



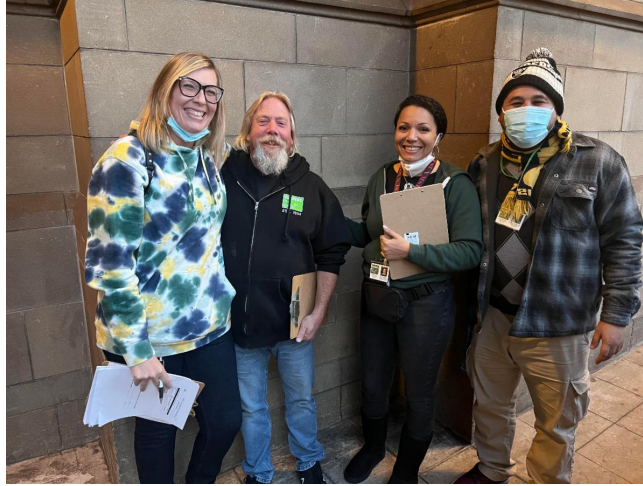
Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

I think it is important to continually remind ourselves that the faces of those experiencing homelessness are not uniform or one-dimensional. We are constantly hearing stories like this one, related to me by one of our staff working at our [Bad Weather Supplies distribution](#).

"As we were closing up for the night, I bumped into the groundskeeper, who works at First United Methodist Church; he's a friendly guy who is always available to help us unlock doors, find light switches, and help with whatever else we need. He mentioned that he saw an old friend of his standing in line to receive cold weather supplies that night—he was shocked! 'He and I used to be friends, he owned a construction company, he did the floors of my house! I haven't seen him in about 10 years and now here he is standing in line at the cold weather distribution. This can happen to anyone.'"

A pretty poignant reminder that everyone hits on hard times, and yet some people have the support they need to bounce back and others don't. Our work involves helping the person right in front of us, the human soul that we come across that is in need of support. I am so proud of our staff and volunteers, who bring the compassion, connection and dignity that each of us deserves, no matter where we are on the path of life. When we are down, we all sometimes need a hand to help us up.



Street Outreach Team working at the Bad Weather Supply Distribution

As we begin Black History month, I am excited and honored to be spending this Sunday morning with our friends at [Metropolitan Baptist Church](#). I am grateful to Pastor Skinner for the invitation. If you are interested in having myself or one of the FID staff join worship in your congregation, please let me know!

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Get Social



Fun Activities in The Women's Room

Thank you to The Women's Room volunteers, Barbara and Betty, who came up with a fun



activity for guests to sew their own beanies! It was a great afternoon project and useful for this cold weather.

[Read more...](#)

Breakfast at TWR

The Women's Room is providing daily continental breakfast to our guests. We are looking for people willing to commit to providing breakfast one or more days per month. Breakfast items can include mini cereal boxes, milk, juice, bread and bagels, bananas, yogurt, or anything else you enjoy in your own home! If you would be interested please contact Jane Armbruster:

janea@friendsindeedpas.org

After all, breakfast is the most important meal of the day!



News and Events

Bad Weather Supplies Distribution

The Bad Weather Supplies distribution is 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.



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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



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



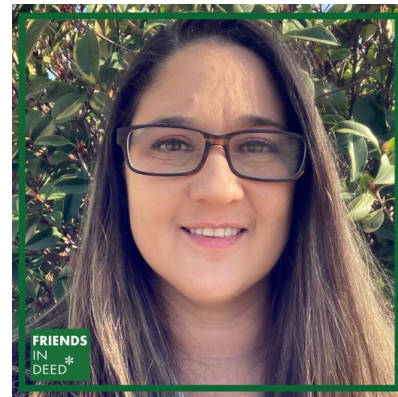
Friends in Cheese, Save the Date

We're excited to be part of Agnes Pasadena's 2nd annual Friends in Cheese fundraising event on Monday February 27, 2023 at Agnes Restaurant and Cheesery. This year is focused on the Eviction Prevention & Rental Assistance program. The event will feature local chefs, silent auctions, and an opportunity to help the neighborhood! Stay tuned for participating chefs and ticket sales [See more...](#)



Welcome, Melissa!

Our team is growing. Melissa is the new MSW intern focusing on family housing navigation. She is currently attending University of Massachusetts Global, where she is getting her master's in social work. She currently obtains a B.A in Social Science from California State University of Chico. [See more...](#)





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