



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

This past week saw the return of our bad weather shelter! I want to give a huge thank you to our new director, Laura Van Alstine, and her team, for getting it organized and set up - especially on shorter notice than usual. We had 12 folks who came to stay over on Monday, which is a small number, but we anticipated that it would not be that large since this was the first night of the season and the first time in several years that we have had a shelter. We will be activated this weekend, Saturday-Tuesday, covering the approaching rain, our regular Monday, and the night of the homeless count. If you're interested in volunteering, [please contact Laura](#).



BWS staff and Azusa Pacific University nursing students setting up the shelter.



APU nursing students setting up the shelter.



Dedicated Food Pantry volunteers.

I want to just give a big shout out to all our amazing volunteers. There is no way that we could do all the work we do at Friends In Deed without the hundreds of volunteers that give their time every week, every other week, once a month, or just once in a while. As we continue to engage in our strategic planning process it has become apparent, in a very concrete way, that these volunteers would have to be replaced by the work of at least 50 employees if we were to try to maintain the same quantity and quality of service to our most vulnerable neighbors without volunteer help. So, thank you!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Forever Friends Legacy Society

2024-1 Bad Weather Shelter Reopening!

Welcome to 2024! In this first episode of the new year, Rabbi Joshua talks about the Bad Weather

Shelter as this is the first time we will be operating in 3 years! There is a new location, Trinity Lutheran Church, and so Rabbi Joshua has a conversation with Pastor Sharon Richter, who shares her faith journey and why the church is so supportive and excited to be the new host.

[Listen now.](#)



Get Social



Staff Strategic Planning

This month, our team spent time exploring new ideas and refining our strategies to better serve our community. We're grateful for the collaborative energy and excited for these impactful initiatives! A special thanks to Julie from Leadership Savvy for helping facilitate these vital conversations...[Read more.](#)



Huntington Health Philanthropy

A big thank you to the dedicated members of the Huntington Health Philanthropy team for lending their time and compassion in assembling toiletry kits for The Women's Room and Street Outreach and Housing programs. Their commitment to caring for the community shines through every carefully packed item...[Read more.](#)

News and Events

Volunteers Needed for the 2024 Bad Weather Shelter Season

We are proud to be able to operate the Bad Weather Shelter once again this season. With generous funding from the City of Pasadena, and thanks to our new partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church, we have a new location that can accommodate up to 50 individuals on cold or rainy nights. Please consider contacting Laura Van Alstine, Director of the Bad Weather Shelter, at laurav@friendsindeedpas.org or 626-797-2402 x120 to sign up for volunteer opportunities this year.



ACTS Thrift Store Partnership

If you wish to donate non-grocery items, bring your gently used items to ACTS Thrift Store (1311 N Altadena Dr, Pasadena, CA 91104).

Accepted donations include: clothing, shoes, hats, bags, books, household goods, and accessories. **Please tell them you are making your donation on behalf of Friends In Deed**, and we will receive store credit that allows our clients to shop for themselves, which is a wonderful and empowering solution.

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Bad Weather Shelter

Beginning January 15th, Pasadena residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness can visit Trinity Lutheran Church (997 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena CA 91106) **every Monday and on weather-activated nights.**

Enrollment is between 7 and 9pm. The shelter will operate on cold or rainy nights - when the weather is forecast to be 40 degrees or below, or there is more than 40% chance of rain or wind. The shelter will provide a hot meal, cot to sleep on, restrooms, and additional access to case management and other services as needed.



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EVERY MONDAY & ON WEATHER-ACTIVATED* NIGHTS

January 15th through April 30th, 2024 | Lineup starts at 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church | 997 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena CA 91106
(shelter is located in the back of the church on Locust Street)

BAD WEATHER SHELTER OFFERINGS:

Hot Meal
Blanket and Cot
Restrooms

Mondays:
Nurse Visits
Wellness Checks

Limited to 50 Adult Guests
Weather-Activated*
8:00 pm - 8:00 am

*Weather Activation Criteria can be found at bit.ly/paswinter

PLEASE CALL 888.915.8111 TO FIND OUT IF THE SHELTER IS OPEN ON WEATHER-ACTIVATED NIGHTS.



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