



## **Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

I am filling in for Rabbi Joshua this week, and extra proud to do so on Veterans Day. I would like to give a shout out to my sister, Major Rosella Iaccino, who currently serves our country from the Pentagon. But today, I'd like to tell you a story about a veteran, one who lives nearby.

For the past four months, FID Street Outreach Housing Navigator and Locator William has been working with a gentleman in Pasadena. For anonymity and story-telling purposes, we'll call him Mr. Vet. Through consistent and patient effort, and by bringing him needed items like hygiene supplies and food, William and the Street Outreach Team have won Mr. Vet's trust, and he is slowly opening up to them.

Mr. Vet has become more willing to engage and allow us to help find him sustainable housing options. During the intake process, we discovered that he was a United States Veteran, serving in the USMC PVT E1. After learning this, our Friends In Deed housing location team started the process of getting his DD214 (military talk for discharge papers). As with most of the veterans we serve, he was less than willing to interact with the Veterans Affairs office at first. But, due to the relationship and trust that William has been building, Mr. Vet came around a little and met with the local VA representative.



Mr. Vet's story isn't over just yet, as we are working to get him placed in housing – with high hopes for a one-bedroom Veterans' apartment in El Monte. Please keep positive thoughts for Mr. Vet this Veterans Day, and for all 28 veterans experiencing homelessness in Pasadena (according to the 2022 homeless count). We hope, pray, and work each day to help diminish this number and can only do so with [your continued support](#).

Tomorrow our Food Pantry will be open for any donation drop-offs, including turkeys and Thanksgiving food ahead of our annual Operation Gobbler event with the Pasadena Jaycees. Check out our news and events below for more details on that, [buying a Christmas tree](#) by 11/14 with proceeds supporting Friends In Deed, and our annual State of FID Address taking place this Tuesday, 11/15 at 5:30pm.

Have a beautiful weekend,

Merria Velasco



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

**Donate today**

**Join the Legacy Society**

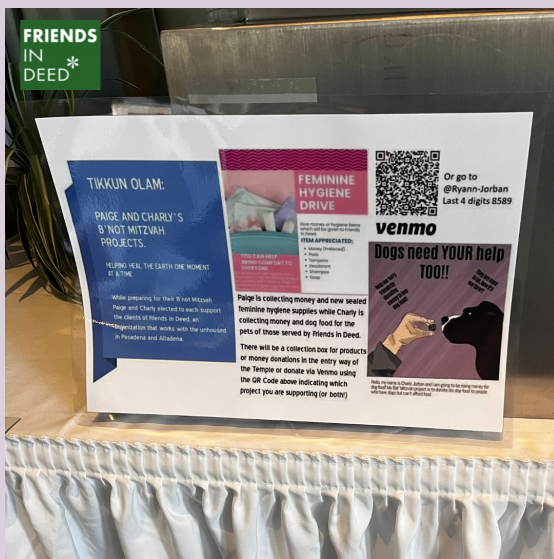
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**Get Social**



## Sunday Funday

Thank you to all who came out to Sunday Funday! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious food spread and to Farm Fresh To You for providing information about fresh produce and artisan farm product delivery! [Read more...](#)



## B'Not Mitzvah Projects

Charly and Paige Jorban chose Friends In Deed as the recipients of their B'Not Mitzvah projects. [Read more...](#)



## Cal Poly Pomona AIGA

We're excited that Cal Poly Pomona's American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) has chosen us to benefit from their annual Design-a-thon! [Read more...](#)

## Community Support!

We are blown away by the generosity of our incredible community and supporters. This



week we received over 100 boxes of groceries from Amazon and a multitude of in-person donations! [Read more...](#)

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## News and Events

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### Operation Gobbler

The annual Thanksgiving Operation Gobbler event is taking place in just a couple weeks, and we need your help! We are accepting turkey donations Fridays and Saturdays between 9am and 3pm for the next two weeks: 11/11, 11/12, 11/18, and 11/19. We are teaming up with the Pasadena Jaycees to collect at least 320 turkeys to give to families in our Food Pantry community.

### Thanksgiving Donation Opportunity



### Operation Gobbler Event

FID Food Pantry now accepting turkey donations in partnership with Pasadena Jaycees

### Christmas Tree Sale

The holidays will be here before we know it! Saint Mark's Episcopal Church is holding a Christmas tree fundraiser to benefit Friends In Deed again this year. Place your tree order by November 14th at [Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Christmas Tree Sale](#) and have it delivered locally or pick it up yourself on December 3rd.



**2022 Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Christmas Tree Sale**  
**Order by 12 pm Monday November 14 for a December 3 pick up**  
[www.SaintMarksChristmasTrees.org](http://www.SaintMarksChristmasTrees.org)

All proceeds support Friends in Deed  
Meeting the needs of Pasadena's most vulnerable residents



**Douglas Fir**

Size	Price
5' - 6'	\$70.00
6' - 7'	\$75.00
7' - 8'	\$90.00
8' - 9'	\$105.00



**Noble Fir**

Size	Price
5' - 6'	\$85.00
6' - 7'	\$105.00
7' - 8'	\$125.00
8' - 9'	\$155.00
9' - 10'	\$190.00



**Nordmann Fir**

Size	Price
5' - 6'	\$85.00
6' - 7'	\$105.00
7' - 8'	\$125.00
8' - 9'	\$155.00
9' - 10'	\$190.00

**Sales:**

Order online by 12 PM Monday, November 14

**Pick Up:**

Saturday December 3

8 AM to 11 AM

Saint Mark's Parking Lot  
1014 East Altadena Drive  
Altadena, CA 91001

**For more information contact:**

Tom Homer  
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626-379-8533



**Donate a Tree to a Local Family**

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church and the Pasadena Police Activities League deliver 5' to 6' Douglas Fir trees to local families that cannot afford a tree this season.

**\$70 per tree**

**Local Delivery Available to**  
Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre

Delivery will take place  
Saturday December 3 between 8:30am and 12pm

**Donation \$25**

**Buy online at**  
[www.SaintMarksChristmasTrees.org](http://www.SaintMarksChristmasTrees.org)



**LAST DAY TO ORDER 12 pm Monday November 14**

## State of FID Address

We are proud to present our 2nd annual State of FID Address. This presentation will feature information about all of our programs and where the organization is headed in the coming years. All Friends In Deed supporters are invited to attend Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30pm.

Join online: [State of FID Address](#)

## State of FID Address

**11**

DAY

**15**

MONTH

**22**

YEAR

5:30pm

Available for viewing on Zoom



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