



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Here is a great story from this week in The Women's Room (TWR), one that shows how we are not only providing a safe space and needed services, but we are also offering ladies opportunities to grow and develop themselves.

Nora, who is an MSW intern in TWR, recently established a partnership with [My Dog Is My Home](#), a national nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness and their companion animals. They provided insight to TWR on how we can better support our guests with these incredibly important animals. This led to us providing outside crates through the Pasadena Humane Society, as well as food and bedding for our clients' loved ones.

My Dog Is My Home is celebrating its 10-year anniversary, and inquired if we knew of any people who could potentially share a story at their event. Lindsey, Jane and Jenny knew Denise would be a perfect fit! Since being housed last year, Denise has been expanding her advocacy efforts with opportunities through FID and the city of Pasadena. My Dog Is My Home provided speech training and compensation to the speakers.

Last Saturday, Denise shared about her dog, Arwen, and how she truly saved her life when they were unhoused. Denise gave a huge shout out to Friends In Deed for getting them off the streets and into a safe home. Of course, TWR attended the event to support Denise and cheer her on! We are excited to see where her public speaking and advocacy journey takes her.



Denise and Arwen sharing their story at the My Dog Is My Home event.



TWR staff supporting Denise at the My Dog is My Home event.

And don't forget that next Thursday, February 29th, is [FID Giving Day!](#) We are leaping into action to raise funds to support all of our programs, and we need everyone's help. Our goal is 366 donors (extra day, leap year), and when we reach that, our good friends at the Lawrence A. Appley Family Foundation will donate \$25,000! Be a part of the fun-jump to it!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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

**Donate today**

**Forever Friends Legacy Society**

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# Get Social



## Local Bake Sale

June and Ford, with a little help from their friends Gus and Olympia, baked up a storm and turned their delicious creations into a donation for our Food Pantry. Every treat they sold is a gesture of kindness. Thank you for spreading joy and sustenance to those in need...[Read more.](#)



## Throop Church

Rachel and Cynthia from Throop Unitarian Universalist Church brought more than supplies; they brought compassion. Sack lunches, shoes, socks, and blankets are all crucial supplies for our Street Outreach and Housing program. A huge thank you for making a meaningful impact...[Read more.](#)



## BWS Volunteers

Grateful for the Pasadena Jaycees lending their helping hands at the Bad Weather Shelter! Their enthusiasm and hard work in setting up and serving meals are truly appreciated. Thank you for being champions of compassion...[Read more.](#)

## News and Events

### Jump into action: Giving Day

We're reaching high for [Giving Day 2024](#) and hope you are ready to join us! Our goal this year is to secure **366 donors on Thursday, February 29th**, representing each day of the 2024 calendar year. Be ready to jump into action on February 29th!



### Golfing for Good

Golfing for Good is taking place on Friday, April 5, 2024 at Brookside Golf Club. [Registration is now open!](#)



### Warm Clothing Needed

BWS is in need of warm clothing for clients at the shelter. Donations are only accepted on weather-activated nights, from 6-7:30pm. 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.

Members of the community can call 888-915-8111 at any time to find out if the shelter is activated.

A graphic with a green border. It features an illustration of three people (two men and one child) with boxes of clothing. Below the illustration is the text "Help protect your neighbors this winter season with a donation to Friends In Deed's BAD WEATHER SHELTER".

Help protect your neighbors this winter season with a donation to Friends In Deed's

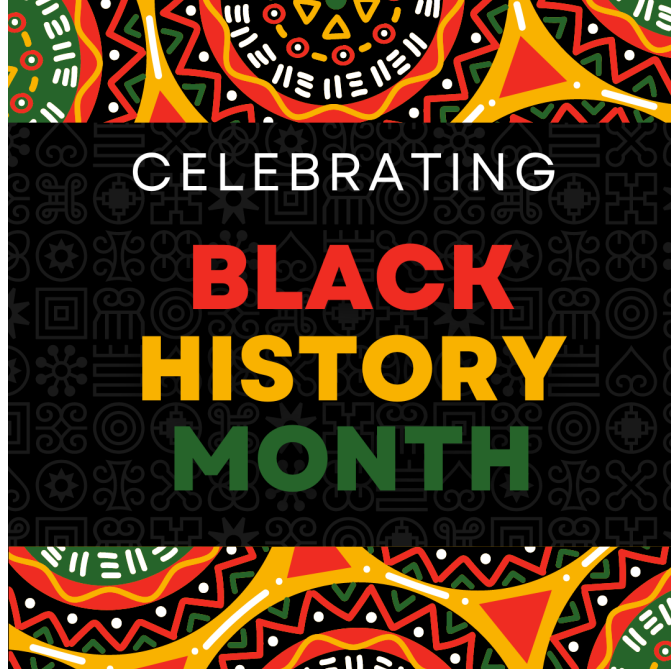
### BAD WEATHER SHELTER

**SUPPLIES:**  
ponchos  
umbrellas  
hand & foot warmers

**CLOTHING:**  
(new or gently used)  
coats/jackets  
sweatpants/pants  
sweatshirts/sweaters  
tee shirts/long sleeve shirts  
new underwear - men/women  
thermals  
shoes  
scarves  
gloves

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