



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

I have heard Tim, Director of the Food Pantry, talk about the pantry as three communities: volunteers, clients, and a combination of volunteers and clients. Here is what he means. Many of our volunteers come on specific days and times, so there are the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday crews, and they know each other; many of the clients come on specific days and times so they know each other; and many of the volunteers know the clients that come during their shifts. Volunteers have become friends, clients are excited to see the other people that come when they do, and volunteers and clients look forward to seeing one another.

When I asked for some examples, Eva, our Food Pantry Manager, shared some lovely moments. "Shoppers help us do the lottery—there is always someone willing to hold on to the tickets after we call the numbers, and another person holds the pitcher where we keep the tickets before we call the numbers out. Sometimes, we have to put up canopies out front because of the rain or sun. When we go out with the canopies, it is very common for folks to get up and help us put them up. The pantry community also helps each other. They will explain how the lottery works to new people, and share important information such as our hours and events with each other." It is truly a unique part of our pantry operations: we don't just offer healthy food, we offer friendship, camaraderie, and a sense of warmth, with compassion and dignity.



Faithful Food Pantry volunteers.

We are just a few weeks away from our 51st Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast! Thank you to those that have already bought tickets or sponsorships. You won't want to miss this event, and our speaker [Dr. Melissa Ramirez](#) of Caltech, so please [get your tickets, buy a table, become a sponsor and join us](#). You can get all of the information on our website- bring friends and family, members of your congregation, colleagues, associates-see you on May 2nd!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Forever Friends Legacy Society

Get Social



FID Board at the Bad Weather Shelter

Our dedicated board members helped with set-up and check-in, and served meals at the Bad Weather Shelter last week. Thank you for your leadership and embodying our commitment to serving the community...[Read more.](#)



Vivian's Birthday Donation

Turning 7 never looked so compassionate! This year, Vivian asked for donations to our Food Pantry instead of birthday gifts. With the support of family and friends, she not only filled our shelves with groceries but also raised money to further our mission. Thank you for sharing your special day with our pantry community...[Read more.](#)



Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition 'Fried Ride'

Rain or shine, we're grateful for the cyclists from Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition who braved the weather for our Food Pantry last month! Their 'Fried Ride' brought donations and smiles, showcasing their commitment to our community. Thank you for your support and for making a difference...[Read more.](#)

News and Events

51st Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

[Tickets are now available for the 51st Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast](#) taking place on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 7:30-9:00 AM at the Pasadena Convention Center. Friends In Deed is proud to once again be hosting this event, where hundreds of community members, Pasadena residents, local leaders, and the interfaith community come together with Mayor Victor M. Gordo for a morning of peace, prayer, and reflection under the theme: ***Leaping Into the Future***



Join Mayor Victor M. Gordo, Community Members, Pasadena Residents, Civic, Business, Student, and Educational Leaders, and the Interfaith Community

51ST ANNUAL PASADENA MAYOR'S

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

HOSTED BY FRIENDS IN DEED

THURSDAY
May 2
7:30-9:00 AM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 AM

PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
GET TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISITING [FRIENDSINDEEDPAS.ORG/MIPB](https://friendsindeedpas.org/mipb)

Leaping Into the Future!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. MELISSA RAMIREZ

ORGANIC CHEMIST & PASADENA NATIVE

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Golfing for Good

We still have some availability to join in! For sponsorship opportunities, or further information, please visit friendsindeedpas.org/golf.



FRIENDS IN DEED * **GOLFING for GOOD**

RESCHEDULED:
Monday, May 6th, 2024

Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue

Calling all volunteers! We want to celebrate YOU as an integral part of our community. Please join us for our Friends In Deed Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Thursday, April 25th from 4-6pm at Farnsworth Park in Altadena for a casual afternoon of activities, music, tasty BBQ courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, and community!



FRIENDS IN DEED * **Volunteer Appreciation BBQ**

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Farnsworth Park in Altadena



Please [RSVP Here!](#)

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