

FRIENDS IN DEED*

Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Ms. P - at 70 years old - was couch surfing in a friend's apartment. The space was far too small for the two of them, but Ms. P simply did not have the income to find anything else. Fortunately, somebody suggested she get in touch with Friends In Deed.

Not only did Ms. P get in touch with us, she also paid a visit to The Women's Room. Jane began working with her, and arranged for her to meet with Najwa, who was able to get Ms. P into a motel. Ms. P also put in a lot of work herself, making sure she had all the paperwork she needed to continue on the path to having her own home.



Ms. P with Najwa, William, and Tish

Najwa is very excited - Ms. P is the first person she has been able to place in a "tiny home"! Tiny it may be, but it's certainly an improvement on sleeping on someone else's couch. Ms. P says she is looking forward to "getting everything squared away" so she can start living her life again and do all the things she wants to do.

We are thrilled that another senior woman is off the streets of Pasadena. And, while we are glad we could place her in a tiny home, it was outside of our city. This is another reminder of how amazing it would be to have one of these villages in our own community, so that Pasadena can transitionally house its own residents. We will continue to fight for this to happen!



The tiny homes facility in which we placed Ms. P

This week, we welcomed our newest member to the FID staff team! I am happy to introduce Tish Strickland, who is joining as Director of Street Outreach and Housing. Tish has extensive experience working in homeless services; has a double masters in public administration and social work; and is completing her work to receive her clinical license. You can read [her full bio](#) on our website, and be on the lookout for her at your favorite vegan restaurant!



FID will be closed on Monday in recognition of [Juneteenth](#), which is on Sunday. We are proud to stand with our African American neighbors and friends for a day to remember and talk about the immense pain that was experienced in our country's history, and how slavery was finally ended. We have come a long way, to be sure, but we still have a long way to go as we continue to struggle for racial and economic equality.

And to all the dads out there - happy Father's Day!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua

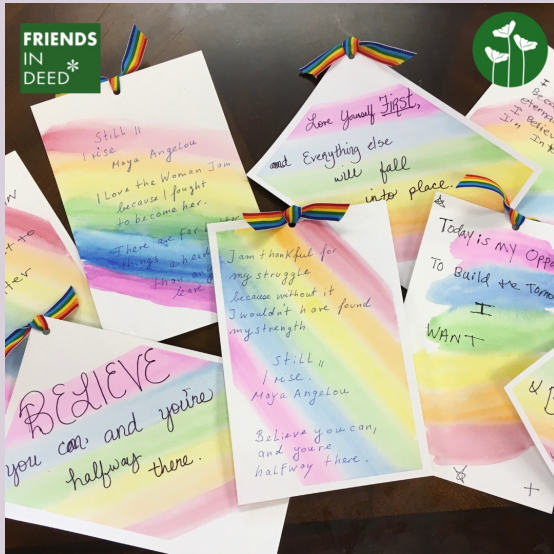


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Get Social



Rainbow Writing

In The Women's Room, June's rainbow theme was the inspiration for a writing workshop that invited guests to choose one or more motivational quotes that resonated with them personally and to inscribe them against a watercolor background as upbeat, rainbow-hued affirmations. Expressing themselves so colorfully left everyone smiling! [Read More...](#)



Food Forward

Every year, the organization Food Forward gets volunteers to pick the oranges from the trees at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Last week, Christine (pictured) and Director of the Food Pantry Tim loaded 37 boxes of oranges into the FID van ... well over 1,500 lbs! [Read more...](#)



First Media Los Angeles

Director of the Food Pantry Tim and weekend volunteers Katie and Kyra unload a food drive collected by Maddy Boutros and her colleagues at First Media in Los Angeles. [Read more...](#)

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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A graphic for Juneteenth featuring three horizontal stripes of red, black, and green. The word "JUNETEENTH" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the black stripe, with a yellow underline beneath the letters.

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