

**Doing together what we cannot do alone*



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Please watch this video and then read the heartfelt testimonial below.



"This is a letter of appreciation to Friends In Deed Non-Profit Organization (The Women's Room) for their excellent support in the well-being and lives of its recipients and participants. It is with sincere gratitude that I write this correspondence for their excellence in bridging the gap by facilitating healing and wholeness during the Fall and Winter Season of 2023.

"In my opinion, I would like to think that there is no one who would possibly desire to experience the challenges and traumas of being

impacted by one of the ills of our society - being un-housed, 'homeless' especially during the Christmas Holiday season. It is because of caring organizations such as Friends In Deed/The Women's Room (TWR), that you, Friends In Deed/The Women's Room are among many organizations that are keeping hope alive.

"I am grateful to God that Friends In Deed/TWR exist. They are one of the reasons that I, too, am able to celebrate life and keep my faith, hope, and trust alive. Because of the kindness of TWR's sponsors that give to Friends In Deed/The Women's Room, I was able to appropriate a 10-day hotel voucher and experience being warm, and out of danger from the streets or riding the bus at night.

"Also, thank you for the gracious volunteers that serve every week in one way or another; packing snack bags, food, cooking and preparing delicious meals for breakfast and lunch, performing laundry responsibilities, so that we can maintain our health and wellness on all levels of life; physically, mentally, emotionally, and psychologically. My heart is warmed by the sensitivity and empathy of the youth and children that participated this year, creating nice greeting cards that provide joy to us all. Wow! Thank you so very much.

"Thank you to all private and non-private donors that have donated funds for clothing, blankets, rugs, luggage, blankets, and hygiene care products etc. You are making a huge, concrete, major difference in countless lives. In my heart, I can honestly say that, 'Everyone that is homeless on the city streets does NOT desire to be un-housed.' Many lives have been sabotaged in one way or another economically (financially), and their lives have been devastated and resulted in layered traumatization that is inclusive of being un-housed temporarily or chronically. I am praying and believing that sustainable housing can be experienced by the homeless population and that the numbers for homelessness would ultimately decrease significantly to a realistic 10%."

Cordially,

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Blessings and have a lovely rest of 2023,
Rabbi Joshua



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FID OFFICES CLOSED
Friday 12/22 - Monday 1/1



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Forever Friends Legacy Society

Get Social



New Horizon School

Once again our young friends at New Horizon School Pasadena showed their giving spirit with their annual food drive. Not only did they collect the food but they loaded the van too. Thank you, New Horizon School ☐☐...[Read more.](#)



Staff Holiday Dinner

Friends In Deed staff members were treated to a well-deserved holiday party so they could all come together before an upcoming winter break. Our team works tirelessly in many different ways to serve folks in our local community and we truly appreciate all of their hard work in *doing together what we cannot do alone ☐...[Read more.](#)



Vroman's Bookstore

We couldn't do Christmas for the Kids without Vroman's Bookstore. We've been partnering with them since the beginning and Jen Ramos is the one who makes it happen. Thank you, Vroman's, Vroman's customers, and Jen for helping us make Christmas happy for so many! ☐☐...[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, we have a partnership with ACTS Thrift Store in Pasadena. Please tell them you are making your donation on behalf of Friends In Deed, and we receive store credit. Then our clients and guests can shop for themselves, since it is difficult to know exactly what each person's needs will be. ACTS Thrift Store is located at 1311 N. Altadena Dr., on the SW corner of Washington and Altadena. Their phone number is 626-577-4477. ACTS also accepts donations of toys, books, electronics, and miscellaneous household items.

State of FID Address

Thank you to all who attended our State of FID Address. In case

CLOSET CLEAN OUT?

Bring your gently used clothing items to ACTS Thrift Store (1311 N Altadena Dr, Pasadena, CA 91104)

Clothes, shoes, hats, bags, scarves and other accessories too!

Please tell them you are making your donation on behalf of Friends In Deed, and we receive store credit. Then our clients and guests can shop for themselves, since it is difficult to know exactly what each person's needs will be.

you missed it, [the recording is available for viewing on Zoom.](#)

State of FID Address

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MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Recording available for viewing on Zoom



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