

## **Weekly Message**

#### Dear Friend,

A family came to our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program (EPRA) while the mother was still on maternity leave. She had developed complications from the delivery and her doctor wanted her to stay home and not work for an additional few months. She was receiving payments from her employer for the leave, but that just covered the normal time off. She had already submitted paperwork to the EDD office for an extension but when she contacted us, her case was still pending. With a felony conviction on his record, her spouse was having a difficult time finding permanent employment. He occasionally had side jobs, but the income was not enough to cover their rent.

The family reached out to us when they received a 3-Day Notice from their landlord. They were a few months behind on their rent and the landlord was ready to begin the eviction process. EPRA was able to negotiate a payment plan with the property manager to keep this family with two young children housed. Meanwhile, the mother is now able to work part time and is making progress with her health. She let our Assistant Director of EPRA, Marlene, know that she will soon be able to return to work full time. EPRA was also able to make a referral to an employment resource for the spouse to help him find employment. This story demonstrates how EPRA assistance is given with the intended goal of stabilizing participants' living conditions, preventing homelessness, and achieving long term rent sustainability.



Assistant Director of EPRA Marlene speaking with an EPRA client.

An update on the Bad Weather Shelter: with the cold and rain this week and next, the shelter will be open. We are glad to see that the numbers have been steadily increasing as the season progresses. Last night we had nearly 40 people, which is double what we were seeing the first two weeks. And 18 of them were women, which is an unusual percentage in comparison to previous years. However, of those 18, we were encouraged to see that 11 of them were already guests in the Women's Room, meaning that they are able to use many of the services that FID offers, which is an ongoing goal for us. Kudos to our Director of BWS, Laura Van Alstine, and her whole team, for their hard work - always offered with compassion and dignity.

As always, we can only do our work with your help and support, so consider a donation today!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend, Rabbi Joshua



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### **Forever Friends Legacy Society**

## **Get Social**









#### **Intern Spotlight: Nora**

We're so proud of The Women's Room MSW intern Nora (pictured here with a guest's dog, September) for partnering with the Pasadena Humane Society who generously donated two dog crates and kibble for the beloved support animals of our TWR quests...Read more.



# Huntington Health Philanthropy

Thank you to Huntington Health for the incredible donation from their MLK food drive! 
Weighing in at 2,200 pounds, this contribution not only replenished our Food Pantry but also bolstered supplies for our Street Outreach and Housing team. Much appreciated, Huntington Health...Read more.



#### St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Thank you to Galvin, Reverend Carri, and Tom from St. Mark's Episcopal Church for donating the proceeds from another wonderful Christmas tree fundraiser. We're grateful for your ongoing support□...Read more.

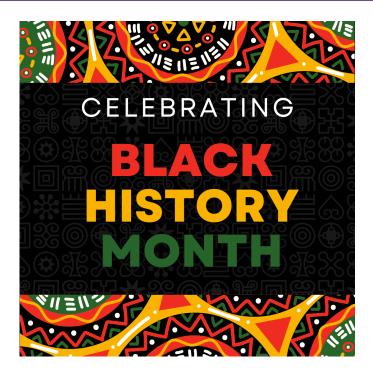
## **News and Events**

#### **Warm Clothing Needed**

BWS is in need of warm clothing for clients at the shelter.

<u>Donations are only accepted on weather-activated nights, from 6-7:30pm.</u> Drop off at Trinity Lutheran Church (984 Locust Street, Pasadena, 91106). Please park in the lot on the east side of the building, and look for BWS security.







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