



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Rocio started to fall behind on her rent after her husband passed away two years ago. He was the family provider and she had never finished high school and wasn't working at the time. Our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRa) program assisted her for a few months, and she found assistance through other COVID rental relief programs.

Rocio recently returned to our program for assistance. She was having trouble finding work and had also gained custody of her youngest granddaughter, who was now living with her. Rocio's landlord had waited patiently for many months but had still not received the rent payments. The landlord's patience was running out and they were about to initiate the eviction process when Rocio contacted us. She and her granddaughter were at imminent risk of eviction and becoming homeless.

Marlene worked closely with the client and her landlord to come up with a payment plan that allowed Rocio and her granddaughter to stay in their affordable rental unit and catch up on back rent. Rocio secured permanent employment and was confident that she could pay her rent going forward. After four months of Friends In Deed's assistance and hands-on case management from Marlene (in Spanish, thanks to Marlene's bilingual skills) the arrears have been paid and Rocio is set to begin paying her rent and maintaining rent sustainability in the future. We are grateful that we could assist this family to continue living and renting a home that they can afford.

We are seeing so many folks who are struggling financially now that all the COVID funds have ended – including, this week, when we were inundated with people who had unpaid utility bills and were getting services turned off because the Department of Water and Power has started collecting again. We will continue to provide as much support as we can as people try to stay on their feet.

A key way in which you can help us to help all those in need is to [support our upcoming outdoor movie night fundraiser](#), **Stories from**

the Street. We are just over halfway to our goal, so if you haven't contributed, don't wait! We are keeping the overhead very low on this event so that the overwhelming majority of the funds raised will go directly to our programs and services.

Finally, tonight begins Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. In our tradition, we wish each other a Shana Tovah, a healthy, happy, sweet, and peaceful new year. May the renewal of this season be an inspiration to reach even deeper and help even more people.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



Stories from the Street

Experience an unforgettable night under the stars at our outdoor movie night fundraiser, featuring *The Soloist* on Saturday, October 14th at Farnsworth Park in Altadena. Support our fundraiser, come enjoy a movie, and walk away with a little more awareness around homelessness. Join in making a positive impact and enjoying a night of entertainment!

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Short features ahead of the movie will highlight local stories from FID clients, as well as an exclusive introduction by LA Times Columnist and author of the book, "The Soloist," Steve Lopez.



More information [available here.](#)

We can only operate with your help!

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Forever Friends Legacy Society

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TWR's Sweet Sixteen

We celebrate sixteen incredible years of compassion, connection, and dignity at The Women's Room. □ We reflect on our journey, honor the incredible women we've served, and look ahead to a future filled with hope and possibility. Guests, volunteers, and staff celebrated with cake, haircuts, and makeovers, and heard some inspiring words from Jackie Knowles, one of TWR's founders... [Read more.](#)



Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for a wonderful evening at the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ! Your dedication and support mean the world to us, and it was truly special to celebrate together. A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing, grilling, and preparing the delicious food spread... [Read more.](#)



Welcome, Seth!

We have another new team member! Seth Reid is an MSW intern for our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but has lived in Southern California most of his life. He earned his BA in English at UCLA. He has worked in education all over Los Angeles, and he is now pursuing becoming a School Social Worker by getting his MSW online at the University of Kentucky. In his

News and Events

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Leaving a Lasting Legacy event! We hope you enjoyed the presentation on planned giving by Certified Financial Planner Juan C. Ros. For those not able to attend live, please click below to listen/watch at your own convenience:

[Recording Available Here!](#)



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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