



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

In any nonprofit organization, the board of directors plays a key role in governance, vision and strategy. At FID, we are fortunate to have a strong and committed board, which is currently under the leadership of Bret Schaefer, our board president. I would like to thank Bret for his ongoing engagement, numerous hours of work, and strong support of our staff. I take the relationship with a board president very seriously, and I have been blessed to have two wonderful presidents in my time as Executive Director - both our current president, Bret, and our immediate past board president Richard Cheung, who continues to be a strong leader and passionate champion. I want to take this moment to thank the whole board:

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Bret Schaefer, President
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Richard Cheung, Immediate Past President

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Bret Schaefer, FID Board President

This has been a special week in The Women's Room. The ladies were treated to a wonderful afternoon tea, beautifully prepared by some of our volunteers. And yesterday, we had a 'goodbye' party for Marlene who has been a part of TWR - including being the director - for the last 13 years. Marlene is transitioning to a new role at Friends In Deed in January, as Assistant Director of Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance. It was a bittersweet party, as the guests and volunteers shared stories, memories and kind words about Marlene. And thank you to incoming director, Lindsey Reed, for organizing a wonderful party, including several surprises! We are excited for both Marlene and Lindsey as they begin their new roles.



We are currently at \$135,000 for our Winter Appeal, so thank you to everyone who has already contributed! We need \$215,000 more to reach our goal - please [donate today](#) to be a part of our success!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Get Social



The Women's Room

One of The Women's Room newest volunteers has been crafting away with the ladies. Last week, she brought in Christmas cookies to decorate. They loved it! It has felt a lot like Santa's workshop around here with all these activities! [Read more...](#)



San Marino Community Church's Mission Market

This Christmas Extravaganza was a great way to connect with local organizations, promote our programs, and invite individuals to partner with us in making a positive impact on our community. [Read more...](#)

Will Hike For Food

After a 3-mile hike, "Will Hike For Food" participants enjoyed a beautiful view! Before starting



their hike, the group collected many non-perishable food items to donate to our FID Food Pantry. [Read more...](#)



Polytechnic School

Food Pantry Director Tim Nistler engaged in a meaningful panel discussion with other Pasadena community leaders at Polytechnic School last week. He shared his story and the mission of FID, and challenged the Class of 2024 to think about how they can be positive change makers in our community. [Read more...](#)



First United Methodist Church

Making Housing and Community Happen hosted a celebration at First United Methodist Church and honored FID with an award for our work in helping families get housed within the community. Thank you for supporting our programs! [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Conjure the Light!

Acclaimed musicians Clark

Nesselrodt, Emily King Brown, and Gregory Nabours are back together with a full, live band this holiday season for an epic night of holiday "Rock & Soul" at The Bourbon Room in Hollywood - and they're going to be donating some of the proceeds to Friends In Deed! Rock out to all your favorite holiday jams! Join live, via livestream, or on-demand all holiday season. [Tickets available here.](#)



Winter Support Needed!

Our Street Outreach Team and The Women's Room are in need of your support this winter! Some items that would greatly benefit these programs include blankets, ponchos, hand warmers, umbrellas, underwear, razors, and shaving cream packets. If you would like to arrange an in-person donation drop off, please email tishs@friendsindeedpas.org. Thank you so much for your support! Our Amazon wish lists are also updated for online orders:

[The Women's Room Amazon Wish List](#)
[Street Outreach Amazon Wish List](#)





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