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Time to Get in the Holiday Spirit by Helping Santa



Calling all Santa's Helpers! Inland Valley Hope Partners is currently recruiting businesses, faith communities, service clubs, families and individuals who would like to "adopt" a family or families for the holiday. We have many local low-income families who need your help to make this holiday season a special one for their children. These families struggle to provide the necessities of food or even a place to live. Just like you, these parents want to make the holidays amazing for their kids with a brightly decorated tree surrounded by gifts or a big family dinner, but due to lack of funds, are simply unable.

Inland Valley Hope Partners' Adopt a Family Holiday Program matches families in need with those who can show them that they are not forgotten. 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 CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.





Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market......Every Saturday
48th Annual Virtual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless.....September 2021
Giving Tuesday.....November 30, 2021

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, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Upland,

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.

Blessings

Happy Fall from all of us at Inland Valley Hope Partners. We've had a few additions to the Hope Partners Board of Directors in recent months, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you:

Bob Cruz: As the regional Public Affairs Director for SoCal Gas Co., Bob has been a long-time partner in our work to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. SoCal Gas has regularly hosted a Thanksgiving food drive at their San Dimas call center, sponsored our 50th Anniversary Gala in 2018, and Bob and his wife Maria have been frequent participants in our Walk for the Hungry and Homeless.



Craig Chisolm: Craig has spent much of his time volunteering to feed and advocate for the homeless and those suffering from addiction over the years. Despite having success in the field of home renovations, Craig hit a bit of a rough patch a few years back and can attest first-hand to the difference Hope Partners makes in the lives of the families we serve.

Dain Pankratz: Dain has supported the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners for several years through his church, Life Bible Fellowship Church in Upland. He's a Program Manager/ Safety Engineer for various Rail Systems, including the Metro Gold Line Project extension to Pomona and has utilized these skills to help coordinate the church's massive Thanksgiving meal give-away at Hope Partners' Sova pantry each year.

Judith Mussatto: Judith has been volunteering with Hope Partners for more than a decade. She first learned of our work through her church, Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont. Following her retirement, she quickly became a volunteer at the Claremont food pantry, and then later at Amy's Farm in Ontario.

Dr. Massie Hazegh: Massie has been a champion for Hope Partners' cause for more than 25 years. She briefly served on our Board of Directors in the early 2000's and even helped us secure much-needed funding for a vehicle. Massie's State Farm Insurance Agency has also participated in our Golf Classic, Adopt a Family Program, Back to School Drive, and other special programs.

Tony Soto: Tony first became acquainted with Hope Partners as the manager of a ministry outreach at Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont. In this role, he has coordinated the monthly fellowship dinner to Hope Partners' Our House Shelter, facilitated countless in-kind donations, and helped educate many about Hope Partners and the role we play in our community.

We are pleased to welcome these talented individuals to our team and are excited to see how their skills and creativity help shape Hope Partners' services over the next several years.

Blessings,

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

Pomona Farmers' Market Celebrated 40 years

The Pomona Valley Certified Farmers' Market celebrated its 40th Anniversary during the month of September. The market honored both Inland Valley Hope Partners as the market's sponsor and Purpose Church as the market's host for all these years. Additionally, one of the market's oldest, still-living farmers, Mr. Don Cabral was also acknowledged. The market also marked the occasion with special commemorative t-shirts and having two professional chefs (who both grew up attending and volunteering at the market) preparing yummy food samples for shoppers to try.



Join us every Saturday, Rain or Shine, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, on the corner of Pearl and Garey in Pomona. Enjoy fresh, healthy, organic, affordable fruits, vegetables, \$1 bread, free coffee, tamales, flowers, children's books, live performances, food demo booth, and seed lending library.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cirenia Cuevas, Development and Volunteer Associate, at (909) 622-3806, ex. 108.

Wreath Fundraiser



The holiday season is right around the corner! Hope Partners is excited to announce that we will be hosting a wreath fundraising event throughout the holiday season. Nearly everyone decorates for the holidays well! Why not purchase your decorations and donate to Hope Partners at the same time with Worcester Wreath Company? Worcester Wreath Company's Maine balsam products are beautiful holiday decorations and make terrific gifts.

Visit www.worcesterwreath.com to

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Give Hope on Giving Tuesday



GIWING Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber TUESDAY Monday, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Start the season of gift giving with a charitable donation to Hope Partners on Tuesday, December 7th! This year Hope Partners has decided to use Giving Tuesday to collect baby wipes, toilet paper and travel sized hygiene items for our homeless bags. We will collect these items on Giving Tuesday at our admin. offices (1753 N Park Ave) or you can make a monetary donation at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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Our Community Is Amazing!

We are so blessed to have incredible community partners who are always eager to support Inland Valley Hope Partners' work and those we serve.

In September, **Target** generously donated over 100 homeless packs filled with organic toiletry items like lotions, shampoos, conditioners, feminine hygiene products, etc. Thank you to Target for the amazing donations.



Hope Partners wanted to take the time to share how much we appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers who have donated their time and resources to help Hope Partners in our mission to help those in need.



Lisa from Target delivering homeless packs to Hope Partners.

Thank you for being so supportive!

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.

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
- 2. 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.

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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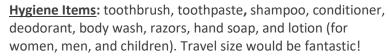


Host A Drive This Holiday Season

Make the holidays bright for families in need. Your generous donation of any of the items below will go a long way in helping us meet the increased demand for our services during the holiday season!

<u>Staple Foods</u>: peanut butter, chili beans, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup (can or package), beans, canned meat, baby food, canned chicken, baby formula, canned vegetables canned tuna, cereal, macaroni and cheese, water, and pasta

<u>Holiday Food Items</u>: canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, yams, green beans, etc.), cranberries/ cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, potatoes (boxed), and grocery store gift card to purchase ham or turkey



<u>Toy Drive</u>: New and unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Recruit co-workers, family members, and friends to bring joy to local children in need. We request all toy donations be delivered by December 9, if possible.

Please contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or email Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org if you have any questions or want informational materials, signage, or other information resources to help your drive be successful. We are also available to pick up the items you collect.





Back to School Drive a Success

Thanks to the generosity of many of our community partners, Hope Partners was able to bless over 200 local school children with backpacks and supplies. Backpacks were given away at both our Beta and Sova Food Pantry along with our Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Clients. Thank you to all our donors for making this possible! As evidenced by the pictures, the children and their parents were so happy and grateful to receive these backpacks.



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