

**Doing together what we cannot do alone*



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

On this past Tuesday, September 13, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of The Women's Room (TWR), our amazing day refuge for homeless and at-risk women. There was a wonderful celebration, a recounting of some of the history from Jackie Knowles, who is one of the founders of TWR, and of course there was cake! If you [listen to my podcast this week](#), I focus on The Women's Room, and we get to hear from one of the ladies, the staff, and volunteers who have been a part of this great program. It was truly a meaningful day and a tribute to the dedicated work of our Director of TWR, Marlene Martinez, and our TWR Program Associate and Case Counselor, Jane Armbruster. Mazel tov and here's to the next 15! Read more about TWR on our website, www.friendsindeedpas.org.



And on Wednesday night, we had a lovely event to appreciate and thank our Circle of Friends donors and supporters. The staff was there and had the chance to interact with the guests, sharing highlights of the programs and answering questions. We held it at the [Shakespeare Club](#), which is a lovely venue that I highly

recommend. And we are appreciative of the club for providing lunch on a regular basis for the ladies of TWR. It's all connected this week! If you are interested in joining our Circle of Friends, which are donors that give \$1,000+ yearly, please contact Merria, our Director of Development, at merriav@friendsindeedpas.org.



Thank you so much to everyone who supports FID in myriad ways—we are definitely doing together what we cannot do alone!

I look forward to spending this Sunday morning at the Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living as they celebrate their 80th anniversary.

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Join the Legacy Society

Podcast

**2022-20 Pregnant Woman in a U-Haul,
Single Moms in Cars**

In this podcast episode, Rabbi Joshua offers a sobering commentary about some of the stark realities seen recently by the FID Street Outreach Team. As the title says: they had single moms with toddlers sleeping in their cars, and a pregnant woman staying in a U-Haul, coming for help. He discusses these tragedies through the lens of our budgets being moral documents. [Listen now](#)



Get Social



Hunger Action Month

Tim Nistler, Director of the Food Pantry, sat down with Beacon News to talk about Hunger Action Month (September). Thanks for the great feature! [Read the full article.](#)



The Women's Room Birthday!

15 years ago today, The Women's Room at Friends In Deed opened its doors for the first time! Since then, hundreds of women have come through our doors for a safe space, showers, laundry, community, a warm meal, and so much more. We are so proud of this program and how far it has come. Cheers to the next 15 years, and beyond! [Watch the live celebration from TWR.](#)

Zero Hero Award

One of the associates at the Food 4 Less store (1329 N. Lake Street) was awarded the Zero



Hero award from Kroger, and for his recognition and in his honor, Kroger made a \$2,000 grant to Friends In Deed! [Read more.](#)

News and Events

Water Donations Needed!

Hopefully by the time you read this the heatwave will be over, but those experiencing homelessness still suffer in our SoCal summer temperatures. Please consider purchasing an extra case of water bottles next time you are at the market. On-site donations are appreciated Friday & Saturday from 9am to 3pm. You can also order a case from our Amazon wish list that will get delivered directly to us: [Amazon Wish List](#)





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