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

It's time to start collecting paper, pencils, and those other important school supplies children need to succeed when they return to school in August and September. Help Hope Partners provide these items to the low-income children we serve by hosting a school supplies drive or simply adding a few basic back-to-school items to your own shopping list.



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

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

These items will be needed in mid July, if possible. 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>.



Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
24th Annual Golf Classic	June 10, 2021

48th Annual Virtual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless....September 2021

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

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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 Cucamonaa. San Dimas. Upland.

TARTINERS 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.

Who We Are ...

Blessings

This month officially ends our partnership with the State of California and County of San Bernardino to provide services to families and individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This monumental state program was established to provide localities with flexible block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges. Hope Partners received funding to provide homeless prevention services, bridge housing, and expand our rapid re-housing assistance in San Bernardino County.



The HEAP Program did have some unexpected challenges county and state-wide, and the administrative burdens were trying at times. But, as I reflect on just how many families and individuals

this one-time funding allowed us to help over the last year and a half, we cannot deny the funding's life-changing impact. All told, we worked with some **89 households** through the HEAP program. It broke down as follows:

50 families were able to remain in their homes and avoid homelessness through rental assistance.

15 families were assisted with rapid re-housing assistance to help them move from homelessness to safe and stable housing.

24 families were provided bridge housing through motel vouchers or a brief stay in the *Our House* Family Shelter as they searched for permanent housing.

While the numbers of people served from just this one source of funding paints a wonderful picture, even more rewarding are the individual families and stories they represent. I think about Tiffany and Steven* who we met living with their toddler in a hotel in Montclair. HEAP funding helped put a roof over their heads while they secured employment and then assisted them in moving into an apartment where the three of them have really grown and begun to thrive. Or Emily*, a single-mother of seven children, who was behind on her rent and needed our help to keep them safe in housing and avoid eviction. Just a few months ago her family came by to let us know how well they are doing and how much they appreciated our assistance.

HEAP funding enabled 87 other families to experience similar stories of hope over the past few years. We are so thankful for the partnerships that allow us to play such an important role in the lives of so many people in need in our community.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

*names changed

Our Community Is Amazing

We are so blessed to have incredible community partners who are always so eager

to support Inland Valley Hope Partners' work and those that we serve.

Thank you to the Life Bible Fellowship Church volunteers for spending the day beautifying Sova Center on May 1st. Volunteers of the church pulled weeds, cleaned the yard and spread out landscaping rocks.

Another big donor, **Tyson Foods**, recently donated 40 cases of chicken to our pantries. Tyson Foods has been contributing to Hope Partners almost monthly for over five years now. Without partners like Tyson Foods, Hope Partners would not be able to supply our clients with the nutritional items needed.

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





Hope Partners Success Story

In 2019, LaToya* found herself pregnant, homeless, and living out of her car after leaving an abusive relationship. While saving for an apartment, Latoya got into a car accident on her job as a food delivery driver resulting in her having to use that money to fix her car. The series of unfortunate events

prolonged her homelessness; Latoya continued working to save money for a new apartment before giving birth but could not make enough. She contacted 211, and they connected her to Hope Partners for our HEAP Rapid Re-housing assistance. Our case manager, Kevin, began working with LaToya to find employment and secure housing. Kevin worked with her for months and was successful in finding her a permanent home. Today, Latoya is working as a bus driver in San Bernardino County, taking care of her now 2-year-old daughter and enjoying life. Inland Valley Hope Partners wishes LaToya and her daughter all the best in their journey.

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24th Annual Golf Classic



Reserve your spot TODAY for the 24th Annual Golf Classic scheduled for Thursday, June 10th at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana. A foursome of golf, including breakfast, lunch, oncourse games, and tee

bag giveaway, is only \$800. Individual golfers and twosomes are also welcome for a donation of \$225 each.

A huge thank you to our friends at **Pacific Western Bank** for once again serving as our tournament's Title Sponsor. Other sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's event! All proceeds from the Golf Classic help fund Hope Partners' programs to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

If you would like to sponsor or join us for this event, please contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105, or AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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 lowincome 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 E. California St. Ontario 91761 Monday - Thursday (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)



You're Invited to Hope Partners' Annual Meeting

All supporters are invited to join Inland Valley Hope Partners for this year's Virtual Annual Meeting on June 23rd at



4 p.m. During the meeting, Hope Partners will elect the new Board of Director Officers and members as well as give a brief state of the agency.

If you are interested in attending the virtual meeting, please RSVP to the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x105 or email

<u>AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u> to get the link information.

48th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

The **48th Annual** Walk for the Hungry and Homeless will once again be a virtual event allowing participants to walk/run/jog anywhere during



the whole month of September. Supporters will once again be able to create teams and fundraise on behalf of Inland Valley Hope Partners. More information will be made available in the coming months. To learn how you can participate in this year's event, contact the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x105 or x108.

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- 3. Shop Inland Valley Hope Partners Charity List.
- 4. Select and donate items from the list.
- 5. Ship to the Inland Valley Hope Partners.

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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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