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Don't Miss this Year's Walk for the Hungry and Homeless!

We at Inland Valley Hope Partners invite you to the:

47TH Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless September 12th – September 20th Walk/Run/Skip/Hop/Bike Anywhere!

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, Inland Valley Hope Partners is making this year's **47th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless** a **virtual** event. By making it a virtual event, participants can walk, run, skip, hop, and bike anywhere from **September 12th - September 20th.** Supporters will once again be able to create teams and fundraise on behalf of Inland Valley Hope Partners.

Online donations are now open on our website, and pledge forms are available in our office or for download at <u>www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org</u>. This event is a great way to connect with your family and friends via email and social networks to raise money for the cause!

Multiply your impact and enjoyment by forming a walk team with your family, friends, co-workers, and faith community. Every dollar you raise helps to put food on the tables of our hungry neighbors and a roof over the heads of those

struggling with homelessness. Please share your photos and videos with us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) by tagging us *@inlandvalleyhopepartners* and using the hashtag **#walkforthehungryandhomeless**.

To learn how you can participate in this year's event, contact the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x. 105 or 108.

Let's Stay Connected!



Help Hope Partners clean up our mailing list and reduce our mailing cost. If you are receiving our newsletter in the mail but would rather have the virtual copy or if you are

receiving duplicate copies, please contact the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x. 105 or 108, and we will update our list.

Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
Hope Partners @ Amy's Farm	September 5, 2020
47 th Annual Walk for the Hungry	September 12-20, 2020

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)! 909-622-3806, x108;

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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, Ontaria Pomona Rancho Curamona San Dimas Unland and

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.

Blessings

We are in the final months of Summer, but this year has been entirely different. The COVID-19 pandemic cancelled many of our plans for family barbecues, reunions, and vacations. And while the loss of connection with our extended loved ones has been hard, things are even more difficult for the more than 2.3 million Californians who have lost their jobs since the start of this crisis. **Sadly, many of our neighbors are struggling right now, and some are even at-risk of losing their homes.** Rent and eviction freezes are a help, but they cannot last forever. Inland Valley Hope Partners is experiencing increased demand for our homeless prevention services, specifically rental assistance to help families remain in their homes.



Our homeless prevention program helps families and individuals who are behind in their rent or mortgage and in danger of becoming homeless. One-time payment assistance (paid directly to the landlord/mortgage company) is provided on behalf of the household along with case management to develop a budget and a plan to prevent future homelessness. Helping our neighbors remain housed is vital to help them make it through this difficult time with as much normalcy and reduction of trauma as possible. The need for this type of assistance is high right now, and we anticipate it to continue to grow.

During this time of uncertainty, Hope Partners needs your support to help our neighbors maintain the security of having a place to call home. But with the community's rising demand for assistance comes an increasing price tag to provide these essential services, and we cannot do it alone. We ask that you do good to our neighbors in need by making your tax-deductible contribution TODAY using the enclosed envelope; or make your donation via our secure website, www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org. Your gift helps strengthen families and provides them stability during this challenging time. By making a gift today, you help transform a hopeless situation into a temporary setback.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and dedication to the families and individuals who depend upon Inland Valley Hope Partners.

Many blessings,

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



It's Never Too Early to Start Your Holiday Shopping! Help Us Bring Joy to Local Children in Need



The Summer weather is far from being gone, but here at Inland Valley Hope Partners we are already busy preparing for this year's Holiday Season! Beginning this month, we are accepting applications for the 2020 Adopt a Family Program. This annual holiday gift giving program is designed to make the season more joyous for local families in need by pairing them with angels in the community who can help.

We are recruiting businesses, faith communities, service clubs, families and individuals who would like to "adopt" a family or families for the holiday. You let us know how large a family you would like (we have single parents with one child to much, much larger families) and any other preferences, and we will provide you with the wish list of a family who,

without your help, would have nothing to open on Christmas morning. If you are interested in making the holidays special for a family in need, please contact Hope Partners' Development Department at 909-622-3806, x108 or x105.

Finally, if you know of a family that needs assistance this holiday season, please let them know that we are accepting applications **by appointment ONLY** Mondays in August and September. Certain limitations apply, and spots are limited. To schedule an appointment, families must call 909-622-3806, x109. No Walk-ins, No Exceptions.

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

With the debate of reopening schools still a big topic in the news, one thing is for sure children will need school supplies to be successful this school year. Help Hope Partners provide these items to the low-income children we serve by hosting a school supplies drive or simply adding a few essential back-to-school items to your shopping list.



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, x108 or <u>CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>.

NEW Items needed include:

Pens #2 Pencils Spiral Notebooks Folders with Pockets 3-Ring Binders Box of Crayons Colored Pencils Planners Calculators Highlighters

Copy Paper Index Cards Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper Rulers Scissors Glue Sticks/Glue Bottles Pencil Case/Pouch Child Size Masks Hand Sanitizers/Wipes

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Start Your Day Off with Inland Hope Coffee



Sanctuary Coffee has created a new blend of coffee dedicated to Inland Valley Hope Partners called Inland Hope! **\$1 of each bag sold will be donated to Hope Partners.**

Sanctuary Coffee has been a big support of Hope Partners over the years by donating 10 pounds of food for every 1-

pound of coffee they sell. Sanctuary Coffee strives to "impact lives with every cup" and provide customers with a safe place and a sacred space.

Visit Sanctuary Coffee at 994 W Foothill Blvd. in Claremont to purchase your Inland Hope Blend bag.

Thank you, Sanctuary Coffee, for your continued partnership.



AmazonSmile Charity Lists

Inland Valley Hope Partners has created a wish list of items that can be purchased through AmazonSmile Charity Lists. AmazonSmile Charity Lists is a new and meaningful way for you to donate items directly to Hope Partners.



Items such as non-perishable food, hygiene products, back to school supplies and baby items will serve families in need.

How to shop AmazonSmile Charity Lists:

- 1. Visit smile.amazon.com/charitylists
- Sign in with your <u>Amazon.com</u> credentials (customers who are not already signed-up for AmazonSmile will receive a prompt to do so).
- 3. Shop Inland Valley Hope Partners Charity List.
- 4. Select and donate items from the list.
- 5. Ship to the Inland Valley Hope Partners.

To learn more visit, <u>smile.amazon.com/charitylists</u> or contact Autumn Washington, Director of Development, at 909-622-3806, x105 or email <u>Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>.



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 <u>www.ralphs.com</u>. 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>.

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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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