Hope Partners Set to Shower Volunteers With Appreciation

The vital services Inland Valley Hope Partners provides to the community are only made possible through the generous donations of time and talent from our dedicated corps of volunteers! That is why we would like to “shower” you with thanks this April at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Please join us on Friday, April 24th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church – Pomona (1751 N. Park Ave., Pomona 91768).

We will be expressing our appreciation for the hard work and efforts of all our volunteers – whether as an ongoing volunteer at one of our food pantries, farmers’ market or other programs or as a volunteer for a specific event or activity. All volunteers are welcome! We will also take time to recognize a volunteer from our various departments as well as present our prestigious 2020 Founder’s Award.

Hope Partners would love to have all our wonderful volunteers there as our guests! Please let us know if you will be able to attend: RSVP with Development and Volunteer Associate, Cirenia Cuevas at 909-622-3806, x108 or CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org. We kindly request your response by April 15th.

*Featured photos from 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Calendar of Events/Activities

- Hope Partners @ Amy’s Farm .................. April 4, 2020
- Newsletter Mailing ............................... April 14, 2020
- Volunteer Luncheon ............................. April 24, 2020
- 24th Annual Golf Classic ...................... May 14, 2020

call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)!
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www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org
Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month? It’s a fact that food insecure families—families who often don’t know where their next meal will come from—commonly struggle with obesity and obesity-related health conditions. That’s because no and low income families, like those we serve, are often forced to buy cheaper, less healthy foods because they lack the finances to purchase more nutritious options. That’s why we are so proud of our Healthy Living Programs (the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers’ Market, Garden at Amy’s Farm and Gleaning Hope programs) that help our low-income clients access healthy, nutritious food.

Our Pomona Valley Certified Farmers’ Market is a great resource for the community, especially our low-income neighbors, to purchase the highest quality produce for their families. Open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Purpose Church (corner of Pearl and Garey) in Pomona, the market accepts CalFresh and other federal nutrition assistance benefits. Also, through our partnership with Hunger Action LA, the market offers the Market Match Program which provides a match on these benefits to allow families to purchase more fresh fruits, vegetables and other healthy food items.

We are also pleased to share that the Farmers’ Market is now home to a weekly healthy food demonstration booth. Made possible through grant funding from the Kaiser Foundation and through collaboration with Amy’s Farm, the booth provides an opportunity to educate shoppers on how easy it can be to incorporate many of the chemical-free produce items offered at the market into their everyday meals. Instructors treat the crowd to a live cooking/food preparation demonstration, a yummy sample of the dish, ingredient list, and even a free produce item from the dish to take home, courtesy of our partner Amy’s Farm. Recent dishes have included a BLT sandwich, chili verde and mixed greens salad, persimmon french toast, rainbow pasta, and a sautéed vegetable sandwich. Customer reviews have been great to date and many of our farmers’ sales have even increased as customers make sure to snap up the delicious ingredients featured in that week’s demo. The highlighted dish changes each week, so I encourage you to check out the food demonstration booth next time you visit us the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers’ Market! Many thanks again to the Kaiser Foundation and Amy’s Farm for making this a possibility!

Blessings!
Kami Grosvenor
President/CEO
Hope Partners Housing Success Story

Katie*, a single mother to a 15-year-old daughter, was referred to Inland Valley Hope Partners from United Way 211 after living in her car for six months. Although she had employment, Katie became homeless when she decided to leave an abusive relationship. When she arrived to Hope Partners housing department, Katie and her daughter were desperate for a safe home. Hope Partners was able to help Katie through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program ( HEAP ). HEAP is a one-time state funding designed to address the homelessness crisis. Hope Partners receives HEAP funding through San Bernardino County to provide homeless prevention services, bridge housing, and expand Hope Partners’ rapid re-housing assistance. After a few short months, we are proud to say that with the HEAP grant, Katie and her daughter have moved into their new safe home. Hope Partners is so pleased with the hard work Katie did to leave an awful situation and start anew. We wish her all the best in her journey to continued stability.

*Name Changed

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At Inland Valley Hope Partners we believe in establishing great relationships with you—our supporters! For this reason, we want to be connected with you on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Here you can learn more about our services, impact and special events and we can get your feedback on our work in the community. Follow/Like us TODAY!

Inland Valley Hope Partners

Make a Difference with Thrivent Choice

Inland Valley Hope Partners is pleased to partner with Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice Program. This program allows Thrivent members the opportunity to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach grants each year. It’s a simple, convenient way for individuals to make a difference for the causes they care about.

