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Help Make the Holidays a Special Time for a Family in Need



Calling all Santa's Helpers! It is only October, but 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 <u>CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.</u>



Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
Hope Partners @ Amy's Farm	November 7, 2020
#GivingTuesday	December 1, 2020
24th Annual Golf Classic	May 13, 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, Optaria Pomong Rancho Curamonga San Dimas Unland and

PARTNERS 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.

Blessings

If you are like me and a lot of our staff and volunteers at Inland Valley Hope Partners, the weight of the events of 2020 has left you feeling tired – mentally, physically, but mostly emotionally, tired. Pandemic fatigue is real, and seven months into this socalled "new normal", I am certainly feeling it. Many of you are probably feeling the same way, and so I would like to use this month's blessings piece to share a few words of encouragement to help us all through this challenging season.

Here's a poem I found from an unnamed medical worker entitled, "Not Everything is Cancelled": Not everything is cancelled... Sun is not cancelled Spring is not cancelled Relationships are not cancelled Love is not cancelled Reading is not cancelled Devotion is not cancelled Music is not cancelled Imagination is not cancelled Kindness is not cancelled Conversations are not cancelled Hope is not cancelled **And God's love for HIS people is never cancelled.** (emphasis mine)

Growing up, I loved reading the book "The Hiding Place" and was so inspired by Corrie ten Boom's strength of character during such horrendous times. She has so many soul-inspiring words of wisdom birthed from both her painful life experiences and her strong faith, but one that has stood out to me during these months of isolation has been: When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer. And so that is what I am going to do! Sit still and trust the Engineer, remembering that many others have faced or are facing much worse situations than I am now.

I hope these words may be an encouragement to you, too. May we focus on moving forward with gratitude and optimism.

Many blessings,

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



Thank You for Participating in the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

Inland Valley Hope Partners would like to thank everyone who participated in our ***Virtual* 47th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless**. This year's event was unique, but you all still showed your support in helping the hungry and homeless children, women and men we serve at our food pantries, once per month food distributions, and our housing programs. Fundraising totals are still pending, but we will share them with you next month!

If you still have not turned in your walk money, there is still time. Online donations are still open on our website www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org. Registration forms and money collected can be mailed or delivered by appointment to Inland Valley Hope Partners at 1753 N. Park Ave. Pomona, CA 91773. Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Contact Autumn Washington at Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or call 909-622-3806, x 105. to schedule your drop off appointment.

Harriet Archibald-Woodward celebrating La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church surpassing their fundraising goal!

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!

In September, **Alan Jack** celebrated his 80th birthday by having a "Drive-Thru Event" where his guests donated items like food and hygiene products to benefit Hope Partners. These donations will go to families in need in our community. Thank you, Alan and your wonderful family and friends!

California Preferred Properties

hosted their Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Car Cruise and Via Verde Food Drive. All donations from the food drive was to benefit Hope Partners. Contact the Hope Partners Development Department for more information on how to host a food drive.

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



"Drive-Thru Event" celebrating Alan Jack's 80th Birthday.



Donations from the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cruise and Via Verde Food Drive.

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Diaper Assistance Program

Hope Partners strives to provide the families we serve with as many resources as possible. The Beta and Sova Centers are currently providing free diapers to low-income households with infants. Diapers in sizes 1-6 are available. Proof of child's age is required. If you or someone you know is in need of diapers, please visit the centers during operating hours for your free box while supplies last.

Beta Program Center

209 E. Pearl St. Pomona 91767 Monday - Thursday (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Sova Program Center 904 East California St. Ontario 91761 Monday - Thursday (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)



Give Hope on Giving Tuesday



Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber 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 1st**! 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.

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>.

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 <u>smile.amazon.com/charitylists</u>
- 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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