



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

I want to give a huge thank you to Merria, our awesome Director of Development, for filling in to write this message for the past few weeks. While I rarely use this email to talk about myself personally, I thought that my absence can be related to the people we serve at Friends In Deed. Like millions of other people, I came down with COVID - a moderate case, keeping me in bed for 11 days feeling quite sick. And even now, a week after testing negative, I am still tired and have low energy. I only tell you this because I was thinking about so many people who have been sick who didn't have the resources and blessings that I, and many of us, are fortunate to have.

I am thinking about Linda, a 60-year-old woman living in her car; I am thinking about Luisa, a mother of four staying in a motel looking for a job and caring for her kids; I am thinking about the Johnsons, who are struggling to pay their rent and not be evicted; and I am thinking about the tens of thousands of others who, if they get sick, face disaster. Like many of you, I have a home to rest and recover; I have a spouse who could work at home to care for me; I have healthcare for medication and doctors' advice; I have a job with benefits and sick leave; namely, I have security to be sick, recover and not worry about anything else. So, it is for Linda, Luisa, and the Johnsons that we are here to provide as much help as we can in times of great need which, for many, is each and every day.



And as you know, we cannot do any of this without your help. It is December, which means now is the time for our Winter Appeal, the largest and most important fundraising campaign of the year. We had an awesome start this past week, as 66 wonderful people donated \$8,353 for Giving Tuesday - thank you! And a special shout-out to our very lucky cookie winners, Jeanne Martin and Janet Chunn. The Craftsman Cookies were delivered yesterday by baker/creator Katrina (photo above) and will soon be on their way to the winners!

We have the ambitious goal of raising \$350,000 before the year-end, so you are going to hear about this every week until December 31. I hope that each week I can share how much closer we are to that goal. [So let the giving commence!](#)

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Podcast

2022-24 More Interim Housing Needed! A Conversation with Anne Miskey, CEO of Union Station Homeless Services

After having COVID for 11 days, Rabbi Joshua is back with a new episode! In a wide-ranging conversation, he speaks with Anne Miskey, CEO of Union Station, the largest homeless service provider in Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley. In addition to learning about the new projects Union Station is working on, Anne and Joshua discuss the barriers to the vexing problem of no interim housing available in Pasadena, along with some potential solutions. This is a hard-hitting episode you won't want to miss! [Listen now.](#)



Get Social



Passion Project

While other third graders in her class are passionate about soccer or art, Leah chose to help people experiencing homelessness as her 'Passion Project'. Way to go, Leah! [Read more...](#)

Rose Bowl Aquatics Center

Food drives were the featured special on the menu these past few weeks. We are grateful to everyone who held a drive to benefit our community. Thank



you to Vanessa and everyone at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center for jumping feet first into the food drive pool. [Read more...](#)



San Gabriel Panhellenic Society

The ladies from the San Gabriel Panhellenic Society assembled and delivered candy bags for each of the guests at The Women's Room annual Thanksgiving celebration. The women thoroughly enjoyed decorating the cards attached to each treat bag. Thank you, San Gabriel Panhellenic Society!

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News and Events

Vroman's: The Giving Tree

Vroman's continues its partnership with Friends In Deed Pasadena this holiday season to help provide toys and gifts to disadvantaged kids! Stop by the Children's Department on Colorado Blvd or in Hastings Ranch to choose the name of a child from the tree for whom to buy a gift. Once you make your purchase you will be able to leave it with Vroman's to be delivered to Friends In Deed.

FRIENDS IN DEED GIVING TREE

EVERY GIVING TREE PURCHASE WILL RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT



Help us bring joy to a disadvantaged child this holiday season by stopping by either store and purchasing a gift to donate to a child in need.

November 12 - December 9





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