



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Last week, we wrapped up our Bad Weather Supplies and Emergency Motel Program for the 2023 winter season. I am happy to report that we provided 3,069 motel nights to approximately 160 unique individuals over the last three months. This would not have been possible without the continued renewal of funds from the City of Pasadena, which ended up totaling several hundred thousand dollars. Our staff received dozens and dozens of tearful "Thank you's" throughout this season. Our Street Outreach and Housing team has been able to enroll a large number of clients through this program as well, some of whom have already been matched to housing and were able to transition out of the Emergency Motel Program.



I want to give a huge thank you to Ryan Greer, our Senior Director of Programs, for directing the motel portion of the program, with significant help from William Shelby, and to Lindsey Reed and her team (James, Jordyn, Noah, Jorge, and Karen) for the successful supplies distribution portion of the program. And a special note of gratitude to First United Methodist Church for hosting us and

allowing us to keep our clothing “store” set-up throughout the entire season—thank you!



This weekend brings the confluence of holidays for three major religions: Ramadan, Easter, and Passover. All of them have components regarding gifts to the poor, so if you are so moved, please [consider a donation](#) to Friends In Deed in honor of these holy days.

Happy Easter, Happy Passover, and Ramadan Mubarak to those celebrating! May this be a season of peace, joy, reflection, and renewal.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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## Get Social



### The Gooden School and TWR

Last week, students Kathryn and Christian along with Mrs. Keezer from The Gooden School dropped off bags filled with basic necessities, activities, and handwritten notes for The Women's Room. Immense gratitude to the entire Gooden School community for supporting our programs...

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### Street Outreach and Housing Easter Baskets

Our Street Outreach and Housing team received baskets filled with Easter goodies to gift to clients and their families. Huge thank you to Vickie Fung and the Westminster Presbyterian Church community for assembling and donating these





festive baskets... [Read more](#)



## TWR Writing Group

Spring is in the air, and in The Women's Room the writing group reflected on what the season means to them: Sunny skies, warmer days (and nights), colorful flowers, new beginnings, Easter's promise of redemption and rebirth, and a joyful sense of re-awakened hope that comes after a cold, wet, and challenging winter. As one woman wrote, it's "absolutely a time of celebration." Thank you to faithful TWR volunteer, Lisa, for leading the writing group... [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

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# Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

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FEATURED PRESENTATION: **URBAN VOICES**

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