



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

With this massive storm hitting us right now, our Bad Weather Supplies distribution and emergency motel programs are working overtime. At the current moment, we have rented 81 rooms in 5 different motels, and we have occupants in every single room that we have available to us. Folks have been in since Tuesday, and are currently able to stay until next Thursday. If the weather continues with rain or cold, we will extend again. As I have shared before, this is a very expensive program to operate. A few weeks ago, the city council authorized an additional \$100K for motels. As of this writing, that funding has already been exhausted.

Again, the simple math is:

80 people
x motel room (\$100-\$140 per night)
x 14 nights
\$112,000

And this is a minimum because of the varying costs of the different motels.

I know that people will ask us if everyone who needs a room in this horrible weather is able to receive one. The honest answer is no. And this is not because of funding. Even if the city gave us unlimited funds for the rest of the season, there are simply not enough rooms available at the motels who will work with our population, plus the various needs we have to make it happen (ie. clients without identification, FID needing invoicing for each stay, maximum amount of items brought into a room). We are grateful to Le Reve, La Casa, Lincoln, Pasada, and Lanai (in Alhambra) for partnering with us and providing these kind services to our guests.



Senior Director of Programs, Ryan Greer, conducting a motel intake.

So, the good news is: 81 rooms are occupied with our most vulnerable neighbors. The bad news is: others who wanted rooms were not able to get them. And, to be clear, these numbers are just for Friends In Deed's clients; there are other agencies in the city that are also placing people into motels, which also accounts for why there are no vacancies. Together, we are doing our very best to serve as many people as we possibly can. I want to give a huge shout-out to our Senior Director of Programs, Ryan Greer, for managing the emergency motel program this season, in addition to his supervising all our programs. Thank you!

Finally, just a reminder that on Monday night there is a cool event in benefit of FID: Friends In Cheese at Agnes Restaurant and Cheesery. Tickets are still available, and it promises to be a fun night for a great cause. We thank Vanessa and Thomas at Agnes for once again hosting this event.

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Podcast

2023-4 Exploring the Homeless Count with Jenni O'Reilly-Jones, Pasadena Housing Department

In this episode, Rabbi Joshua discusses the recent homeless count, which is a national "point-in-time" count that seeks to identify those living without shelter in the cities across our nation. We are joined by the Pasadena Housing Department's Homeless Programs Coordinator, Jenni O'Reilly-Jones, who shares her knowledge and expertise about the count itself... [Listen now](#).



Get Social



Street Outreach and Housing

Throughout the week, FID's Street Outreach and Housing team, along with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Engagement Team, distributed cold weather supplies to our unhoused neighbors in preparation for the upcoming storm... [Read more](#)

MonteCedro Bad Weather Supplies

MonteCedro did a huge donation drop off for Bad Weather Supplies a couple weeks ago, but the donations just kept rolling in! Thanks to staff member Jackie for coordinating the efforts and making sure every last blanket and sweatshirt got to the BWS clients who need them most... [Read more](#)



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 [here](#)!



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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