Dear Friends,

It’s been several weeks now since the coronavirus drastically changed our way of life. While we all struggle with the uncertainty of these challenging times, there is one thing we at Inland Valley Hope Partners know for sure: Our neighbors need us now more than ever!

Hope Partners remains committed to supporting our low-income neighbors during the COVID-19 outbreak. Sadly, too many local families live in economic hardship, which means the loss of just one paycheck, or even one shift at work, may cause a dramatic decrease in financial stability, leading to food insecurity and jeopardizing their housing. Over the last few weeks, we have already experienced a sharp increase in the number of people seeking food assistance. In fact, Sova and Beta, our two largest pantries, have been serving nearly double our normal number of clients daily. We’ve also started seeing an uptick in the number of residents requesting rental and utility assistance to help them avoid homelessness and keep their water, electricity, and gas connected. We anticipate all these needs will continue to grow as the financial fall-out of the pandemic affects more and more families. If things continue this way for an extended period, we may soon experience a demand we haven’t seen since the recession of 2008.

At the same time, we at Inland Valley Hope Partners are not immune to the uncertainty of this present time. In order to protect the health of our supporters, volunteers, staff, and clients, we recently made the difficult decision to postpone our annual Golf Classic to the next fiscal year. The “safer at home” order intended to slow the spread of the coronavirus is also impacting the finances of many local organizations, businesses, houses of worship, and individuals whom we depend upon for monetary support to keep our daily operations running. The sad fact is our financial resources are withering just as the need for our services is expanding. As we stretch to meet the demand, we are requesting your support to help maintain our ability to carry out our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless through this present crisis. Your gift is critical in this challenging season to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors will have food to eat and a roof over their heads. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift by donating on our secure website at www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org or by mail to 1753 N. Park Ave, Pomona, CA 91768.

We thank you in advance for your unwavering support of Inland Valley Hope Partners and the low-income families and individuals we serve! We join with you in praying that our collective efforts to flatten the curve will be fruitful and that this pandemic’s devastating impacts will soon subside.

Wishing you health and peace,

Kami Grosvenor
President/CEO

P.S. Many of you have already reached out to us and unflinchingly offered your financial support in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We humbly thank you for your forethought and commitment to our mission.
Much like the local grocery stores, Inland Valley Hope Partners’ food pantries experienced a huge rush of families and individuals seeking food and other essentials in the last two weeks of March. Our Food Security Program Manager Isaac Vega shares:

COVID-19 has certainly impacted our program: The pantries have had an increase of more than 1,000 additional people needing our services, but we have lost 90% of our regular volunteers due to the pandemic. We still have our pantry doors open but have had to adjust how we typically operate. Our Sova Center now only allows four people in the waiting room at a time with the required 6-foot distance between each of them while more clients are lined up outside. Meanwhile our Claremont, San Dimas and Urban Mission locations are only allowing one person inside at a time. It’s been an adjustment, but everyone is handling it well.

Pantry staff and volunteers are also seeing many first time visitors to the pantries who are eager to share how the pandemic and the shut down of so many local businesses has affected their families financially. One first time visitor, Julio*, told us he heard about Inland Valley Hope Partners’ food assistance from watching the news. Julio is a musician and the sole provider for his family. He had steady gigs lined up at local restaurants, bars, and clubs until the COVID-19 outbreak hit. Now he’s lost his primary source of income and is feeling the stress of how he going to pay his bills and buy groceries for his family. He said it was a huge relief to learn that Hope Partners’ Sova Food Pantry is located nearby and able to assist his family.

Sadly, Julio’s story is not unique. His family makes up only four of the more than 4,600 persons Hope Partners provided food assistance to in the month of March. And, with the Labor Department reporting that more than 10 million Americans have recently filed for unemployment insurance in the United States, Isaac predicts that the number of people seeking assistance from our food pantries will continue to grow. “With a lot of people losing their jobs, we have had more first-timers coming in, and I expect there to be more coming in by the end of April,” Isaac says.

Isaac is extremely thankful for the staff, volunteers, and donors who have stepped up tremendously during this pandemic. With the help of the community, Inland Valley Hope Partners will continue to keep our doors open for everyone who is in need!

*Name Changed
Our Food Pantries Are OPEN!

Many in our community are facing, or will soon be facing, food insecurity for perhaps the first time ever. Our local food pantries are here to help with a 4-5 day supply of food every 30 days. Please share our locations and hours of operations with those you know. You never know who may need it!

