

## **Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

The Women's Room was filled with so much love this week! From gifts from volunteers, to reflective writing prompts, to heart shaped crafts of all kinds, these women are reminded daily that they are loved and valued.

For a Valentine's-themed writing workshop, guests reflected on qualities they love about themselves: from courage, determination, and kindness to being an avid reader and expressing themselves through art. These affirming "Valentines to Myself" created a heartwarming display in the activity room.

A second project highlighted things guests love about The Women's Room itself. Topping that list: the caring and compassionate staff and volunteers.



And while all of the above love was taking place, a few other critical things happened: TWR staff worked in partnership with our Street Outreach and Housing team to help a client in crisis, getting her emergency shelter as well as other assistance. One of our TWR clients, who we referred to PORT (Pasadena Outreach and Response Team), received her Section 8 Emergency Housing Voucher yesterday.

These are examples of how our different programs support one another, and how our community partnerships work closely together to achieve positive outcomes.

In honor of the ladies we serve, and the staff and volunteers who serve them, please consider <u>making a gift</u> to Friends In Deed today (or any day), so that we can continue to provide the same amount of love and compassion, along with the supportive services we offer each and every week.

A reminder that all FID programs and offices will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



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

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## Podcast

## **2023-3 "It Could Be Any of Us":** Stories from the Street

In this episode, Rabbi Joshua speaks to a few people at our Bad Weather Supplies distribution, including a 71 year-old Pasadena native living on the streets, and one of the Azusa Pacific Nursing students who provide care each Thursday night... <u>Listen now</u>.



# Get Social

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#### **Street Outreach and Bad** Weather Supplies

Each week, members of the Street Outreach and Housing team visit the Bad Weather Supplies program to screen and enroll qualified individuals for outreach services. Anyone that is unsheltered in Pasadena and not working with another similar program can be enrolled. Once registered, clients receive the standard case management which includes... <u>Read more</u>



Rabbi Joshua was invited to speak at Metropolitan Baptist Church about the work and mission of Friends In Deed. Thank you to Pastor Skinner, the clergy and congregation for your generosity and support for The Women's Room.... <u>Read more</u>



#### Valentine's Crafts in The



#### Women's Room

Thank you to TWR volunteer, Patrice, for the Valentine's Day heart pillow craft! The guests were creative with the stitching, colors and beads!

## **News and Events**

#### Friends In Cheese: Eat. Drink. Give.

We're excited to be part of Agnes Pasadena's second annual Friends in Cheese fundraising event on Monday February 27, 2023 at Agnes Restaurant and Cheesery. This year is focused on the Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program. The event will feature local chefs, silent auctions, and an opportunity to help the neighborhood! Purchase your tickets <u>here</u>!

#### **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 <u>lindseyr@friendsindeedpas.org</u>







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