



Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

On Wednesday evening, we hosted our annual [Volunteer Appreciation BBQ](#), which is always a fun and festive event. We were thrilled that over 100 people attended, enjoying a lovely evening at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, eating delicious food prepared by our friends at Knights of Columbus, and being together in community.



It is wonderful to see new and seasoned volunteers interact, meeting people who volunteer in different programs, hang out with staff, and celebrate the amazing dedication each person brings to our work at FID. **A huge thank you to Elyse Reed**, one of our Development Associates, who organized and executed a stellar night.

In the spirit of camaraderie, this story from the Food Pantry is a perfect example of how our community lives out our values each day:

Every food distribution day, at 9:00 a.m. sharp, at least one member of the Food Pantry team will hold a lottery at the front of FID House. This has been a longstanding tradition that was implemented to avoid having people line up hours before we open (people used to arrive as early as 5:00 a.m.), people saving places for others, and any arguments about who was first.



Anyone who is here by the time the last ticket is handed out has a chance of being 1st, 2nd, 5th, 20th, 33rd, 58th, etc. Anyone who comes after the first ticket is drawn will have their name added to the sign-in sheet after the lottery has been completed.

But, beyond being a way to keep things in order as more people come to sign in for food, the lottery is a way to get to know our community. When a number is drawn, we call that number out and wait for the person with that number to respond. Then we write their name down on the sign-in sheet. Over time, you begin to be able to put a name to a face, and then call them by name, and everyone likes it when someone remembers them.

The lottery can also be a source of laughter and joking. Our Chinese community loves it when Tim attempts to say the numbers in Mandarin! They applaud or correct him as necessary, and it usually brings merriment to the morning.



Two reminders: if you are a golfer (or just like golf), now is the time to register for our [Golfing for Good](#) event, June 9th at Brookside. This is one of our major fundraisers, so come out for a fun day and support our mission!

And, we are psyched to announce the launch of [our new merch store](#), hosted online by Bonfire. You can now represent FID in the community with hats, shirts, hoodies, mugs, tote bags, and more—these make great gifts (Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, ordinary Tuesday). Be an FID ambassador!

Finally, I want to wish blessings and congratulations to our Catholic friends on the election of their new leader, Pope Leo XIV. I hope that his vision of peace, serving the less fortunate, and working for inclusion becomes manifest in our world.

To all of the mothers out there—Happy Mother's Day!

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



**Meet Ingrid Salazar, our new
Grants Manager!**

Ingrid joined the team in April 2025, bringing a world of experience—literally. Originally from Ventura County, she studied Business



Administration at Boston University, then lived and worked in Barcelona, Vienna, and Delhi...[Read more.](#)



A big bouquet of thanks to Trader Joe's and the amazing guests of The Women's Room

They made the 52nd annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast extra beautiful! ☐☐
Trader Joe's generously donated the flowers, and our talented guests transformed them into the most gorgeous centerpieces for the event tables...[Read more.](#)



On Monday, our Women's Room guests got crafty and colorful, making paper bag piñatas to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

It was a joyful chance to tap into their creative sides — and the room was filled with laughter, glue, tissue paper, and plenty of flair...[Read more.](#)

**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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