



## **Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

In these weekly emails I often share a story of one person or family that has been helped by FID. And yet, in the same week, hundreds of people will have come through our doors seeking food, rental assistance, housing, toiletries, harm reduction kits, a shower, a meal, or just a place for comfort, connection, rest, and love. One of our highest priorities - in fact it is central to our mission - is that each person, no matter who they are, where they are coming from, or what their circumstances are, receives compassion and dignity. And this is true even if we cannot provide the exact help they are seeking. So, while I might highlight one person in this email, rest assured that for us, every person has a name, a face, and a story worthy of being shared. This is why the staff and volunteers of Friends In Deed are so incredible, and why I am so proud to be a part of this dedicated, hardworking, and inspiring team.



Thank you to everyone who joined us last Saturday night for our Stories from the Street event – people had a great time, we raised much-needed funds for our programs, and many folks commented that they were very moved by the movie. Huge shout-out to Merria, Elyse, and Dani, our awesome development team, for making it happen, and to the staff and volunteers who helped at the event. And congratulations again to our honorees: First United Methodist Church Pasadena, We Olive Pasadena and Ervan Galvan, and the TWR Design Angels.



I wrote this earlier in the week, as yesterday and today mark the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. To all who are celebrating, Shana Tovah; may it be a sweet and healthy new year.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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

**Donate today to be part of our story!**

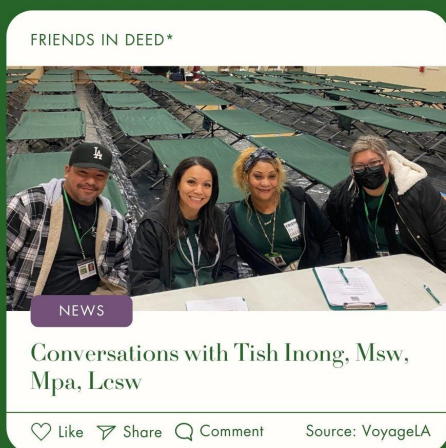


## Get Social



### What an unforgettable night!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who made our 2024 Stories from the Street event a huge success. We are truly grateful to all our sponsors, attendees, and donors who supported this special evening of community and compassion...[Learn more.](#)



### Director of Street Outreach and Housing, Tish Inong, featured in VoyageLA Magazine

Tish shares her incredible journey—from growing up in Santa Barbara and facing housing instability, to discovering her passion for social work and becoming a leader at Friends In Deed. Her story is one of perseverance, community service, and dedication to helping those facing homelessness in Pasadena...[Read more.](#)

## Our Stories from the Street Honorees

This year, we honored three monumental partners whose support has been crucial to our mission. Each honoree shared a brief video reflecting on their connection to Friends In Deed and the significance of our work together.

### First United Methodist Church Pasadena

Watch Now



Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken  
Pastor, First United Methodist Church  
Pasadena, CA



Ervin Galvan  
Owner, We Olive & Wine Bar  
Pasadena, CA

## We Olive Pasadena and owner Ervin Galvan

Watch Now



Reggie Ursettie  
Women's Room Design Angels  
Friends In Deed

## The Women's Room Design Angels

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# News and Events

## The October Calendar for The Women's Room is now available!

Check out the full line-up of activities throughout the month...[Learn more.](#)

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime...[Learn more.](#)



## Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15

This month, we honor the incredible ways people of color enrich the fabric of Pasadena. From local businesses and artists to advocates and leaders, their impact touches every corner of our city. Let's celebrate and uplift the voices, stories, and achievements of our Hispanic and Latinx neighbors.



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