



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Last year, our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program (EPRA) assisted Oliver, a disabled 59-year-old man, who like many seniors had lost his job and fallen behind on his rent. He reached out to Friends In Deed after he received a Three-Day Notice to Pay Rent or Quit. The unemployment insurance he was receiving was not enough money to cover his rent and his other monthly expenses. Oliver was already working with a resource case manager to help him find work, and a social worker who was assisting him with his disability, when he reached out to EPRA for rental assistance. It was difficult for him to find work because of his back problems and his age.

EPRA helped him pay off his arrears and also provided short-term rental assistance while he diligently worked with his case managers to find employment. EPRA's help allowed Oliver to focus on securing employment to support himself without the additional financial stress of worrying about paying the rent. After our assistance ended, we were delighted to hear from Oliver that he had gained employment and also submitted long-term disability paperwork in order to provide a fixed income going forward.

To understand what our older adult neighbors are facing today, this is a chart recently released by the [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#). The next episode of my podcast will focus on this issue, as I have a conversation with our Director of EPRA, Stacey McCarroll.

WHAT'S DRIVING HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

BY THE NUMBERS

5 million the number of people 65+ living below the poverty line

2.35 million the number of older adult households paying more than half of their limited income on rent

138,098 the number of individuals 55+ who experience homelessness on a given night

\$554 the average Supplemental Security Income benefit for older adults with low incomes

\$1,702 the average monthly rent for an apartment in the U.S.

7.3 million the shortage of affordable and available rental units for the lowest income people



We are now onto our next exciting fundraising event: **Cooking for a Cause!** Last year's cooking competition was such a success we are doing it again this year, although at a new location. We are thrilled to be partnering with our friends at [Agnes Restaurant & Cheesery](#) in Old Town Pasadena. It is taking place on Monday, June 24th from 5:30-7:30pm, and sponsorships are now available! There are lots of levels available and a variety of ways you can participate. [Click here](#) for all the details!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

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Forever Friends Legacy Society

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Hand and ear warmers donation

Shoutout to Sally Hurtado of Girl Scouts Troop 5571 for her incredible generosity! Her handmade hand and ear warmers, scarves, blankets, and beanies for her Silver Award 2024 will bring warmth and comfort to those in need. Thank you, Sally, for your kindness and compassion...[Read more.](#)



San Marino High School

Eva and Kristina represented Friends In Deed at San Marino High School's Internship Fair! It was a great opportunity to engage with students and share about the work we do in the community. Thank you, San Marino High School, for hosting this event...[Read more.](#)

News and Events

Cooking for a Cause

Friends In Deed is looking for competitors to appear in Cooking for a Cause 2024. Aspiring young chefs will have the opportunity to cook on-site during the live event. Applications are due Friday, May 24th at midnight. [Click here](#) to apply!



Pasadena Gardens Self-Guided Tour

Friends In Deed's drought-

tolerant garden is featured on a self-guided tour hosted by Pasadena Water and Power for the month of May. We're thrilled to showcase our garden to the community. If you're in the area, be sure to stop by!



Farm Fresh to You

Revitalize your plate with organic goodness! Our partnership with Farm Fresh To You lets you enjoy fresh, organic produce delivered to your door, and 10% goes back to supporting Friends In Deed. It's a win-win for healthy living and community support! Just visit [Farm Fresh to You to sign up](#).

If you are a current customer, [use this link to automatically add the fundraising code](#):
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