

Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

LL found herself struggling to cover the bills alone after a disagreement with her roommate, and she ultimately lost her home. Luckily, a friend told her about Friends In Deed, and that introduction changed everything.

LL not only found refuge at our Bad Weather Shelter during those difficult times, but with our help, she secured a brand-new apartment. Grateful for the support she received, LL paid it forward by volunteering back at the Bad Weather Shelter that helped her through her darkest days. LL's journey reminds us that with the right support, everyone has the potential to rebuild, and even give back.

Stories like LL's are what inspired The Women's Room to open 17 years ago. As you may know, it is incredibly dangerous to be a woman experiencing homelessness. We are blessed to have a safe space for women to come during weekdays to get food, showers, support, and the community they crave. And now, they can do this in an even more beautiful space! <u>The Women's Room remodel is</u> <u>complete</u>, and we are grateful for the initial funding received from a United Way grant, along with additional funds raised by our TWR Design Angels. Next weekend at <u>Stories from the Street</u>, we are honoring these Design Angels for their fundraising, volunteer work, and commitment to remodeling and redesigning The Women's Room over the past several months.



When Director of TWR Lindsey Reed first mentioned to volunteer Jacquie that we had received a remodel grant, little did she know that Jacquie was part of a group like this! This group of interior designers were thinking of retiring a few years back, but they wanted to give back to the community. TWR is the second project they have taken on, and they brought with them connections to contractors along with wonderfully generous family members and friends who attended a "very happy hour" to raise additional funds to complete the project. We are blessed to have Judy, Terri, Patrice, Cris, Reggie, Jacquie, and Margaret in our community, and grateful for all their hard work and commitment to making this project a reality. We hope to see you next Saturday, September 28th for <u>Stories from</u> <u>the Street</u>, in which we honor The Women's Room Design Angels, as well as <u>We Olive Pasadena</u> and owner Ervin Galvan, and <u>First United</u> <u>Methodist Church of Pasadena</u>. Grab a blanket, bring a friend, and come to Farnsworth Park to enjoy live music from <u>Julia Marley</u>, an opportunity drawing, <u>Big Grandma's Kitchen</u> food truck, beverages from We Olive Pasadena, and an excellent movie that will leave us all feeling inspired and empowered to do more for our community members experiencing homelessness. So what are you waiting for? **RSVP NOW** and we will see you next Saturday!

Happy Friday and have a wonderful weekend, Merria Velasco



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We are beyond excited to unveil the stunning remodel of The Women's Room

This new and improved space will offer even more comfort, peace, and respite for our clients—helping them feel safe, cared for, and at home...<u>Read more.</u>



Rabbi Joshua shares some details about our upcoming movie night, Stories from the Street!

This year we're screening The Public, a lighthearted but thought-provoking film about individuals experiencing homelessness...<u>Read more.</u>

News and Events

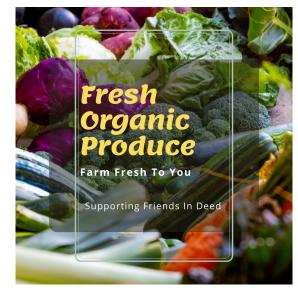
The 2nd Annual Stories from the Street is on Saturday, September 28th Experience an unforgettable night under the stars at Friends In Deed's outdoor movie night fundraiser...<u>Learn more.</u>



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