

Help Make a Difference this Holiday Season

With the holiday season fast approaching, families gather to celebrate with festive decoration, feasts, and gift exchanges. We often forget that so many families struggle every day to put food on the table. For these families, the holiday gifts and feast doesn't happen.

Join Inland Valley Hope Partners and our community friends to help make the holidays merry for our less-fortunate neighbors. Here are a few ways we hope you can support Hope Partners and those we serve this Holiday Season:



Adopt a Family Program: This program pairs families in need with caring individuals and groups who bless them with gifts and other items to help make their holidays joyous. We still have families available for adoption. For more information or to request a family wish list, please contact Cirenia Cuevas (CC) at 909-622-3806, x108 or CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Holiday Food Drives and Toy Drives: Many incredible partners throughout our community host food drives and general toy drives on behalf of Hope Partners. If you are interested in hosting your own drive, please contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org for a list of our most needed items.

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.

Speaking of gift-giving, don't forget that through the **AmazonSmile** program, you can support Hope Partners by completing your holiday shopping online. Designate Hope Partners as your charity of choice, get shopping, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchase in support of our mission.



Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday

#GivingTuesday.....December 1, 2020

Hope Partners @ Amy's Farm.....December 5, 2020

24th Annual Golf Classic.....May 13, 2021

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)!
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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, 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

I think that most people love the holidays. I certainly do, and this year I am looking forward to them more than ever. In fact, I am already feeling tempted to put up our artificial tree and decorations, and it is only the first week of November! I think it is because the festivity of this special time becomes contagious and brings a joy and positivity that we all so desperately need.



You might be expecting me to say "but.." and remind you of how hard this time of year can be for the many families and individuals we serve – maybe even throw in a few statistics for good measure. It is what I often do, but you have heard the statistics, you know the need, you do not need me to remind you of it once again. It is the holiday season that reminds me even more that raising funds and support for our mission does not always have to be all about the needs. After all, what could be more inviting and in the spirit of the season than to give out of generosity and goodwill? It is exciting to give because we have the ability to give and because we desire to be a blessing to others. I find it very unlikely that you choose to give a holiday gift to your loved one because you know their exact need for that one singular object. No, rather you give gifts because the action carries significance – because there is an incalculable satisfaction in generously sharing our blessings with others.

This newsletter is filled with exciting opportunities to give and get involved in the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners this time of year. We collect food and distribute the fixings for Thanksgiving and holiday meals. We have our Adopt a Family program and a toy drive to help make the holidays special for as many children as possible. There is also Giving Tuesday and many other ways to be a blessing to those we serve. I urge you to consider some of these programs as the excitement of the season starts to grow. Give because you love the holidays, because you love the spirit of goodwill, and because you love the people in your community!

Many blessings,

Kami Grosvenor

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Emergency Rental Assistance COVID-19 Program

The City of Pomona is working with Inland Valley Hope Partners and other agencies to provide rental assistance to Pomona residents at risk of losing their homes due to COVID-19. Pre-Applications to request emergency rental assistance are available at www.pomona.housingprograms.com and by appointment.



Here are some eligibility details:

- First come, first served basis - There is no due date. Applications will be processed in the order received until funds are exhausted.
- Only Pomona residents that have been financially impacted by the COVID pandemic are eligible to apply.
- Applicants with extremely low income may qualify for a one-time payment to cover up to 25% of rent due between September 2020 and January 2021.

For more information contact Hope Partners' Beta Center at 909-622-3806, x301 or info@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Our Community Is Amazing

We are so blessed to have wonderful community partners who have come up with innovative ways to support Inland Valley Hope Partners' work during our present circumstances. Check it out!

Wow! Thank you to **Temple Beth Israel** for once again collecting **586 bags** of food for our hungry families during their **21st Annual High Holy Days Food Drive**. The food drive begins with Rosh Hashanah, the New Year in the Jewish calendar, and ends with Simchat Torah. Thank you, Temple Beth Israel, for the donations and continued support.

Claremont High School Interact Club hosted their Annual **"Scare Away Hunger" Food Drive** event on Sunday, November 1, at the Wheeler Steffen Sotheby's parking lot in Claremont. The Interact Club gathered over **900** food items in just 3 hours and even raised over **\$700 in cash** donations, all for Hope Partners. Contact the Hope Partners Development Department for more information on how to host a food drive.



Claremont High School Interact Club's Annual "Scare Away Hunger" Food Drive Event

Stater Bros celebrated the grand opening of their Ontario Ranch location on October 12 and presented Hope Partners with a \$2,500 check donation. The next day, **Cardenas Market** in Montclair also had a grand opening celebration and presented a check for \$5,000 to Hope Partners. Hope Partners was excited to attend both events and is very appreciative of the donations.



Cardenas Market presenting Hope Partners a check for \$5,000

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

Dance, Sing and Praise Virtually at the Annual Thanksgiving Gathering

Claremont Interfaith Council is hosting its 29th Annual Thanksgiving Gathering virtually this year on Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m. This event will feature spiritual leaders and musicians from a wide variety of communities, religious and spiritual traditions, special guests, and YOU! The event will be hosted live on Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. For more information, call Claremont Interfaith Council at 909-542-8150 or to register for the event visit www.zoom.us/j/9095428150 or to register for the event visit [tjYocu2prTwqGt39eIEmZi7uM4ExLkZWY3Le](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjYocu2prTwqGt39eIEmZi7uM4ExLkZWY3Le).



In lieu of the traditional offering organizers are encouraging attendees to donate to the work of Hope Partners.

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



In September, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted the ***Virtual* 47th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless**. This year's event was unique in that we could not have a physical event, but that did not stop all of our amazing donors from showing their support in helping to feed the hungry and sheltering the homeless. To date the event has raised over **\$22,000**.

On behalf of all of us at Inland Valley Hope Partners, thank you to the sponsors, walkers, walk coordinators, volunteers and committee members who made this year's Virtual Walk a success!

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:

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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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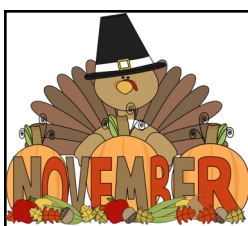
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