



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

On Tuesday, I joined a group of local nonprofits and government agencies in a roundtable discussion hosted by Rep. Judy Chu. The focus was on recovery from the Eaton Fire and the housing crisis. Each of the 20 or so agency representatives shared 2 minutes from their experiences, and what their clients were facing.



The key takeaway, which is one we are struggling with at FID, is the sheer lack of affordable housing available in both the short and long term. We learned that because FEMA and other government agencies see that so many units are available in our area, they can't activate a Direct Lease program that would allow FEMA "to directly rent apartments for disaster survivors who cannot find somewhere to live

on their own.” The majority of units are out of the price range for most people and require several thousand dollars in initial rent and deposits, in addition to strong enough credit scores. The units that are available are often 20-30 miles away from here. We all urged Rep. Chu to push the government agencies to do more and figure out ways to get people off the streets, or out of motels, and into more permanent housing. You can read more about this meeting in the [LA Times article](#).

With a focus on community fire recovery, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what Friends In Deed has accomplished to support our local community so far. As I have mentioned previously, several FID staff members were directly affected by the Eaton Fire—some lost their homes or were permanently displaced. We provided them with extended paid leaves of absence to ensure they had the time and support needed to navigate their difficult circumstances, and we hired temporary staff so the programs could continue operating at full capacity.

We have designated thousands of dollars of rental assistance funding for households impacted by the fire through our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA) program. Additionally, we allocated \$110,000 toward emergency motels, allowing dozens of families to stay sheltered for the last few months.

We also hired two temporary staff for our Street Outreach and Housing team—a data specialist to handle the increased reporting needs and a housing navigator/case manager to support the growing number of people needing assistance. This team has also been providing move-in assistance to people who have found a new place to live but need help with security deposits.

Lastly, we have distributed over \$30,000 in grocery store gift cards locally, with additional gift cards available soon.

As always, our work continues and can only happen with your help! We have two awesome events coming up that provide you with an opportunity to have fun and support our mission. Our Golfing for Good is just a week away—we have a few more golfing foursomes open, so [sign up now](#)! If you aren’t a golfer or can’t make it, there are still opportunities to support: become a sponsor, buy a tee-sign, or just donate to the cause.

And, in just a few more weeks, June 21st, we are hosting a movie night under the stars at One Colorado for our annual *Stories from the Street*. [Read all about it on our website](#). And thanks for being a part of the solution!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua

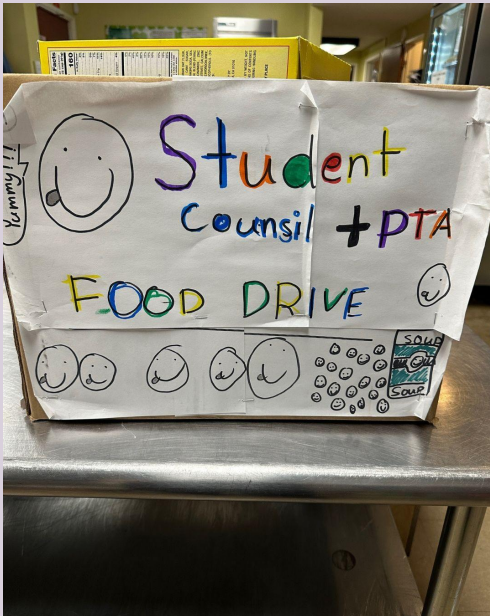


We can only operate with your help!

Donate today to support our community!

Forever Friends Legacy Society

Get Social



We heart Valentine Elementary School!

Their incredible food drive brought in over 3,000 items for our Food Pantry — enough to fill four carloads! ☐

☐☐☐☐ [Read more.](#)

☐ ♀ **Office putting contest?**

Check. ☐ Broom for a club? Naturally.

☐ FID golf ball and a paper cup?

We're almost ready for Golfing for Good! [Read more.](#)



We know it's basically summer now... but we couldn't let the season pass without giving a huge shoutout to our incredible volunteer crew and landscaper, Dani

They planted daffodil bulbs during our campus beautification day way back in December...[Read more.](#)

Careers

Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance is hiring a full-time Housing Navigator

Apply today!

[Learn More](#)



News and Events

Last chance to register for the 5th Annual Golfing for Good!

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

Reserve your spot today!

[Learn More](#)



Stories from the Street Returns June 21st!

Join us Saturday, June 21st at [One Colorado](#) for [Stories from the Street](#)—a night of cinema, compassion, and community featuring *The Pursuit of Happyness*, a powerful story of resilience and hope.

[Reserve My Spot!](#)



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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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



CELEBRATING

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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