



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Shortly after the Eaton Fire, Friends In Deed's Director of the Food Pantry, Tim Nistler, received an unexpected call. A friend of the folks at OK Produce reached out with a simple question: "Could you use fresh produce?"

The answer was an immediate yes.

What followed were two incredible deliveries. The first arrived on a stormy Thursday—120 produce kits, each packed with a variety of fruits and vegetables, weighing 25 pounds apiece. Just a few days later, a second delivery rolled in: four full pallets of fresh produce—cucumbers, zucchini, apples, and oranges.

Between the two shipments, Friends In Deed received nearly 7,000 pounds of fresh food. Because of this generosity, the Food Pantry was able to offer its community something rare: unlimited produce bags for everyone who came in. The gratitude was overwhelming. In a time of need, this fresh food wasn't just nourishment—it was a reminder that kindness and abundance can follow even the hardest of times.

Of the many things people love about our Food Pantry, receiving healthy food, particularly fruits and vegetables, is certainly near the top, if not *the* top. Distributors like OK Produce help us to fulfill that goal and we are so grateful.

As we watch the turmoil being unleashed from Washington, both domestically with massive cuts to key social services, research, healthcare, and other crucial areas of importance to the success of our nation; and globally with the announcement of unprecedented tariffs, I want to assure you that at Friends In Deed, we are working each day to ensure that our clients and guests, the most vulnerable in our community, will not be denied the critical services we provide, like healthy and fresh food. To help be a part of that effort, I urge you to [make a gift](#) to FID today, allowing us to maintain our high standard of compassion and dignity for those most in need.

Finally, today is April 4th, a day that holds specific meaning for me. While we often celebrate people's birthdays in our culture, the Jewish community marks the death of a loved one each year. 58 years ago today, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was taken from us, a leader who inspired so many of the need to raise a loud and clarion call for justice in our nation and world. His leadership continues to be missed today. The song "[Pride](#)" by U2, invokes this day and is one of my favorites.

**'Early evening, April four
A shot rings out in the Memphis sky
Free at last, they took your life
They could not take your pride
In the name of love'**

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today to support our community!

Forever Friends Legacy Society

Get Social



**A huge thank you to Gelson's
Markets customers, employees,
and parent company, PPRM, for
your generosity in supporting
communities impacted by**



wildfires!

We are honored to be one of the organizations benefiting from your incredible fundraising campaign...[Read more.](#)



We can't thank the amazing volunteers from Historic First Lutheran Church enough

One Saturday a month, they come by the Food Pantry to help us prepare home delivery bags for our neighbors in need...[Read more.](#)



Thank you to the City of Pasadena and The Commission on the Status of Women for inviting us to be part of HERstory: Mastering Money – Financial Resilience for Women

It was an inspiring evening filled with expert insights, powerful conversations, and a shared commitment to uplifting women in our community...[Read more.](#)

Please join us in congratulating Rabbi Joshua!



He will be receiving the Rabbi Marvin Gross Social Justice Award from the Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center for his compassion and dedication to supporting our neighbors experiencing homelessness and vulnerability...[Read more.](#)

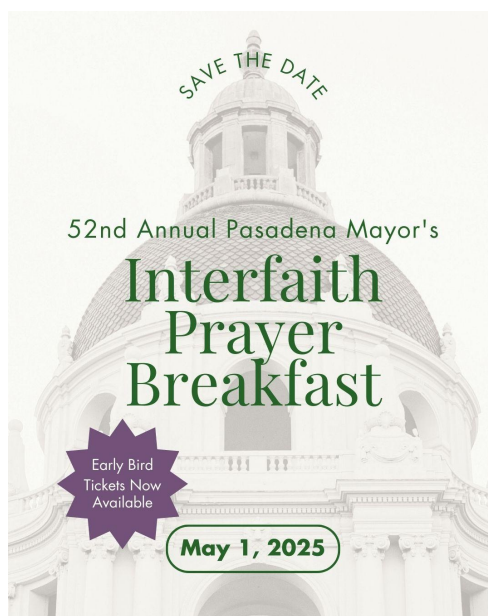
News and Events

52nd Annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Early bird tickets are available until April 10th!

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Bad Weather Shelter

The Bad Weather Shelter is open at Trinity Lutheran Church on a weather-activated basis from January 9th through April 30th.

[View more information on our website.](#)





2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: May 1
Pasadena Convention Center

Golfing for Good: June 9
Brookside Golf Club

Stories from the Street: June 21
One Colorado

Cooking for a Cause: September
Agnes Restaurant and Cheesery

Event dates are subject to change

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Celebrate Diversity Month

APRIL 2025



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