

### **Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

Today was supposed to be our Golfing for Good tournament – but the weather had other plans! It has been rescheduled for Monday, May 6th, which means there is additional time to be a sponsor, buy a tee sign, or <u>make a donation</u>. We appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to a sunny day in May.

And now it is time to pay attention to our next big event – the 51st Annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast! It is going to be May 2nd (all the details are in the flier below), and we are ready for table sponsorships and RSVPs. Our theme this year is "Leap into the Future," and we are excited to announce that our keynote speaker is <a href="Dr. Melissa Ramirez">Dr. Melissa Ramirez</a>, an organic chemist and Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar at Caltech. She is a first-generation Latina born to Mexican immigrants, and a Pasadena native. It promises to be an inspiring morning of reflection, community, prayer, and inspiration, so don't miss it – <a href="get your tickets and sponsorships now!">get your tickets and sponsorships now!</a>

A quick word about the Food Pantry: for many years, at different times and when they were available, Earthwise Reusable Bags would donate bags that were perfect for our community's groceries. Tim, Director of the Food Pantry, recently reached back out to his contact at Earthwise and they responded with 10,000 Grand Canyon-themed reusable bags. This is a fantastic donation and one that we will be able to take advantage of for many months. It was especially needed this week since we set another record: 660 households!



Food Pantry Associate Kristina poses with the haul of Earthwise Reusable bags.

Finally, I want to give a shout-out to FID board member, longtime supporter, and my personal friend, Debby Singer. Debby is being given a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Men's Club of Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center. She has dedicated her life to education, building community, and caring for others. On behalf of all of us at Friends In Deed, we send congratulations and mazel tov on a most deserved recognition!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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#### **Girl Scout Cookie Donation**

Shoutout to Maddie from Troop 3181 for donating boxes of Girl Scout cookies! Our Food Pantry community appreciates the sweet treats...Read more.



## Careers Advancing Gender Justice Panel at PCC

Director of The Women's Room Lindsey was honored to speak at Pasadena City College's Careers Advancing Gender Justice panel last week, sharing insights and experiences on advancing gender equity. As Women's HERstory Month concludes, we continue to champion progress and empowerment for all women...Read more.



#### **Warm Clothing Donation**

Thank you to Annie Pico and her family for their thoughtful donation of new jackets, fleeces, and socks to our Street Outreach and Housing team! These items will provide warmth and comfort to those in need...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

### **Golfing for Good**

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





#### **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.

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





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