A Letter from Inland Valley Hope Partners’ President

Blessings …..

Wow!! Just...WOW! I cannot express how absolutely incredible it has been to witness the community coming together in support of the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners and those we serve! When we put out the call for help last month, you all responded in a BIG WAY! Donations large and small have been consistently coming in to help us meet the increased need for services which has left the board of directors, staff, volunteers, and I completely overwhelmed and overjoyed by your generosity!

Honestly, the immediacy and volume of the community’s response has been like nothing I have ever experienced in my more than 15 years in the non-profit sector. Since the shelter in place order was made, there has not been a week where we have not received a call, email, or letter from someone or some organization sharing that they would like to bless Hope Partners and those we serve with a thousand or ten thousand plus dollar donation – this is HUGE for our organization! The compassion and generosity you have shown to those experiencing financial hardship in our community is extremely moving. Even now as I write this message, I find myself tearing up with gratitude for all of you.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its financial effects have been and will continue to be devastating for so many families in our community. Demand for our vital food assistance and other supportive services remains high. We know these needs may continue to grow the longer people remain out of work because of this dangerous virus. Thanks to all of you who have so generously given, Hope Partners has been able to assist our neighbors and hopefully will continue to do so. YOU have been a bright light of HOPE not only to our neighbors in need during this difficult season, but also those of us involved daily in the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners. We cannot express our gratitude enough!

We pray for your continued health and partnership in our mission to provide food and shelter to families, seniors, and other individuals in need. THANK YOU!

Many blessings,

Kami Grosvenor
President/CEO

Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers’ Market........................................Every Saturday
Hope Partners @ Amy’s Farm.....................June 6, 2020
Newsletter Mailing.....................................June 9, 2020
24th Annual Golf Classic..........................October 8, 2020

call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)!
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Who We Are ...

Celebrating over 50 years of commitment, Inland Valley Hope Partners serves over 75,000 men, women and children each year through “Our House” family residential shelter; and Rapid Re-Housing; BETA, SOVA, Claremont, San Dimas and South Pomona food pantries; and the Pomona Farmers’ Market throughout 13 communities including Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Diamond Bar, La Verne, Montclair, Mt. Baldy, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Upland, and Walnut. The shelter houses five families for up to 90 days. The food pantries distribute five days worth of food per person to no and low income families. Clients may come once every 30 days. The Farmers Market operates every Saturday morning and accepts WIC and EBT cards. Begun in 1968 as the Pomona Council of Churches, today the non-profit is a collaboration of faith communities, businesses, community groups, and individuals who care about their neighbors.

Thank You To Our Major Donors

Hope Partners is giving a big thank you to the foundations and organizations that have each donated $10,000 or more to Hope Partners in March and April to help in our relief efforts to those impacted by COVID-19. The following foundations and organizations recognized the impact this pandemic is having on low-income families and individuals and donated to several non-profits serving vulnerable residents including Inland Valley Hope Partners.

Thank you to:
* Bank of America
* Albertsons/No Kids Hungry Emergency Fund
* Lucky Number 9 Foundation
* Cardenas Market Foundation
* The Rauch Family Foundation

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YOU’RE INVITED TO HOPE PARTNERS’ ANNUAL MEETING

All supporters are invited to join Inland Valley Hope Partners for this year’s Annual Meeting on June 24th at 4 p.m. During the meeting, Hope Partners will elect the new Board of Director Officers and members as well as give a brief state of the agency. We are still deciding whether this event will be virtual or in-person, but more details will be made available in next month’s newsletter.
Hope Partners Collaborates with New Non-Profit, ShelterShare

Hope Partners recently collaborated with a new non-profit called ShelterShare. ShelterShare is a unique and innovative way of bridging the gap between caring for people and shelters in need. ShelterShare posts on its website items that Hope Partners needs and allows members of the community to buy these items online. All items purchased are then delivered on the donors' behalf.

Most products listed on the ShelterShare website cost around $2, making donations budget-friendly for most households. It only takes $2 to donate a toothbrush, and $4 can supply a family with a week's worth of shampoo and conditioner. ShelterShare gives donors the chance to do this from the safety of their homes. "It's an easy and effective new way for people in the community to ease the homeless crisis and support struggling families from the comfort and safety of their home," said Anthony Valencia, founder of ShelterShare. Visit www.Shelter-Share.org to start donating now and for more information.

It’s Time for the Annual Back to School Supply Drive

It’s time to start collecting paper, pencils, and those other important school supplies children need to succeed when they return to school in August and September. Help Hope Partners provide these items to the low-income children we serve by hosting a school supplies drive or simply adding a few basic back-to-school items to your own shopping list.

Items needed include:

- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Spiral Notebooks
- Folders with Pockets
- 3-Ring Binders
- Box of Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Planners
- Calculators
- Highlighters
- Backpacks
- Copy Paper
- Index Cards
- Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper
- Rulers
- (College Ruled)
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks/ Glue Bottles
- Pencil Case/Pouch

Many children may be returning to school earlier this year, these items will be needed in mid July, if possible. Donations are accepted in the administration office (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact the development department at 909-622-3806 or info@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.
We are so blessed to have wonderful community partners who have come up with innovative ways to support the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners during our present circumstances. Check it out!

**AAMCO Transmissions** in Upland have recently partnered with Hope Partners by offering a 10% discount to their customers who donate ten or more non-perishable food items. AAMCO Transmissions is located at 825 N. Central Ave. in Upland. For more information, schedule car services or just to donate items call 909-985-7120.

**Claremont United Church of Christ** shared with us a great story about their Sunday School student named Colette. When Colette heard the church’s call to help fill up Hope Partners’ UrbanMission Pantry during this critical time, she got to work and rallied her scout troop to donate food items. Thank you, Colette! **Damien High School**’s athletics department also hosted a very successful food drive to benefit the UrbanMission Pantry.

Organizations like **Claremont Senior Services** and **La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church** also hosted food and toiletry drives on behalf of Hope Partners. Contact the Hope Partners Development Department for more information on how to host a food drive at 909-622-3806 or email autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Thank you for your support during these challenging times! We are all in this **TOGETHER!**

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**Other Ways to Give**

Do you designate your **Ralphs rewards**? Please consider designating them to Inland Valley Hope Partners. That way you can help us feed the hungry by buying your own groceries! Simply visit [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com). Once logged into your Ralphs account, you can search for INLAND VALLEY HOPE PARTNERS either by name or by our Non-Profit Organization number WG044 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address, and a rewards card.

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**Host a Facebook Fundraiser:**
1. Go onto your Facebook page and click Fundraisers in the left menu of your News Feed
2. Click Raise Money, Select Nonprofit/Charity, and Select us as Inland Valley Council of Churches, dba Inland Valley Hope Partners
3. Choose a cover photo and fill in the fundraiser details then click Create.

Once you have done this, your job is over. See your friends and family raise money for your cause without the hassle of collecting money! Once your fundraiser is over, Facebook will then send Hope Partners a check in your honor!

**Matching gifts**, a form of corporate philanthropy which allows companies to match their employees’ donations to nonprofits. Companies will match their employees’ donations at a 1:1, 2:1, or even 3:1 ratio, effectively maximizing the impact of a single eligible donation.
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