



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Daryl was a regular at our Bad Weather Shelter for years, someone all the staff knew. He could sometimes be a bit gruff and challenging, but that is not uncommon. For the past two years, he has frequented our Bad Weather Supplies program and sometimes used an emergency motel. This past year, after a few conversations with the staff, Daryl seemed to become calmer and showed a more positive attitude.

He was in our motel program and, after a few weeks, became a leader, encouraging others to clean up and help care for the motel and those that worked there. He was entered into our Street Outreach and Housing program and Angel became his case manager. After many years on the waiting list for a housing voucher, as luck would have it, this year was the one that his name came up as eligible. Because he was in our program, Angel was able to expedite his voucher. One of our community partners located a senior living complex in Rancho Cucamonga that had a unit available. Two weeks ago, Angel and Michael were able to accompany him and move him in! And thanks to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, an arm of the Catholic Church, local members helped Daryl with move-in assistance and furnishings for his entire apartment! Thanks to everyone for helping Daryl move from years on the street to a place of his own!

Now, if you haven't already bought your tickets or sponsorships for the 50th annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on May 4th, what are you waiting for? In addition to a wonderful community morning, our featured presentation is the Urban Voices Project, a Skid Row choir, under the direction of Leeav Sofer, who will share their musical gifts and their life stories with us. Check out a sample of their work:



Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



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Podcast

2023-6 Leaving the Narrow Places: Passover, Expansiveness and Homelessness

In honor of the holiday of Passover, Rabbi Joshua discusses the concept of leaving the narrow places, a key theme, as it relates to our thinking around homelessness and potential solutions. We need to have a more expansive approach to using empty buildings for housing; empty storefronts for mental health clinics;



closed nursing homes, hospitals and motels for bridge and interim housing... [Listen now.](#)

Get Social



Pasadena CROP Hunger Walk

On a beautiful April Sunday afternoon, about 50 people took part in the annual Pasadena CROP Hunger Walk. This event is done to help fight hunger locally and beyond. FID is one of the long-time recipients of funds raised by the Walk and is a halfway stopping point on the 3 mile route. Participants were able to tour the Food Pantry and get an idea of how our food distributions work. Many familiar faces, from previous walks, and new faces dropped in... [Read more.](#)



Easter celebration at TWR

The Women's Room volunteers and guests had an egg-celent time celebrating Easter last week! Springtime-themed games, colors, and cake were enjoyed by all. Thank you to TWR volunteer Bonnie, who brought the egg decorating idea and fresh materials from her own garden! The ladies loved this activity and described working with the fresh elements as grounding and calming... [Read more.](#)

Project Homeless Connect

Our Street Outreach and Housing team had a wonderful time representing FID at Project Homeless Connect last week! We are grateful for the opportunity to engage with individuals and other organizations, distribute supplies,



speak about our programs, and provide resources to those experiencing homelessness. Thank you to Project Homeless Connect for inviting us to be a part of this amazing community event... [Read more.](#)

News and Events

50th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Tickets are now available for [the 50th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast](#) 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

50TH ANNUAL PASADENA MAYOR'S

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

THURSDAY
May 4
7:30-9:00 AM

HOSTED BY FRIENDS IN DEED

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 AM

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Together We Thrive, Pasadena

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**



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