



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

At the end of last year, a family made contact with us - the father had migrated to the US from Venezuela, found employment, got settled, and sent for his wife and three children to join him. Unfortunately, however, he had misjudged the income needed to support a family in Los Angeles, and they ended up on the streets.

Friends In Deed was able to place the family in a motel for much of the winter while we made a referral to Door of Hope, which places families in transitional housing. They passed the telephone interview, and Michael, from our Street Outreach and Housing team, joined them for the in-person interview to help with translation (the family are all Spanish speakers) and ensure a smooth transition. Once the family was accepted by Door of Hope, Michael was able to work with our Bad Weather Shelter program to make sure we could keep them in the motel until their move-in date. He was also able to arrange for their security deposit at Door of Hope to be paid.



Michael (left) with the family.

The family is now going to receive life-skills and money management classes, and have a housing navigator and case manager to help them find permanent housing. In the meantime, they have a place at Door of Hope for at least six months, and the children's education will no longer be disrupted by the experience of homelessness.

In sharing stories from our programs, my goal is to illustrate the work that we do on a daily basis, sometimes with happier endings than others, but real experiences of real human beings. And as you know, the only way we can do this work is with your support. So ... if you haven't signed up for our upcoming event, Cooking for a Cause, what are you waiting for?! Thank you so much to those of you who have already become sponsors; this has helped us to reach just about halfway to our ambitious goal of \$150K. Everyone should have received information about the event already, but you can [read about it here](#), see how to contribute, and meet the students who are participating in the cooking competition. It is two weeks from tonight and promises to be an awesome experience!

Finally, I hope that you will listen to my most recent episode of the [Friends In Deed podcast](#), where I interview a guest from The Women's Room who has a story that many could relate to, in terms of how she ended up on the streets five years ago.

We are so grateful to everyone who supports FID in so many different ways – it has been another week of 'doing together what we cannot do alone.'

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Maranatha High School donation

Grateful for Rebecca's leadership and generosity! Thank you to Rebecca Garnica and the California Scholarship Club at Maranatha High School for organizing a fantastic food drive for us. Here's a special moment captured with our dedicated volunteer, Elisia... [Read more.](#)

TWR art and creative writing

Guests in The Women's Room combined art, creative writing, and their own imaginations to explore the "rainbow of possibilities" that self-expression allows them. The results were a series of beautiful and uplifting affirmations that were as unique as the women themselves...



[Read more.](#)



Cooking for a Cause: Team 1

[Read more](#) about Institute of Culinary Education students Roshan Vettikattu and Kye Shamblin, our first Cooking for a Cause team to be featured!

News and Events

Cooking for a Cause

We're creating a culinary competition and keeping it local by partnering with the renowned [Institute of Culinary Education \(ICE\)](#) located on Green Street in Pasadena. Taking place on **Friday, June 23rd from 5-7pm**, this fun, lively, and *tasteful* evening will highlight the very real problem of food insecurity in our local community, while raising vital funding for all FID programs that serve greater Pasadena. [Full Cooking for a Cause details here.](#)



Back to School Drive

As this current school year ends and summer begins, we are already looking forward to the upcoming school year and making sure the young students in our Food Pantry community can start the year on an equal footing with their classmates. Each year we come to you, our Friends In Deed community, to help us make the Back-to-School Backpack & School Supply Drive a success. We have set up an Amazon "[FID School Supply Drive Wish List](#)" if you prefer to order online and have purchases sent directly to Friends In Deed.





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