



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

What a wonderful week of Jazz, Encore! As we bring it to a close, I want to thank everyone that contributed - our Transformational and Presenting Sponsor, Barbara Ryder Levinson, and all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and our honorees. We have included all the videos in case you didn't get a chance to see them - I encourage you to watch and hear how Friends In Deed has touched each of their lives, and what they have given back. Congratulations again to Dr. Richard Cheung, Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, Villa Gardens Retirement Community and Scott and Lisa Nelson. And please also watch our "Stories from the Street" video featuring Barbara Dangerfield.



Of course, this is our major fundraiser of the year, which helps us to serve our most vulnerable neighbors. I am thrilled to announce that we raised \$240,000! And, thanks to the bold vision of our Director of Development, Merria Velasco, we did this without spending any of your valuable contributions on a gala or party - which means that 95% of the total is going directly to programs.

We look forward to some in-person events coming up during the end of this year, and are excited to share all of the opportunities for mission-driven events that will be launched in 2023. A huge shout-

out also to our Advancement Committee: Co-chairs Richard Cheung and Stacy Santeramo, and members Pam Marx, Kathy Simpson and Board President Bret Schaefer, for their hard work in helping secure so many sponsors. This infographic shows in more detail some of the things that your dollars are being used for.

## A Glance Behind the Dollars

Your gift enables us to provide necessities to members of our community who need our help most. Here are some examples of the many ways we might be able to use your donations to make a lasting impact:



**\$5,000**

purchase the weekly produce distribution for hundreds of Food Pantry households

**\$3,500**

allow four FID staff members to build life-changing connections with those experiencing homelessness for one week



**\$1,750**

keep someone housed for one month

**\$1,250**

cover the security deposit of a Section 8 recipient



**\$250**

keep a family's lights on by paying their utility bill



**\$180**

provide a hot meal for 20 guests in The Women's Room

**\$120**

provide a one-night motel stay during bad weather for a client experiencing homelessness



**\$40**

cover the new housing rental application fee for a low income family



**\$58**

provide a family of 4 with their Food Pantry distribution for the week



**\$50**

provide an art day for 10 guests at The Women's Room



Let me leave you with this: I came into our office yesterday and thought that we had started a daycare center! There was a family with four children, ages three to eight, each involved in their own activities. The mother and father were working with our Street Outreach and Housing staff, as they have been living in their car for the past several weeks, even as the kids were starting school. This is their first time ever being without a home, and I can't imagine what

it has been like. Thankfully, we are able to put them into a motel, and now we can start to work with them on finding a new place to live. The compassion, love and connection were palpable in the room. It is why we do what we do. And why we are so grateful to have all of you as part of the team!

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



**We can only operate with your help!**

**Donate today**

**Join the Legacy Society**

## Podcast

### **2022-19 Stories from the Street: Two Guys on the Street**

Today, [Rabbi Joshua goes out onto the streets of Pasadena to look for some folks who might share a bit about themselves.](#) It was slightly more challenging this time, but he was able to chat with two guys: a talkative one who is struggling with addiction, and a quiet one who was a bit shyer. Both of them are examples of why we need more supportive services, and interim housing, in our city.



**Get Social**



**Jazz, Encore! Special**



## Volunteer Recognition, Scott and Lisa Nelson

[Link to video](#)



## Jazz, Encore! Honoree Recognition, Villa Gardens Retirement Community

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## Jazz, Encore! Honoree Recognition, Richard S. Cheung, D.C.

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## Jazz, Encore! Honoree Recognition, Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center

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## News and Events

### Help Stock the Food Pantry!

Our shelves are looking quite empty these days and we could

really use your help to re-stock and meet the need in our local community. We are open Fridays and Saturdays from 9am to 3pm for donation drop-offs, or you can also purchase and send to us directly from our Amazon wish list: [Amazon Wish List](#)  
Thank you for the support!



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