



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Every year the Bad Weather Supplies team welcomes returning clients and new guests alike. Staff are always happy to see the familiar faces of folks we served in previous years, but it is also a painful reminder that, for some individuals, the experience of homelessness is more than just a short moment in an otherwise happily housed timeline.

One couple for whom this is true is Jon and Theresa, who have been guests at BWS last season and this season. They are senior citizens both over 70 years old. Together the two of them face life on the streets, moving from place to place and taking care of each other as best they can. Theresa says, "as long as we can be together we don't care where we end up, we just want to be safe and warm."

On mild nights the couple will take public transit out to the beach, but when the weather is cold, if they can't find a weather-activated motel voucher they'll bundle up and brave the elements as best they can. Despite their circumstances they both always have a kind word to share, doing their best to share what little they have with anyone else who is also in need.

It is our hope that people like Jon and Theresa won't have to constantly search for their next place to stay but will eventually be able to access affordable housing that allows them to be safe and warm together for as long as they want it. Currently in California, for every 100 households eligible for low income housing, there are only [23 units available](#), meaning folks like Jon and Theresa continue to wait.



Immense gratitude to the participating chefs for sharing incredible dishes at Friends In Cheese.

Finally, in order for us to do our work, we need [support from everyone](#). We had a wonderful event this past Monday night, Friends In Cheese, at Agnes Restaurant and Cheesery. Thank you so much to the nearly 100 people who attended, helping us to raise approximately \$16K! Big thank you again to Thomas and Vanessa, owners of Agnes, and to all of the chefs who prepared amazing food. And a shout-out to the FID team: board members Richard Cheung and Stacy Santeramo, and staff members Merria Velasco, Elyse Reed and Lindsey Reed for making the event run so smoothly. We are already looking forward to next year!

Blessings, and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Friends In Cheese

Thank you to the incredible Vanessa and Thomas Tilaka Kalb from Agnes, guest chefs, and our amazing supporters for making Friends In Cheese a night to remember! Together, we raised over \$16,000 to support FID's efforts to meet the basic needs of our unhoused neighbors. Your generosity and dedication to our mission will make a lasting impact... [Read more](#)



Treats at The Women's Room

TWR donor, Cynthia Lee, spent her evening making beautiful cupcakes for guests sheltering from the inclement weather this week. Thank you, Cynthia, for this thoughtful treat... [Read more](#)



PCC and T'ena Health Hygiene Kits

Last week, members from Pasadena City College Caduceus Club teamed up with T'ena Health to distribute individual hygiene kits to FID clients. A huge thank you to both organizations for supporting our programs... [Read more](#)

News and Events

Giving Day 2023

We are thrilled to bring Giving Day

back this year, but even bigger and better! We are proud to introduce Friends In Deed Giving Day 2023 to bring all of our friends together on one day: 3-23-23. From board members and businesses to volunteers and supporters, we call on each and every member of our Friends In Deed family to come together for this cause. Our Giving Day goal? We are aiming for at least 323 donors in just one day: on 3-23-23. Save the date!!



50th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

The 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is taking place on Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 7:30-9:00 AM at the Pasadena Convention Center. Friends In Deed is proud to once again be hosting this event where hundreds of community members, Pasadena residents, local leaders, and the interfaith community come together with Mayor Victor M. Gordo for a morning of peace, prayer, and reflection under the theme:

Together We Thrive, Pasadena.



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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