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Inland Valley Hope Partners to Host Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We would like to honor our amazing volunteers for National Volunteer Month by having our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in the month of April. The luncheon will be **Friday, April 24th at 11:30 a.m.** at the First Christian Church of Pomona's Fellowship Hall (1751 N. Park Ave. Pomona 91768).

All volunteers are welcome! Whether you volunteer on a regular basis or volunteered for a specific event, we would love to have you join us so we can share our gratitude with you. Our volunteers come from a variety of different backgrounds, but all share the commitment and passion to help feed and shelter the hungry and homeless here in our community. We appreciate every single one of you and the dedication you have to Hope Partners and those we serve!

In the process of inviting our volunteers to this year's event, we have been blessed to hear some of the wonderful reasons many of you have for donating your time to our organization. Some volunteers say, "Giving to others gives me purpose." Others share, "I believe in helping others, and I believe in the work that Inland Valley Hope Partners does." Whatever the reason, we thank you, and we appreciate your faith in the work we do!

If you would like to join us for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 24th, please contact our new Volunteer Coordinator Ron Crampton and RSVP. Ron can be reached at 909-622-3806 x108 or vcoordinator@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org. (Read more about Ron on Page. 3) Please make your reservation no later than Tuesday, April 21st. We hope to see you there.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Calendar of Events/Activities

Food Drive.....	April 18 & 19, 2015
Volunteer Luncheon.....	April 24, 2015
Volunteer Orientation.....	April 25, 2015
Constantine Garden.....	May 2, 2015
Volunteer Orientation.....	May 6, 2015
Newsletter Mailing.....	May 12, 2015
Golf Tournament.....	May 14, 2015
Volunteer Orientation.....	May 30, 2015
Walk for the Hungry.....	October 11, 2015

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Who We Are ...

Celebrating over 45 years of commitment, Inland Valley Hope Partners serves over 80,000 men, women and children each year through "Our House" family residential shelter; BETA, SOVA, Claremont and San Dimas 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 eight 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 Spring! Even in California, the arrival of Spring brings the hope of a better, brighter day and makes us all feel just a little more joyful.

At Inland Valley Hope Partners, we have so much for which to be joyful! Just look through the pages of this month's newsletter and you will see the tremendous outpouring of support we have received from our many community partners this past month. In fact, there were many groups we simply ran out of room to highlight. So in place of a full article, I would like to take a minute to thank: **CEVA of Mira Loma and Ontario** for providing hygiene and goodie baskets for the shelter families; **Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church** for delivering an Easter meal and goodies for our shelter clients; and the many other individuals, faith communities, businesses and service clubs that regularly host food drives on behalf of our clients.

We also plan to spread some joy this Spring at our upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 24th. As you read on page 1 of this newsletter, this annual event allows us the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful volunteers and all the wonderful work you do throughout our agency's programs. We hope to see you all there!

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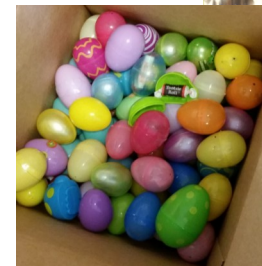
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Thank you to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

We would like to thank the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints! They did a variety of things for us during the month of March. They hosted a toy and book drive for the *Our House* shelter children and donated stuffed Easter eggs for the shelter's Easter festivities. The church also collected snack bag items and put together snack bags to be distributed to homeless individuals in the community. In total, they made more than 100 snack bags. Thank you so much for this great work!



Meet Our New Volunteer Coordinator



Ron Crampton is the new Volunteer Coordinator for Inland Valley Hope Partners. He comes to us with a varied background in management services. Ron most recently volunteered at our SOVA food bank (coordinating warehouse and pantry activities) and worked for San Bernardino County Department of Aging and In Home Support Services. He has worked as a Human Resources Manager, Terminal Manager and Security Manager for Sierra Aviation Group (Sierra provides support services at Ontario International Airport). Previously Ron worked for Saint Joseph Health System in many capacities including Internal Consultant and Hospital Information Systems Director at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, Ca. He also served on Saint Joseph Health Systems Values Committee and was Chairperson for the We Care volunteer group. Ron is very excited to join Hope Partners efforts in helping those in need.

