

# **Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

Ida and her family are one of the many households who were referred to FID's Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program directly from their landlord. Many property owners in Pasadena are small mom and pop businesses that rely on their rental properties as their sole source of income. Ida's landlord had recently ended up in the hospital and, although he didn't want to evict her and her family, he desperately needed the income and was forced to serve her with a three-day notice to vacate. Having worked with us in the past, their landlord knew we might be able to provide some support. After meeting with Ida and hearing that her husband had been out of work for the past several months, and her family was currently only earning \$1600 per month and spending over 85% of that on rent, we decided to step in. Friends In Deed will be able to cover Ida's rent for the next couple of months while her husband returns to work, and they look to get back on their feet.

This is just one of dozens of households that contact us every week, as the number of people in need continues to skyrocket - inflation, housing costs, food prices, post-COVID unemployment - all are contributing factors to this rise. We are doing our best to meet the need, but it is becoming clearer week after week that we are not able to achieve that goal. I want to give a huge shout-out to Stacey Cutshaw, our Director of Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance, and Lindsey Reed, our Senior Manager of Programs, for all of their hard work.

We are getting ready for our first-ever FID Sunday Funday! It is November 6th, 1-4pm at Farnsworth Park in Altadena. It is a time to celebrate everyone who makes FID possible: volunteers, supporters, donors, community partners, congregations, everyone! Please plan to join us for an afternoon of food, music, meaningful activities, games, and FUN. We would love to see children and families join us. Be on the look for an email from us with an RSVP form so we can know how much food and drink we need.



Finally, as we head into the final months of the year, we will need your support more than ever to ensure that we have the funds to provide the kind of care we are so proud to offer, including helping Ida and her family to not be evicted. If you haven't donated yet this year, or even if you have, please consider <a href="making a gift">making a gift</a> (right now is a great time!). That is the way we continue "doing together what we cannot do alone."

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



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**Donate today** 

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## **Get Social**

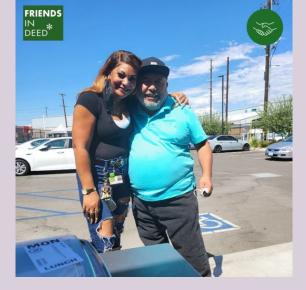






**An Old Friend** 

When visiting a housing site a



few weeks ago, FID Housing
Navigator Najwa ran into Carlos,
who she helped house several
months earlier. Carlos is looking
so happy these days! We don't
always get to follow along with
our clients' end journeys as their
case management moves with
them to the staff at their new
home, but we were excited to
hear he's doing well.

See post



#### **Grant for TWR!**

Pasadena Community Foundation has awarded Friends In Deed a grant to upgrade a portion of The Women's Room. Thank you PCF!

See post

### **News and Events**

### Sunday Funday!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday,
November 6th from 1-4pm. We
are excited to announce our firstever Sunday Funday, which will
be an afternoon of food, games,
meaningful activities, music and
community building. We hope all
of our volunteers, supporters,
donors, and community partners
can join us. It is afternoon for all
ages.

More details to come.



The Maya Salon is collecting items to assemble care packages for Friends In Deed clients. If you need a visit to the hair



salon, and also want to do a little good, consider dropping off a few items. Thanks to The Maya Salon for the support!







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