



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Steve - a 78-year-old senior - experienced homelessness for many years. Trying to get himself back to a stable lifestyle, he succeeded in getting a place at a sober living facility. Unfortunately the facility was not managed well, and Steve reported some of the issues he encountered because they were hindering his journey to sobriety. Sadly, instead of addressing the problems, the facility management decided they could not tolerate a whistleblower and found a way to evict him. It is a sad fact that the people who most need help are often the ones that are most at risk from injustice.

After that, Steve started sleeping in Pasadena's Central Park. He reached out to Friends In Deed, and we were able to put him in a motel. We are now pleased to be able to say that he has a place in permanent housing, and - thanks to a generous donor - we were even able to give him a Target gift card to help him get set up in his new home!



To switch gears, I need to comment on the historic Supreme Court decision today to overturn Roe v. Wade, a bedrock of constitutional protection for reproductive freedom for the past 50 years. Infringing not only on the privacy of a woman's body, this ruling also restricts those religions that permit abortion to practice our First Amendment right to practice our religion without government interference. The religious views of the minority are now being imposed on the rights of the majority of Americans that support safe and legal abortion.

And while I would be angry and horrified by this decision regardless, this will directly affect the lives of the population of women we serve: namely the low-income, minority and BIWOC communities. Our guests already have a difficult time getting access to reproductive healthcare, which is now made impossible in the states that will ban abortion outright. I am grateful that we live in Pasadena and California, safe havens for continued access to reproductive freedom.

Compassion, connection, and dignity are what we at FID seek to practice; may those values continue to flow out during these difficult and divisive times in which we live.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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FID Podcast

On this podcast episode, Rabbi Joshua is joined by Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA) Program Director, Ryan Greer, for an update about the state of evictions and the nearly 50% increase in calls and requests compared to this time last year. [Listen Now...](#)



FID Leadership Pasadena Graduation

Congratulations to Merria Velasco, our Director of Development, for participating in and completing the Leadership Pasadena program with gradation yesterday evening. [Learn More about Leadership Pasadena...](#)



Tangles Salon Donation

We are grateful to Tangles Salon for the donation of some quality hair care products for our guests at The Women's Room! The women love getting products like these that really leave them feeling cared for and special.

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New FID Gate

Safety, privacy, and security are very important to Friends In Deed, both for our clients and also our staff. A couple months ago, we installed a new gate, and then more recently added some fresh green FID logos.

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Safety Awareness Month

June is safety awareness month at Friends In Deed! As well as doing a safety audit of all our work practices, our staff continue to pay attention to safety in their daily work. Pictured, Doug (who is recovering from a back injury) uses a cart to unload grocery donations. [SRead more...](#)



Goat Rodeo Soap

The Women's Room received some small soap bars from Goat Rodeo Soap and we'll be putting together soap bags with them for our guests at Friends In Deed!

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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 consisting of three horizontal stripes of equal height. The top stripe is red, the middle stripe is black, and the bottom stripe is green. The word "JUNETEENTH" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font across the middle black stripe. The letter "J" is larger and positioned at the start of the word. A thin yellow horizontal line is drawn underneath the word "JUNETEENTH".

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Friends In Deed is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the spectrum of our employees', volunteers', and clients' ages, color, ability or disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, neurodiversity, and other characteristics that make our employees, volunteers, and clients unique.

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