Ron is a native to southern California, born and raised in Norwalk. His favorite activities include sports and painting. Ron's favorite moments are those he spends with his 5 grandchildren.

Join Hope Partners for the 19th Annual Golf Classic

Join us for this event and help your local neighbors while enjoying a day on the links!

We still need golfers for our 19th Annual Golf Tournament which will be taking place on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana. A foursome of golf, including lunch, dinner, on-course games and tee bag giveaway, is only \$800. Individual golfers and twosomes are also welcome for a donation of \$225 each. If you don't golf, you can still join us for dinner where you will have a chance to bid on some exciting prizes.



Please share this information with any golfers you may know. All the proceeds from the 19th Annual Golf tournament go towards supporting our food pantries and *Our House* shelter.

If you would like to join us for this event or are interested in donating an item, package or basket for the auction, please contact Kami Newman at kamin@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or 909-622-3806 x.#105.

Grocery Store Food Drive Update

Volunteers were able to collect 900 pounds of food and \$313 in monetary donations at the Albertsons in Chino Hills and Diamond Bar on March 14th and 15th. Thank you to Albertsons, volunteers, and donors for making this happen!

Our next grocery store food drive will be at the Stater Bros in La Verne on Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope you can stop by and purchase an extra item for a family in need. **Volunteers are still needed as well!** If interested, please contact us at 909-622-3806 x.#108 or vcoordinator@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Cal Poly Athletics Hosts Food Drive

Thank you to the athletes and staff of Cal Poly Pomona's Athletics Department for hosting a food drive on behalf of Inland Valley Hope Partners. The group collected 725 cans/food items for the hungry families we serve.

Athletes from the college presented the donations to Hope Partners' staff members Isaac Vega and Kami Newman at a pre-game ceremony at the Bronco's baseball game on Saturday, March 21st. There, Isaac and Kami were also honored with throwing the game's ceremonial first pitch.

Thank you Cal Poly Pomona. Go Broncos!

Thank You to Our Partners in Hope!

We at Inland Valley Hope Partners are extremely blessed by the support of our many community partners! It is only with your assistance that we are able to carry on our services to the hungry and homeless children, families and individuals in our community. Below are just a few examples of individuals and groups that partnered with us this month in our mission to ensure the empowerment of people in need!

The Kappa Omicron chapter to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. from Cal Poly Pomona

These wonderful gentlemen from the the Kappa Omicron chapter to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. from Cal Poly came out and conducted an Arts & Crafts Family Night with the shelter parents and children on March 12th. They helped prepare dinner and participated in an “all about me” art project with the kids. It was a blast as you can see from the smiles on the children’s & parents’ faces. We cannot thank them enough for the time and fun they gave that evening, and we look forward to working with them again very soon!



Volunteers from Cal Poly's Kappa Omicron chapter pose for a photo with a few of our shelter residents.

Ganesha High School

The Room 12 students of Ganesha High School recently hosted a clothing drive on behalf of Inland Valley Hope Partners. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to share the clothes with our clients and those of the Salvation Army. Thank you for thinking of us!



Students from Ganesha High School load their donations onto the Hope Partners' truck.

Pacific Western Bank

Pacific Western Bank recently held their fourth annual food drive for Hope Partners. A total of eight branches (Claremont, Corona, Glendora, Irwindale, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, & Upland) participated in this year's food drive. Together, these branches collected 2,338 pounds of food and collected \$1,558.55. Their main office

donated another \$1,000 in support of our families. Awesome Job! Thank you to Pacific Western Bank! We will be able to feed a lot of families with this contribution.

Diamond Bar Women's Club

Thank you to the women from the Diamond Bar Women's Club. Not only have they begun volunteering once a month for us here at the shelter and administrative offices, but they also donated Easter baskets complete with goodies for all the children in the shelter! We are so thankful to you for your dedication to us and those we serve. Thank you.



