



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

We are getting excited for [\*Stories from the Street\*](#), which is just a few weeks away! Please consider being a sponsor, making a donation, and - for sure - RSVPing to attend. As part of this year's event we are honoring three different supporters of Friends In Deed, each of which has contributed in very meaningful ways. I am going to highlight them in my weekly emails, starting today with [\*We Olive Pasadena\*](#) and its owner, Ervin Galvan.



*We Olive Pasadena 32 E Colorado Blvd,  
Pasadena, CA 91105*



*Ervin Galvan (right) standing next to  
Immediate Past FID Board President,  
Richard Cheung D.C. (left)*

Ervin has been a staunch supporter of FID in so many ways. He is a dedicated board member, sharing knowledge and expertise concerning local businesses and connections, which have helped amplify our work. After participating in the Leadership Pasadena program, Ervin has sponsored three of our staff to participate in this dynamic and intensive six-month experience. He has shared his restaurant space for many FID events; he has donated countless bottles of wine, olive oil and delicious food platters; and he has been

a steady ambassador for Friends In Deed in the community. We are thrilled to honor Ervin and We Olive Pasadena! Please stop by for a glass of wine or meal and thank Ervin personally.



Despite the incredible heat, summer has come to a close. One of the great aspects of summer is the number of student volunteers we get in the Food Pantry. A few were high school volunteers getting their hours for graduation, but some were college volunteers just helping out while they were home for the summer. We even got a teacher volunteer this summer; he is starting at Chandler this Fall. Some of the colleges represented included Berkeley, Yale, Vassar, PCC, and Cal Poly Pomona. Some were already volunteers when they were in high school and some were brand new volunteers. They all had great energy and were such a delight to have around to help us. They also spoke a variety of languages, including Spanish and Mandarin. Thank you, and good luck back in school!





Finally, with this very dangerous heat, and without a year-round shelter, our most vulnerable neighbors on the street face difficult days and nights. We are grateful for the opening of the cooling station and the public libraries, but these are not open at night. If you are able to carry cold water (in a cooler) in your car to distribute when you see someone, that can truly be a life-saving act. In addition, sunscreen, lip balm, hats, umbrellas for the sun, and energy bars are all vital needs. Thanks for helping to care for those most in need.

A reminder that the city council will be discussing encampments on our streets at the meeting this Monday, 9/9, at 5:30pm. The meeting is in the council chambers at City Hall. Unfortunately, none of the nonprofit agencies were invited to make official presentations, but we will be in attendance to listen and answer questions if asked.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend (drink water!),  
Rabbi Joshua



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## Get Social



### Gifts Come in all Kinds of Packages

In honor of Friends In Deed's 130th birthday, longtime Food Pantry friend, Edichi, offered the Altar Flowers at her church, All Saints of Pasadena...[Read more.](#)

### International Day of Charity Was on Wednesday

There's still time to make a donation to your favorite charity!...[Read more.](#)



# International Day of Charity



\*doing together what we cannot do alone.

## 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...[Learn more.](#)



### 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.](#)

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