

Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Lori had a good childhood and, by the time she was 24, she was living on her own in San Bernardino and working in restaurants and clubs — all was going well. Then, in March 2020, everything came to a stop. She found herself living in her car. She found her way to Pasadena, where she continued to live in her car.

As the year came to an end she developed a serious medical issue and she lost her leg. Now, still in her car, she had to navigate this disability. An LA-HOP referral (explained below) was sent in by Jane from The Women's Room. Lori received services from the Street Outreach and Housing team and participated in our Pathways Program, which provided her with short-term transitional housing in a motel while the team worked with her to successfully get her enrolled into a bridge housing program. Lori is now in her own place in Pasadena and will be getting a prosthetic leg. This is a great example of multiple FID programs working together toward a positive and successful outcome.



<u>LA-HOP</u> is the Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal, and it is a great way for community members to request support for individuals experiencing homelessness if they meet them on the streets. If you see an individual in need of assistance, and it is not an immediate emergency that requires a 911 call, you can go to the website and fill out a referral form that goes to a central portal. If it is a Pasadena person, our team will be contacted.

To learn more about what our Street Outreach program, or any of our programs, offer, visit our website, www.friendsindeedpas.org.



Clergy members visiting at the luncheon.



Olivia and William sharing about Street
Outreach and Housing.

In other news, we had a wonderful clergy luncheon yesterday at First United Methodist Church, the first one in three years! Big thank you to our Congregational Committee: Rev. Marlene Pomeroy, Debby Singer, and Rev. Amadi Hines. And a shout-out to Olivia and William from our Street Outreach and Housing team for a wonderful and informative presentation.

Thursday is Giving Day 2023!! We are super excited to celebrate and come together to support FID on the same day: 3-23-23. Letters have been sent and emails and text messages will be happening all week, so please participate and help us reach our goal of 323 donors. When we reach that goal, the Lawrence A. Appley Foundation will contribute \$20,000! So be a part of the fun, share it with friends and family, and help to raise the funds we need to continue to provide compassion, connection and dignity to as many people as we can.

For those that celebrate, Happy St. Patrick's Day! And if you had Furman or Princeton in your NCAA bracket, please make a donation to FID to celebrate!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

Get Social









TWR St. Patrick's Day Celebration

St. Patrick's Day festivities at TWR! Our wonderful and festive volunteers always go all out to make holidays an experience for guests. We played Loteria (bingo), ate green cupcakes, and dressed up to celebrate... Read more

Blanket and Backpack Donation

Friend of The Women's Room, Cynthia Lee, handmade nine warm blankets for TWR and our Bad Weather Supplies program. She also generously dropped off 13 backpacks; items we always need! Thank you, Cynthia, for allowing us to take better care of those in our

community... Read more





Food Pantry - Agency of the Month

Thank you, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank for naming FID's Food Pantry as the March 2023 Agency of the Month! The Food Pantry serves over 500 food insecure households weekly. Join us in making a difference by organizing a food drive with your school, church, congregation, boy or girl scout troop, or local business. Any shelf-stable items, such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, soups, and stews are greatly appreciated... Read more

News and Events

Giving Day 2023

We are proud to introduce Friends In Deed Giving Day 2023, bringing all 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. Worried you'll forget the date? You can make a donation ahead of time here.



50th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

The 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer
Breakfast is taking place on
Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 7:309:00 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

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





FEATURED PRESENTATION: URBAN VOICES

Featuring the Urban Voices Project, a Skid Row Community Choir whose presentation will humanize the face of homelessness and demonstrate the healing power of the arts. Led by Artistic Director Leeov Sofer and Pasadena Artivist, Lorinda Hawkins Smith.









WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Friends In Deed is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the spectrum of our employees', volunteers', and clients' ages, color, ability or disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, neurodiversity, and other characteristics that make our employees, volunteers, and clients unique.

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