Dear Friend,

One of the wonderful sounds I love to hear when I walk into The Women’s Room is laughter. For the ladies who come to TWR, their lives are hard, and often without much happiness. Offering guests the chance to laugh and to enjoy themselves and each other’s company is truly a blessing. As Scripture teaches, “Joy comes in the morning.”

Yesterday, there wasn’t just laughter – it was the annual Halloween party, so there were costumes, games, art, and holiday decorated cakes! I came in just as charades was getting going, and I saw guests, staff and volunteers playing a game that many of us have participated in at parties or with our families. For our guests to feel safe enough to stand in front of other women, be vulnerable by acting out a word or phrase, and enjoy the fun – this was compassion, dignity and love all wrapped up into one day. Big shout-out to Marlene, Jane, and Lindsey (who was helping out) for creating the wonderful party. And to our super volunteer Celia (right, below), who loves Halloween and always has a fantastic costume!
With November upon us (crazy, right!), our work of fundraising for the end of the year kicks into high gear. Nothing we do is possible without the support and generosity of each and every one of us that cares about the mission of Friends In Deed, and we are counting on everyone to participate. Thank you for all you have done so far this year, and please consider a gift as we close out the year.

And, to get everyone in the spirit, we are hosting our first-ever Sunday Funday! It’s November 6th, 1-4pm, at Farnsworth Park in Altadena. We are super excited to be together for an afternoon of
food (courtesy of the Knights of Columbus), music, games, meaningful FID-related activities, and, most importantly: community bonding and gratitude. Bring yourself, your family, your neighbors, everyone is welcome. Please RSVP so we can have an accurate count for the food. It is going to be a great day – don’t miss it!

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua

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A New Member for the Development Team!

Elyse has served with Friends in Deed since 2020 at both the food pantry and Bad Weather Shelter. As a Pasadena native, she was interested in working with FID as she has witnessed the impact our programs have made on the community. Welcome, Elyse! See post

A New Member for the Pantry Team!

Emelin joins Tim, Rion, and Coty in the Food Pantry - a much needed addition when we are so
busy. As well as working with FID, Emelin is currently completing her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Welcome, Emelin!

A Friend in Need

Staff members Ryan and Tish jumped into action after receiving a call from a client experiencing car trouble. They were able to jump-start the vehicle and get the client on their way. Our team truly embodies our motto of doing together what we cannot do alone! See post

News and Events

Operation Gobbler

We're looking forward to partnering with the Pasadena Jaycees for the annual Operation Gobbler food drive! This project supports approximately 300 Pasadena-area families in need. If you are interested in donating turkeys or other Thanksgiving food, email Tim or call 626.797.6072.

Christmas Tree Sale
Saint Mark's Church, Altadena, are once again holding their annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser in aid of Friends In Deed! Order between October 30 and 12pm November 14.

**Saint Mark’s Church**

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