Sova Program Center
904 E. California Street
Ontario, CA 91761
Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Corner Mission & Bon View)
909-622-3806, x200

Beta Program Center
209 W. Pearl, Ste 103
Pomona, CA 91768
Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Corner Garey & Pearl)
909-622-3806, x301

San Dimas Center
110 E. Third Street
San Dimas, CA 91773
Mondays & Wednesdays
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
(3 blocks north of Bonita)
909-622-3806

Claremont Center
660 N. Mountain Ave.
Claremont, CA 91711
Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(Corner Harrison & Mountain)
Fridays
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
909-622-3806, x401

UrbanMission Center
810 South White
Pomona, CA 91768
Thursdays
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Sunday)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
909-622-3806

Upland Center
814 Alpine St.
Upland, CA 91786
Every 3rd Wednesday
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
(Corner Alpine & San Antonio)
909-622-3806

Chino Center
5581 Daniels St., Unit D
Chino, CA 91710
Every 3rd Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(inside the Komar Business Park)
909-622-3806

To assist us in reporting accurate information to our funders, we request that first-time clients bring:

- One form of I.D. for each person in the household (e.g. Drivers License, CA ID card, Identification from Country of Origin, Medical Card, Birth Certificate, School ID, Immunization Record or Report Card).
- Verification of Income (e.g. Check Stub, most recent CALWORKS – notice action letter, Social Security or SSI award letter).
- Current Proof of address (e.g. mail with your name, address and postmarked within the last 30 days).
Postponed Events

In order to protect the health and safety of our donors and volunteers and comply with social distancing requirements, Hope Partners’ will be postponing the following events:

**24th Annual Golf Classic**

Initially scheduled for May 14th, 2020, the 24th Annual Golf Classic has now been postponed to **October 8th, 2020**. The golf classic will still take place at Sierra Lake Golf Club and will again include 18 holes of golf, prizes, raffle and silent auction items, and an awards dinner. Entry fees are $800 for a foursome (or $225 for an individual golfer), and many sponsorship opportunities are still available.

**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

Hope Partners Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon previously planned for April 24th has been postponed, and a new date will be announced in the coming weeks. We will still celebrate our volunteers and look forward to seeing all of them soon.

**Bread on the Water Concert**

The 9th Annual Bread On The Water benefit concert hosted each year in Upland has been postponed to a future date. The event was originally scheduled for Sunday, April 26th. Although a new date has not been announced yet, Hope Partners will share that information as soon as we have it.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Director of Development and Communications Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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**We Appreciate Our Donors!**

After sending out the March Newsletter, we discovered an error in our report which resulted in some of our donors’ names being omitted from our donor roll call. We sincerely apologize to those that were not highlighted and want to give those donors a special shout-out in this month’s newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of Inland Valley Hope Partners. Your support of our mission enables us to help more than 75,000 of our neighbors in need each year through our emergency food, housing, and healthy living programs.

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| David Jamieson |
| Marsha Madison |
| A.W. & Marian Thompson |
| Oliver Varnes, Jr. |
| Elizabeth Walker |

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**Get Your Produce at the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers’ Market!**

Our weekly Saturday Farmers’ Market is still here to serve all of your fresh produce needs. We are practicing social distancing and requiring shoppers to wash their hands at the provided hand washing stations to ensure everyone’s safety. Support local farmers and purchase healthy food for your family by joining us at the market! The Pomona Valley Certified Farmers’ Market is located at the corner of Pearl and Garey Ave. in Pomona and is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE.
Our Community Is Amazing!

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!

Nuno’s Bistro and Bar in Upland and Euro Café in Claremont have partnered with Hope Partners by providing delicious meals to families served by our Claremont pantry. For every three family meals Nuno’s Bistro and Bar sells, they will donate one meal to Hope Partners. And Euro Café will be donating a certain percentage of proceeds from sales to support donating meals to the pantry as well. Nuno’s Bistro and Bar is located at 2440 W Arrow Route in Upland (909-624-0500) and Euro Café is located at 546 E Baseline Rd in Claremont (909-621-4666).

Temple Beth Israel in Pomona didn’t let social distancing stop them from hosting a food drive as part of their Passover celebration. Congregants were asked to put food donations outside their front door, and Lisa Buch and son Benjamin picked the items up and delivered them to Hope Partners for distribution to those we serve. Thank You!!

An anonymous donor recently sent us hygiene items directly through Amazon! The donor insisted we share with all our supporters how easy the process was and encourage you all to follow their lead. Simply purchase staple items from the websites of stores like Von’s, Walmart, Costco, Amazon, and Target and have your order delivered to Hope Partners. Deliveries can be sent to 1753 N. Park Ave. Pomona, CA 91768, Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

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.
March Donors

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  By: Buie Kindle

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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