



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

It's Lindsey here! Rabbi Joshua is out of town this week, so I'm stepping in to share this week's message with you.

When I returned from maternity leave in February, I thought I was ready to get back to work. As it turns out—I wasn't quite there yet. After months of bonding with my newborn son, Asher, the thought of leaving him during the day felt overwhelming. Add to that the upheaval of my family being displaced by the fires, and I found myself feeling untethered, craving familiarity, stability, and the reassurance of keeping my baby close.

I certainly didn't expect to find all of that, and more, back at work. I never imagined how beautiful it would be—not just for me, but for everyone around us, to bring Asher to work at Friends In Deed. Thanks to the support and flexibility of this incredible organization, I've been able to bring Asher with me each day to The Women's Room, our day shelter for women experiencing homelessness.



The women in our program absolutely adore him. When we walk through the door, suddenly I'm invisible and Asher is swarmed with more adoring aunties and grandmas than any kid has ever known. Many of the women have told me they don't often get the chance to be around babies anymore and seeing him brings them so much joy. Their faces light up at the sight of him. They offer hugs, small gifts, advice, and so many stories. Quite a few of our guests are mothers themselves, and the stories and wisdom they share have been such precious gifts. It's more than just sweet interactions though; it's healing.

The kindness doesn't stop with our guests. Food Pantry volunteers check in on him. Clients talk to him and grab his toes in the parking lot. Every single member of the Friends In Deed team has shown him genuine care and affection. He's growing up surrounded by people who fully embody the values we hold: compassion, connection, and dignity. I can't think of a better environment for him to experience the world for the first time. I get to teach my son, from the earliest age, what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves and he gets to see that exemplified in every day at FID.

And for me, being able to do meaningful work without having to separate from my child has been a blessing beyond measure. I get to be a present mom and a committed staff member- something I know is not the norm in many workplaces. Friends In Deed is my village. The kind that holds your baby while you answer emails, hands you a pack of diapers unprompted, lets you show up to staff meetings and prayer breakfasts with the Mayor with a baby on your hip, all while reminding you every day that healing and hope are communal acts and we're in this together.





Friends In Deed's motto, "Doing together what we cannot do alone," has never felt more real to me than it does now. I'm so grateful to work in a place that supports not just the people we serve, but also the people doing the serving. Asher and I are both lucky to be surrounded by a community that shows up for each other, every single day.

Have a beautiful weekend,

Lindsey Reed
Director of The Women's Room



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today to support our community!

Forever Friends Legacy Society

Get Social



**Guests at The Women's Room
spent time last week creating
beautiful handmade Mother's**



Day cards

Each one was crafted with care, creativity, and heartfelt messages...[Read more.](#)



Sweetness overload at the Food Pantry!

A big thank you to Girl Scout Troop 3181 in South Pasadena...[Read more.](#)



Spotted in the wild:

One of our fabulous We Support Friends In Deed lawn signs—majestic, proud, and 100% community-powered...[Read more.](#)

Big thanks to the Monrovia Rotary Club for welcoming Rabbi Joshua to your weekly lunch!



We were grateful for the opportunity to share how Friends In Deed has responded to the Eaton Fire...[Read more.](#)

News and Events

Our Bonfire shop is open!

We now have a print-on-demand shop where you can purchase Friends In Deed t-shirts, mugs, and tote bags.

A small portion of the proceeds will go back to Friends In Deed!

[Shop Now](#)



Registration is open for the 5th Annual Golfing for Good!

Monday, June 9th, 2025 at Brookside Golf Club.

Reserve your spot today!

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2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

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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Asian American,
Native Hawaiian,
and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month

MAY 2025





Mental Health Awareness Month

MAY 2025



At Friends In Deed, we honor the dignity and privacy of every person we serve. The stories we share are real, but sometimes, we change names or minor details or use stock photos to protect our clients' identities. Thanks for your compassion, understanding, and support.

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veteran status, neurodiversity, and other characteristics that make our employees, volunteers, and clients unique.

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