



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Recently, Tim, our Food Pantry Director, received a phone call from a woman asking if she could get food. She was calling from Boyle Heights. He responded "You are welcome to get food here, but there are food pantries closer to where you live." She responded "I want to come to Friends In Deed because I hear you have good food." This is not the first time we've heard this from people. We are proud of the fact that our pantry community knows that we go out of our way to provide good food. As an example, our pantry community loves getting fresh fruits and vegetables and we love being able to provide them. When our pantry community comes to pick up food, we are able to give them 9-12 pounds of produce per visit. This means we distribute about 4,000 pounds of produce every week. This is what makes FID special and, thanks to all of you, we are able to make it happen!



As we continue to share about our honorees for this year's [Jazz](#)

Encore! event, this week, let me introduce to someone who probably doesn't need an introduction for most of you: Dr. Richard Cheung. There is not enough space here to share all of the ways in which Richard has been instrumental in helping to make FID what is today. Richard came to Friends In Deed through his volunteering at the Bad Weather Shelter, a program that has continued to be close to his heart. After being invited to join the board, it was soon clear that Richard's passion and skills would propel him to becoming the board president, a position he held for seven years.



In that role, he helped to keep FID from a financial collapse, brought on new board members, raised money, talked about FID to everyone in the community (and I mean *everyone!*), and led the organization to the point of being able to consider a full-time Executive Director. When I interviewed, Richard was the first person I talked with, and his enthusiasm was a huge part of what attracted me to this position. For Richard, the guests and clients are part of his extended family, and he has gone out of his way many times to help those most in need. And, Richard is a prolific and widely successful schmoozer! His smile, warmth, and easygoing nature make it impossible not to care about what he cares about; in this case, Friends In Deed. We couldn't be more excited to honor Richard, and know that he will continue to be an integral part of our leadership.



So, in order to help us continue providing healthy, fresh, and yummy food (including thousands of pounds of produce), and in honor of a

leader like Richard, I hope that you make [a generous contribution to this year's Jazz Encore! event](#). You can become a sponsor at a variety of levels or make a donation. Help us to reach our ambitious goal!

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Podcast

2022-18 Street Outreach Deep Dive with Program Director Tish Strickland

On this episode, [Rabbi Joshua sits down with FID's new Director of Street Outreach and Housing](#), Tish Strickland, to learn more about her background, experience, and her vision for the program and how she sees the work of homeless services in general.



Get Social



Back to School!

Last Saturday, our Food Pantry staff, along with an amazing



group of volunteers, distributed backpacks and school supplies to families in our community. [Read more...](#)



Thank You to Pasadena Elks!

Neal Yeager, from Pasadena Elks Lodge #672, came by to present our Director of the Food Pantry, Tim Nistler, with a check for the Food Pantry. [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Jazz Encore!

Friends In Deed is proud to introduce this year's summer fundraising event: Jazz, Encore! Taking place August 23rd - 25th, this is our largest fundraiser each year. Proceeds support all of our programs and services, and more details can be found at bidpal.net/fidjazz2022

FRIENDS
IN
DEED
PRESENTS

JAZZ ENCORE!

"All Jazzed Up to Serve"

Introducing Jazz, Encore!

Tuesday, August 23rd –
Thursday, August 25th, 2022
www.bidpal.net/fidjazz2022

HONOREES

Richard S. Cheung, D.C.

Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center
Villa Gardens Retirement Community

Special Volunteer Recognition
Lisa and Scott Nelson

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or to make a donation, please email
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*Doing together what we cannot do alone



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