Family Motor Coach Association

Thank you to Lloyd “Smitty” Smith and the Family Motor Coach Association for hosting a food drive for Inland Valley Hope Partners as part of their 91st Annual FMCA Family Reunion and Motor Home Showcase at the Pomona Fairplex on March 26th—29th. Together, they collected 424 pounds of food to aid the children and families we serve. Thank you so much to Lloyd and the group for your generosity. We look forward to working with you the next time you roll into town!



Clockwise from left: Volunteers from the Diamond Bar Women's Club reorganizing the shelter pantry; representatives from the Diamond Bar Women's Club deliver Easter baskets; food donations collected at a Pacific Western Bank branch as part of their annual food drive benefiting Hope Partners.



Again, our heartfelt appreciation to ALL our supporters!

Bread on the Waters: Feeding Hope through Song

On Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 3:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Upland will host 'Bread On The Waters'. This event, currently in its fourth year, is a multiple church, multiple ensemble concert in support of hunger relief efforts in our area.

This year's event will feature choirs and singers from Chino, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland and more singing favorite music of several centuries. There may even be opera. The primary recipient of donations will be the programs of Inland Valley Hope Partners while a portion of the donations will also benefit the Stone Soup Ministry of the FUMC Upland.

We hope you can come hear these talented singers raise both voice and spirit on Sunday, April 19th. For more information contact Kami Newman at 909-622-3806 x.#105 or kamin@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.



Thank you to Construction Hardware Co.

Last month we asked for a volunteer to help us install our new office door. As soon as we sent out our information, we received a call from JoAnne Stewart at Construction Hardware Co. offering their assistance.

It was a true team effort to get this door installed. David Dewhurst arranged for the door to be taken to the shop and cut down to size and sanded while Juan Carlos (JC) Andrade made two trips to our admin office to measure and install the door for us.

We are so appreciative of the whole team at Construction Hardware Services for your assistance with this project!



Other Clever Ways to Give...

Do you designate your grocery store rewards? Please consider designating them to Inland Valley Hope Partners. That way you can help us feed the hungry by buying your own groceries!

Want an easy way to help? Go to goodsearch.com and set up your browser's search engine with Goodsearch. Designate us as your charity of choice and we'll receive 1¢ for every search you make. Easy. Also, their Goodshop feature donates a percentage back for online purchases through major retailers and GoodDining does the same for restaurants!

Have a car in the driveway you don't use, or a boat? Put it to use! Donate it to us through Cars 4 Causes and turn that eyesore into emergency food or shelter for clients in our community. Please keep and send us a copy of the receipt!

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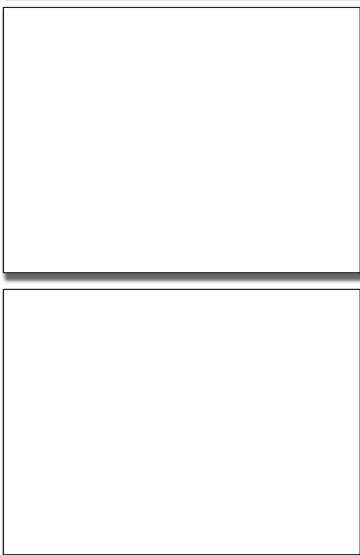
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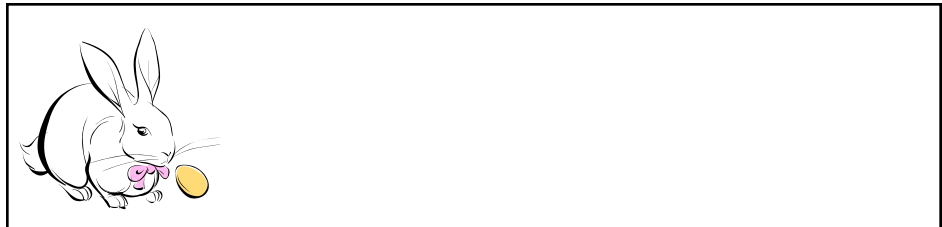
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