



## Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

For 13 years, Caleb had called his one-bedroom Pasadena apartment home. A reliable tenant, he paid his rent on time and took pride in his independence. As a real estate appraiser, he found fulfillment in his work—until everything changed.

In 2021, Caleb experienced a mental health crisis. At first, he tried to push through, but it began affecting his job performance. He was let go. He found another job, but the same struggles followed him. Eventually, freelance work was his only option, but opportunities were scarce. His savings dwindled.

Determined to stay afloat, Caleb used his entire retirement account. Then, he sold his car. By April 2024, he had nothing left. He had been trying to make partial rent payments, but the math no longer worked. With nowhere else to turn, he reached out to Friends In Deed's Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA) program.

Fortunately, Caleb's landlord was willing to collaborate with our team. EPRA covered a few months of rent to give him the breathing room he desperately needed. But our support didn't stop there.

One of our MSW interns began working with Caleb, helping him regain control of his finances and explore new employment options. Caleb was open to change—willing to pivot careers, willing to rethink his future. He had the intelligence, the skills, and the drive. He had simply lost his way.

With guidance, stability, and a little time, Caleb is rebuilding. EPRA gave him more than just rent assistance—it gave him a second chance.

At Friends In Deed, we believe no one should lose their home because of a temporary hardship. With the right support, people like Caleb can find their footing again. And that's exactly what we're here to support.

I want to thank everyone who attended the 52nd Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. It was a beautiful morning of community, connections, prayer, inspiration, and song. A huge thank you to our development staff, particularly Elyse Reed, for organizing and coordinating the entire event.



And, we can't thank Pasadena Fire Chief, Chad Augustin, enough for his inspirational, moving, and heartfelt keynote address, along with the powerful video images accompanying his talk. He spoke of resilience, grit, compassion, and community—all of which were central to battling the Eaton fire, and will continue to be key in our rebuilding. We are so grateful to all of our first responders for their heroism during the dark days of early January.

As always, we can only provide the services to our most vulnerable in our midst with your support. If you haven't made a [donation](#) recently, please consider one today—every dollar counts!

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



**We are sincerely grateful to the AARP Foundation for their generous grant of \$175,000!**

We will use these funds to address housing needs for seniors affected by the recent wildfires...[Read more.](#)



**Rabbi Joshua had the pleasure of meeting with Rev. Dr. Paul Cornelius, President of William Carey International University**

He came by FID House bearing a beautiful gesture of support—a \$2,500 check to help with the Eaton fire recovery efforts...[Read more.](#)

**So many bright smiles this morning for the 52nd Annual**





## **Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast**

Thank you to everyone who attended this annual tradition...

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## **After 22 years of visionary leadership, Jennifer DeVoll is retiring as CEO of Pasadena Community Foundation**

Jennifer and PCF have been steadfast champions of Friends In Deed, especially in times of crisis—from the pandemic to the Eaton Fire. Her bold, steady guidance and dedication to increasing support for local nonprofits have made a lasting impact...[Read more.](#)

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## **News and Events**

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### **Registration is now open for the 5th Annual Golfing for Good!**

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

Reserve your spot today!

[Learn More](#)



## 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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MAY 2025





# Mental Health Awareness Month

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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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