Thrivent Financial is a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians that creates financial strategies to help its members be wise with money and live generously. Thrivent has provided nearly $225 million to help churches, educational institutions, and other nonprofit organizations through the Thrivent Choice charitable grant program since its 2010 introduction.

Since 2013, Thrivent Financial members have helped Inland Valley Hope Partners receive more than $5,000 in Thrivent Choice charitable dollars. We ask that eligible benefit Thrivent members in our family of supporters once again designate your Choice Dollars to further the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners in 2020. For more information, contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.
It's Gleaning Season!

It is the height of citrus season here in Southern California once again with grapefruits, kumquats, lemons, blood oranges, navel oranges, and tangelos/tangerines all ripening. This means it is the perfect time for Gleaning Hope, our backyard harvesting program, to salvage these fruits for distribution to the hungry families we serve. If you are interested in donating the citrus from your trees to our food pantries, call our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate, Cirenia Cuevas, at 909-622-3806, x108, or CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org, and we'll send a volunteer team with equipment to pick the fruits at a time of your choosing.

We wouldn't be able to do these gleans without the help of volunteers! If you are interested in participating in a glean, also contact our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate at the contact info listed above.

Ninth Annual Bread On The Water to Benefit Hope Partners

On Sunday, April 26th at 3:15 pm, First United Methodist Church in Upland (262 N Euclid Ave, Upland 91786) will host the 9th Annual Bread On The Water event. This multiple churches, multiple ensemble benefit concert has been supporting hunger relief efforts in our area for years. The primary recipient of this year's proceeds will be Inland Valley Hope Partners.

We hope you can hear these talented singers on Sunday, April 26th. For more information on purchasing your tickets, contact Autumn Washington at Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or 909-622-3806, x105.

Join Inland Valley Hope Partners for the 24th Annual Golf Classic!

Reserve your spot for this year’s Golf Classic set for Thursday, May 14th, at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana! Brought to you by Title Sponsor Pacific Western Bank, the tournament will once again help raise funds in support of Hope Partners’ programs serving the hunger and housing needs of local children and families in need. Last year with sponsorships, donations, and golfers, we raised over $51,000. We hope we can count on you to help us raise even more this year –

- **GOLF** with us
- **SPONSOR** the event and access some great benefits
- **DONATE** to the silent auction/raffle to help us maximize the experience for our golfers!

Entry fees are $800 for a foursome (or $225 for an individual golfer), and many sponsorship opportunities are still available. For those who are not golfers but still want to support Inland Valley Hope Partners, we have a dinner-only option for only $35 featuring a delicious dinner, silent auction, and raffle prizes.

We hope you can make it for an enjoyable day including, 18 holes of golf, prizes, raffle and silent auction items, and an awards dinner. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Golf Classic!

For more information, contact Autumn Washington, Director of Development & Communications, at 909-622-3806, x105 or Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or visit our website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.
Catholic Charities offers Mobile Showers St Sova

Catholic Charities’ Mobile Showers Program provides free hot showers for homeless individuals every Friday morning from 8 am - 12 pm at our Sova Center in Ontario. Catholic Charities’ goal with the Mobile Showers is to acknowledge the dignity of people in need by offering them a hot shower and a place to do it safely and free of judgment. The service is first come first served and for adults only. Personal hygiene products and clean undergarments are also provided. For more information, contact Catholic Charities at (909) 388-1239.

Pacific Western Bank Hosted Its 10th Annual Food Drive

Local Pacific Western Bank branches hosted the 9th Annual Food Drive benefiting Inland Valley Hope Partners throughout the month of February. Participating branches included Claremont, Corona, Irwindale, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland. This year the branches donated a total of 2032.60 lbs of canned and boxed foods as well as more than $2,000 in monetary donations to Hope Partners.

Hope Partners would like to send a HUGE thank you to the branch managers, staff, and customers of Pacific Western Bank for supporting this effort to feed the hungry in our community.

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. 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.

Do you shop on Amazon? Through the AmazonSmile program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Inland Valley Hope Partners or another charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support Inland Valley Hope Partners by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

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.

For more information regarding these options or other ways to give, contact the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x105 or 108.
February Donors

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By: Patrick & Judy Little
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Planned gifts provide a meaningful way of making a significant impact toward the future sustainability of Inland Valley Hope Partners while maximizing your philanthropic and financial goals. Planned giving takes many forms, including bequests, gifts of life insurance, and charitable remainder trusts.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, give us a call at 909-622-3806.
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Thank You All!
(In-Kind Donations for February)