so vital to the families we serve.

Your participation is more important than ever. Your help and support are imperative to the success of this special event. We cannot do it without you.

Every year, we come to you, our Friends In Deed family, to help us make the Back-to-School Backpack & School Supply Drive a success. Last year, we gratefully distributed over 330 backpacks filled with school supplies to school-aged children representing over 60 schools in Pasadena and the neighboring communities.

We hope that you will join us in this effort!

On two consecutive Saturdays, July 30 and August 6, we will be distributing backpacks and supplies to families in our community. We ask you to help us by dropping off donations to the Friends In Deed house, located at 444 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104 (on the corner of Washington Blvd. and Los Robles Ave.).

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