



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Happy 2023! After a much deserved rest, the staff and programs are back in action. And, with the weather this past week, it was a good thing that last night was our opening of the BWS (Bad Weather Supplies) season (pictures below). Once again, we are at First United Methodist Church every Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. We do intakes to get folks in the system for long-term services and to offer clothing, shoes, hats, jackets, sleeping bags, tarps, and other necessities for the inclement weather. We also have a limited number of motel rooms available for the most vulnerable. We had 35 people receive services last night, and 19 people were placed into motel rooms. With the ongoing weather, these folks have their rooms until next Tuesday. All of the information about the program, and how you can donate items, is below under "News and Events."



I want to tell you two stories that I heard from last night. We had a couple - the man was 90 and the woman was 75 - and they live on the streets. This couple came to the program last year as well; a lovely, gentle and funny pair who are always in good spirits. They want to stay together, and don't want to live in shared bridge housing, so the search continues. Another man, 52, lost his job two

years ago because of COVID and found himself homeless. He told one of our staff that, at his lowest point, he took several sleeping pills, wanting to put an end to his misery. He doesn't know how long he slept, but when he woke up, his dog was lying right beside him. "He is my only family," he shared, "I don't know what I would do without him." These are just three of the approximately 250 souls living unsheltered in our city. As we have been doing since 1894, we will continue to bring as much compassion, connection, and dignity as possible to as many people as possible; that is our mission at FID and we strive to achieve it every day.

And of course, the only way we can do our work is with the support and generosity of the more than 1,400 donors who gave to FID in 2022, and the nearly 200 volunteers who put in a total of 8,000+ hours of service. We are so blessed. I am thrilled to share that we reached our year-end goal, and even slightly surpassed it, so thank you! On behalf of the staff and board, we are incredibly grateful for everyone's commitment to our mission, helping us to fulfill our motto: "doing together what we cannot do alone."

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Get Social



**Pasadena Community
Foundation**

We're honored to be one of the recipients of Pasadena Community Foundation's emergency funding to address



unprecedented local need. The \$20,000 in emergency funding will assist in meeting the needs of the Food Pantry's clients. Thank you, PCF, for your continued generosity and support! [Read more...](#)



Flintridge Center Community Resource Fair

The Street Outreach team represented FID at this event. It was great to share information about our programs and opportunities to get involved. [Read more...](#)



Food Drive

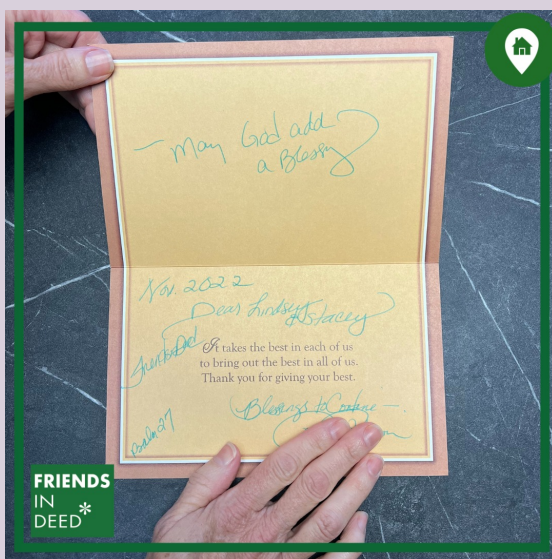
The Nahle Group came by with their food drive, about 600 lbs of food. It was their first drive for us and won't be their last. Thank you, Alex, for getting your team and community involved. We appreciate it!! [Read more...](#)

Flowers for The Women's Room!

A huge load of flowers was donated by Trader Joe's. One of the guests of The Women's Room was a florist and jumped in to make beautiful arrangements



and place them all over TWR. [Read more...](#)



A Thank You to EPRA!

Our Director of Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA), Stacey McCarroll Cutshaw, received this thoughtful expression of gratitude from one of our clients. We're grateful to be able to make a positive impact on individuals in our community. [Read more...](#)

News and Events

Bad Weather Supplies Distribution

The Bad Weather Supplies distribution is now under way at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, on Thursday nights. We will be giving out cold/wet weather supplies, providing some basic health care services, and offering motel stays on wet and cold nights.

FRIENDS IN DEED in partnership with the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH provides

BAD WEATHER Supplies

EVERY THURSDAY
January 5th through March 30th, 2023 | 5:00pm to 7:00pm
First United Methodist Church | 500 E Colorado Boulevard

BAD WEATHER SUPPLIES OFFERINGS:

Cold Weather Supplies	Nurse Visits / Wellness Checks	Weather Activated* Limited Motel Stays (based on eligibility)
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*Weather Activated: forecast to be 40° degrees and below or 40% chance of rain.

QUESTIONS? Call or email FRIENDS IN DEED.
Lindsey@friendsindeedpas.org | 888 915 8111

Bad Weather Supplies Donations

If you are interested in donating supplies of (gently used or new) cold-weather clothing, PPE, or

equipment such as tarps and sleeping bags (click on the image on the right to see the full list) please contact Lindsey at lindseyr@friendsindeedpas.org



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