



Weekly Message

In the weekly Friday email, Rabbi Grater mentioned the book "Homelessness is a Housing Problem" but mistakenly said the author was Matthew Desmond. The authors are Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern. You can find the book at this website.

homelessnesshousingproblem.com.

Matthew Desmond is also an excellent author and his books, "Evicted" and "Poverty, By America" are highly recommended and featured on the recent [Friends In Deed Podcast](#).

Dear Friend,

Stephanie is living in affordable housing in Pasadena with her adult daughter, who is attending a local city college. She had been working full time and has always paid her rent on time. About a year ago she was injured at work and placed on light duty. Her employer started cutting down her hours as her job mainly consists of heavy lifting and physical labor. So Stephanie started to fall behind on her rent and was in danger of eviction.

She reached out to our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA) staff, and our program has been able to pay her current rent while she works on paying down her arrears. She's also working with her doctors to recover from her injury. Friends In Deed's rental assistance is also allowing her daughter to look for a part-time job without the added stress of worrying if they will end up homeless. EPRA Assistant Director Marlene Martinez has been providing case management and financial planning services to the family to help them get back on track with their rent.



We work hard to provide as much rental assistance to as many people as possible, but the need is certainly more than we have to offer. If you want to [support this program](#), your donation will allow us to help more people like Stephanie and her daughter to stay housed and keep their lives on track. To understand more about how enabling people to stay housed is critical to solving the scourge of homelessness in our country, I urge you to read Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern's book, "Homelessness is a Housing Problem."

Finally, if you haven't already [registered for the Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast](#), you still have two days! Join over 400 of your fellow Pasadenans for a morning of community, connection, and prayer, and be inspired by the music and stories of the Urban Voices Project. Register here and be with us next Thursday, May 4th.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Get Social



Housing Rights Summit

Street Outreach and Housing team members William and Najwa at the 24th Annual Housing Rights Summit, a dynamic conference and resource fair that brings together advocates to address the urgent housing and civil rights issues affecting Southern California. The event covered topics such as local responses to the homelessness crisis, fair housing litigation updates, and the future of tenants' rights and eviction defense... [Read more.](#)



Clay Creations at TWR

Thank you to The Women's Room volunteer, Bonnie, for always bringing creativity and clay activities for TWR ladies. During her recent visit, guests made different versions of earrings and keychains and had a great time! We are incredibly grateful for the creativity and dedication of all our volunteers, who help our guests thrive through a variety of engaging projects... [Read more.](#)

Spaghetti Dinner Bags

Our 7th grade friends at St. Philip the Apostle School - Pasadena, CA packed Spaghetti Dinner bags for our Food Pantry Community. Thank you to the 7th graders for making the bags and for Abby and her mom, Jill, for delivering them... [Read more.](#)



News and Events

50th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Last chance to purchase tickets 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. Doors open at 6:45am and the program will start promptly at 7:30am. 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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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 Leean Safer and Pasadena Artist, Lorinda Hawkins Smith.

PRESENTING SPONSOR: **WESCOM**

 





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