



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

We have had a long and wonderful relationship with [St. Vincent De Paul \(SVDP\)](#), a ministry arm of the Catholic Church. They primarily have assisted us with supplies for the Bad Weather Shelter but, in recent months, the partnership has grown deeper and more robust. Our main contact is Robert Wyatt, the current president of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society of Los Angeles. A few months ago, Robert arranged to provide one of our clients with furniture. SVDP went outside their normal service area to deliver to our client in Rancho Cucamonga, and gave him a significant amount of furniture for his new senior unit.

Since then, Director of Street Outreach and Housing Tish Strickland and her team have spoken to Robert a handful of times to formalize our arrangement. Tish agreed to allow Robert to refer some clients for housing assistance (Substance Abuse Specialist Olivia is currently working with someone he referred to us) in exchange for us being able to refer clients to SVDP for furniture assistance.

They just assisted a lady who is a client in our Street Outreach and Housing and The Women's Room programs, someone we had previously put into bridge housing, because she is now moving into permanent housing. They are assessing her furniture needs and have given her a \$300 Walmart card. We also referred a five-person family to them. SVDP is going to provide the family with furniture as well as a \$200 Amazon card and \$300 Target card.

Tish has let Robert know that we had five or six households pending permanent housing and they are prepared to receive the rest of the referrals from us (though we may ultimately be able to refer more than that). Robert has also connected us with someone at UCLA in the hope that we can get some UCLA MSW interns in the future. This relationship with SVDP is a wonderful partnership and we look forward to it continuing for many years to come.

Speaking of many years to come, we recently hosted our first official [legacy giving workshop](#), introducing people to our Forever Friends

program, in which you can make a request to leave FID in your will, set up a trust, or take advantage other planned giving opportunities to create a lasting legacy. The presentation was recorded and has been viewed by dozens of people, in addition to those that attended in real time on Zoom. We hope that you will consider adding FID to your estate planning. If you do, [this simple form](#) allows you to let us know, without necessarily providing us with any of the exact details - it is just helpful for us to have the basic information. If you have any questions, or want to learn more, please contact Merria, our Senior Director of Development, at merriav@friendsindeedpas.org.

Apparently we are going from horrible heat to potential torrential rains this weekend, so stay safe either way. When we think about the climate disasters growing more deadly with each passing day, we know that our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors are the hardest hit by our continued refusal to change our ways.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Forever Friends Legacy Society

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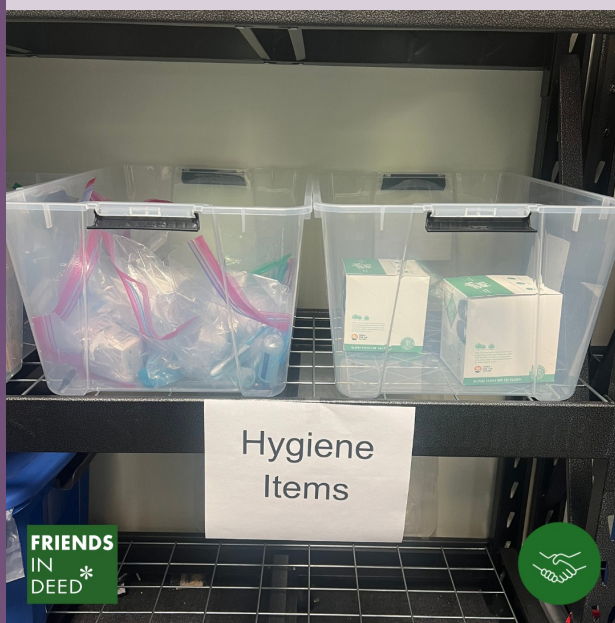


**VoyageLA - Conversations
with Tim Nistler**

Take a look into the inspiring journey of Tim Nistler, the driving force behind our Food Pantry program. From pursuing acting dreams to leading



impactful change, Tim's story is one of compassion and community service...[Read more.](#)



Hygiene Items Needed

The Street Outreach and Housing team is in need of your support this summer! Some items that would greatly benefit these programs include condoms and wipes for safe sex and hygiene kits, feminine hygiene products, and hot weather supplies such as electrolytes and cooling towels to prevent dehydration and heat stroke. Our [Amazon wish lists](#) are updated for online orders... [Read more.](#)



Writing Workshop at TWR

The writing workshop in TWR encourages guests to express their thoughts on a variety of themes, from day-to-day challenges to the things that bring them joy. For a recent project, participants made books with pretty paper covers filled with pages of writing prompts designed to get the self-expression flowing. After completing their books, several of the women shared what they'd written with the others around the table, and a first-time participant—a new guest at TWR—shed a few emotional tears as she opened up... [Read more.](#)

News and Events

Water Bottles Needed!

Summertime heat is especially dangerous for people experiencing homelessness. Please consider purchasing an extra case of water bottles next time you are at the market. On-site donations are appreciated Fridays and Saturdays from 9am to 3pm at 444 E. Washington Blvd.



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