



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Patricia and her caregiver William, both disabled seniors on Social Security, contacted our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program (EPRA) seeking move-in assistance. Living on fixed incomes, they shared subsidized housing with support from a City of Pasadena housing voucher. The landlord said they were wonderful tenants, but the current owners no longer wanted to participate in the voucher program. So, they had to move.

Patricia requires an oxygen tank and she mentioned to EPRA Assistant Director, Marlene Martinez, that the stress of the situation was causing her to have difficulty breathing and starting to compromise her health. Being on limited, fixed incomes, there was no way for them to save money to pay the security deposit or first and last month's rent. Moving is expensive and these costs were not covered by the housing voucher.

EPRA makes it a high priority to help tenants maintain their affordable housing. Fortunately, when Patricia reached out to us, our program had available funding to cover the move-in expenses. The new property owner, a landlord that EPRA had dealt with before, was willing to accept our payment. Patricia and William are now living comfortably in their new apartment.

These stories are all too common, especially with the lack of affordable housing and the high cost of rent in our city. We are grateful for the ability to assist folks like Patricia and William, elders in our community, who don't deserve to be struggling so hard just to stay in their homes.

Of course, we cannot do any of this without your generous support. We appreciate the 85 donors who made Giving Tuesday donations this week, totaling \$20,925! Dozens of supporters also went to [Lavender & Honey Espresso Bar](#), who donated 50% of their day's sales to FID, adding another \$1,425 to the day's tally. We are very grateful for all who participated, and on Tuesday 12/5 we will be drawing the names of the two donors who will win a beautiful set of

[Craftsman Cookies](#), generously provided by Katrina Werner ([craftsmancookies@gmail.com](mailto:craftsmancookies@gmail.com)).

With December upon us, you will be hearing from me every week about opportunities to give generously, so we can continue to help the thousands of people that come through our doors each year. By now, you should have received our Winter Appeal mailed letter – please open it, read the stories we have shared, and [donate](#)! This is the time of year when “doing together what we cannot do alone” can be a beacon of light for the most vulnerable in our community. And thank you!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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**We can only operate with your help!**

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**Forever Friends Legacy Society**

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**Get Social**



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### **Girl Scout Troop 1855**

Hats off to the amazing Brownie Troop 1855 at Jackson Elementary School in Altadena! These young change makers organized a food drive for our Food Pantry and went the extra mile to deliver the donations...[Read more.](#)



## Welcome Isaac!

We have a new team member! Isaac joined the Street Outreach and Housing team in 2023. Prior to that, he obtained extensive Pasadena outreach experience by working with both the PORT and HOPE teams. Isaac is passionate about working with individuals experiencing homelessness and giving back to the community due to his own lived experience...[Read more.](#)



## Justice Cares

The service branch of the Justice Law group, Justice Cares, brought a fully catered Thanksgiving feast from Buca di Beppo last Tuesday for The Women's Room guests. They went above and beyond and also brought 50 handmade gift bags with Bath & Body Works products...[Read more.](#)



## A Big Birthday Gift

Big heart, little hands: On her 9th birthday, she skipped the presents and, with the support of friends and family, brought 400 pounds of food and toiletries to our Food Pantry. A big shoutout





to the birthday girl who chose to make a difference...[Read more.](#)



## New Intern: Rae

Welcome to new Street Outreach and Housing intern, Rae! Rae is a Masters of Social Work student at California State University, Northridge, joining the FID team in October 2023. Rae has also worked as a union Camera Assistant in the film/television industry, a bicycle mechanic, documentarian, and more...[Read more.](#)

## News and Events

### Vroman's Giving Tree

We're pleased to partner with Vroman's this holiday season. Head to the Children's Department at either Vroman's location (695 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101 \*OR\* 3729 E Foothill Blvd Pasadena, CA 91107) to purchase a gift to donate through December 10th!

**FRIENDS IN DEED**  
*Giving Tree*

**Every Giving Tree Purchase  
will receive a 20% discount**



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Bring joy to a disadvantaged child this holiday season by visiting our "Giving Trees" located at our Colorado Blvd and Hastings Ranch stores and donating a gift to a child in need.

**NOVEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 10**

## State of FID Address

Thank you to all who attended our State of FID Address. In case you missed it, [the recording is available for viewing on Zoom](#).

### State of FID Address

11

MONTH

15

DAY

23

YEAR

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