



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

This week, we have a story of connectivity, collaboration and sensitivity—all leading to helping get a family off the street.

A couple was brought to our attention by Ryan, our Senior Director of Programs. Their situation is dire: the woman is currently six months pregnant and the father has no work authorization. After being placed at one of the motels with which we partner, Michael, our Street Outreach Family Specialist, was able to make contact with them. A thorough meeting was held and their main concerns were addressed, along with setting a plan of action. Based on their inability to qualify for any government funding subsidies, their housing options seemed far from reach.

After attending an interfaith collaboration seminar, Michael was able to connect with the representatives from Door of Hope, and have an informative discussion. After a phone interview, the clients were then selected to have an in-person meeting. After a conversation with the Door of Hope case manager, we agreed that assistance will greatly impact the likelihood of success of finding permanent housing for this family and their future child. This week, Michael was notified that this family was officially offered a transitional housing spot with Door of Hope. He helped them to move in and begin the next phase of their journey.



Door of Hope offers a full room and bathroom just for their use, a kitchen and pantry they have access to 24/7, case management services attached to a Housing Navigator, life skill classes, parenting classes, and budgeting classes.

I want to give a huge shout-out to Michael for his hard work and persistence in helping this family in their time of need. And we are grateful to our partnership with Door of Hope, as they own and operate the transitional housing our clients desperately needed. We feel lucky that they had an opening available at the exact moment we contacted them. A Pasadena success story all around!

Now an announcement: please see the flier below and register for the [50th annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast](#)—it promises to be a beautiful morning of community connection, spiritual uplift, and song!

And, on this day, March 31st, we celebrate the life and legacy of Cesar Chavez, and acknowledge International Transgender Day of Visibility. At Friends In Deed, we recognize and welcome all persons into our mission of compassion, connection, and dignity.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



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Podcast

2023-5 Keeping the Poor in Poverty: Payday Loans, Overdraft and Check Cashing Fees

Rabbi Joshua shares the wisdom and thoughts of Matthew Desmond, Professor of Sociology at Princeton, who has a new book called *Poverty, By America*. His previous book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, won the Pulitzer Prize. Learn about the billions of dollars collected each year from the poorest Americans by the fees and interest rates they get charged... [Listen now](#).



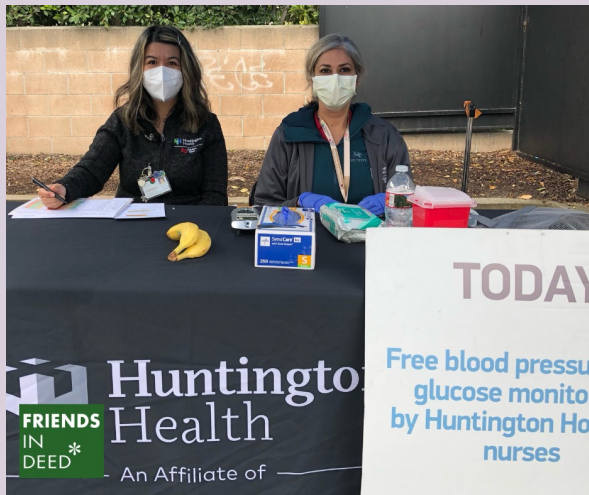
Get Social



Claremont Colleges and TWR

The Women's Room has partnered with students from The Claremont Colleges taking a class in Health Inequities. Termed "Health Navigators", the groups of students volunteer throughout the semester and spend time with TWR guests discussing different health needs in their community. They have been providing some wonderful materials for guests to better understand some of the health issues they are struggling with...

[Read more](#)



Huntington Hospital Nurses

Every second Tuesday of the month, nurses from Huntington Health come to the Food Pantry to offer free blood pressure checks and glucose monitoring. Thank you Huntington Nurses... [Read more](#)

News and Events

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.

Join Mayor Victor M. Gordo, Community Members, Pasadena Residents, Civic, Business, Student, and Educational Leaders, and the Interfaith Community

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THURSDAY
May 4
7:30-9:00 AM

HOSTED BY FRIENDS IN DEED

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 AM

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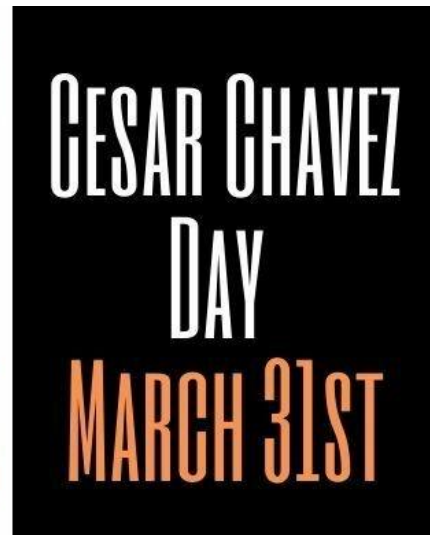
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FEATURED PRESENTATION: **URBAN VOICES**

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 Leeav Sofer and Pasadena Artist, Lorinda Hawkins Smith.

PRESENTING SPONSOR: **WESCOM**

THE URBAN VOICES PROJECT





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