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



September 1 - September 30, 2021 Walk/Run/Skip/Hop/Bike Anywhere!

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 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 to 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!

In addition to the online fundraising, we will also be hosting **Walk for the Hungry and Homeless Pop-Up** events. The pop-up events are a great opportunity for supporters to meet at local walking trails to bring awareness to our hungry and homeless neighbors and socialize in small groups. See page 3 for more details.

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 x105 or 108.

## **Calendar of Events/Activities**

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
48th Annual Virtual Walk for the Hungry and HomelessSeptember 2021	
Walk Pop-up Event San Dimas	September 4, 2021
Walk Pop-up Event Rancho Cucamonga	September 11, 2021
Walk Pop-up Event Claremont	September 18, 2021
Walk Pop-up Event Chino Hills	September 25, 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, Ontagio, Pomona, Bancho, Cucamonaa, San Dimas, Unland

**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.

#### Blessings .....

For many families, summertime equals adventure and fun in the sun. Unfortunately, due to the hardship of COVID-19, families are now stressing about how they will remain in their homes this summer. With the increasing demand from the community for housing assistance, Inland Valley Hope Partners is working hard to help as many low-income families as possible to sustain permanent housing and avoid failing into homelessness.



Hope Partners continues to receive a higher volume of calls regarding our Housing services: Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance, Rapid Re-Housing, and the "Our House" Family Shelter. **The fact is low-income families are more vulnerable to** 

**becoming homeless than ever before.** Financial impacts of COVID-19, a widening wealth gap, systemic racism, and a shortage of affordable homes affect the lives of low-income families, making it difficult for them to build healthy and fulfilling lives.

Did you know?:

- Hope Partners helped 124 families with rental assistance in FY 2020-21. That is a more than double our annual average!
- According to Urbanize City, renters need to earn 2.5 times the minimum wage to afford the average asking rent in Los Angeles County.
- The National Low-Income Housing Coalition reports full-time workers making minimum wage can't afford a two-bedroom rental home in Los Angeles and San Bernardino County without spending more than 35% of their income.

In light of these statistics, it is no wonder many families are feeling hopeless and overwhelmed. With your support, Hope Partners can help more families with our essential food and housing services to prevent and alleviate homelessness in our community. We ask that you help us in our efforts by making your tax-deductible contribution TODAY by mailing a check to our Admin office located at 1753 N. Park Ave Pomona, CA 91768 or make your donation via our secure website www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org. Your gift will help transform a family's hopeless situation into a temporary setback.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

P.S. Help us keep families fed and in their homes this summer. Make your contribution TODAY!

## 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 2021 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** Tuesdays 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.



## **Get Your Walking Shoes Ready!**

With COVID-19 still lingering and making it hard to gather in large groups, Hope Partners opted to skip a traditional Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless. Fortunately, this year the Walk committee came up with a way to get together but in smaller groups with the **Walk for the Hungry and Homeless Pop-up Events**. The pop-up events are a fun way for supporters to meet at local parks, walk together, and show their support of Hope Partners. An Inland Valley Hope Partners staff will

be at the event to accept donations and join the fun. Be on the lookout for flags identifying the starting point.

#### Walk for the Hungry and Homeless Pop-Up Event Dates and Locations

#### Saturday, September 4, 2021

Location: San Dimas Canyon Park 1628 Sycamore Canyon Rd, San Dimas, 91773 Time: 9:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, September 11, 2021

Location: Red Hill Park 7484 Vineyard Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, 91730 Time: 9:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, September 18, 2021

Location: Higginbotham Park 600 Mt Carmel Dr, Claremont, 91711 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 25, 2021 Location: English Springs Park 2201 Grand Ave, Chino Hills, 91709 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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For more information contact the Development Department at 909-622-3806 x105 or 108.

## **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 August, the **Upland Kiwanis Club** donated 120 backpacks to Hope Partners' back to school drive. A few members of the club also helped us to stuff the backpacks with school supplies donated by **Bank of America** and other donors. The backpacks will be given away to children at our Beta and Sova Food Pantries, along with those in the Our House Shelter and Rapid Re-housing Program.

A **private donor** graciously donated three pallets full of health and wellness items like heating pads, exercise equipment, water bottles, hand sanitizers, face mask, and so much more. All of these wonderful items were given out to the families at Hope Partners' Sova Center.

Thank you for being so supportive!

Members of the Upland Kiwanis Club assembled 120 backpacks with school supplies.

## 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.

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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.

### 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!



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