Feeding the Hungry and Sheltering the Homeless since 1968



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It's Time for the 42nd Annual Walk for the Hungry

Are you ready for the Walk, the **42**nd **Annual Walk for the Hungry** on Sunday, October 11th? It's a 5K walk around the Claremont Colleges, a beautiful location for a Sunday walk while serving a great cause! Registration begins at noon and the walk begins at 1.

Why does La Verne Heights Presbyterian Walk for the Hungry?

W-We walk because we want to help those who are hungry; for the families with nowhere to turn, for our neighbors who suddenly can't buy groceries, and for the children facing the uncertainty of when they will have their next meal.

A-All people need and deserve food to eat. **All** financial and food donations help provide food for those in need. 90% stays right here locally to replenish Inland Valley Hope Partners' food pantries in Pomona, Ontario, Claremont, San Dimas and Upland; 10% helps with global hunger relief.

L-Let's all participate in the Walk for the Hungry. Get others to join us, support Inland Valley Hope Partners, and help reach this year's fundraising goal of \$75,000!

K-Know that your contribution makes a big difference. Did you **know** that for each **\$1** donated, Inland Valley Hope Partners can leverage **5 lbs.** of food for those who are hungry? Your donation goes far and helps many.

So, dust off your walking shoes. Find out if your church or organization has a Walk Coordinator (or volunteer to be one if they don't!). Then start fundraising! Get your fundraising materials from your Walk Coordinator or contact Hope Partners and they will deliver some. Or go paperless and fundraise online with your own Donor Page—an easy way to connect with friends and family by email and social networking. Go to the website (www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org) to get started.

Set a goal, create or join a team, promote the walk, keep track of your progress, and have fun. You can do it! My congregation exceeded our goal of 41 walkers and \$4,100 last year. This year we're aiming for 42 walkers and \$4,200. I challenge you to aim high and raise as much as you can to help struggling families put food on the table.



Harriet Archibald-Woodward and some walkers from La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church at last year's Walk for the Hungry event.

-Harriet Archibald-Woodward La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events/Activities

Restaurant Fundraiser	August 24, 2015
Macy's Shop for a Cause	August 29, 2015
Volunteer Orientation	August 29, 2015
Constantine Garden	September 5, 2015
Volunteer Orientation	September 9, 2015
Newsletter Mailing	September 15, 2015
Volunteer Orientation	September 26, 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

Summer can be an especially challenging time for children and families battling food insecurity. These kids, many of whom rely on school meals, struggle just to get enough to eat during the summer months. Limited family funds often hinder these families' ability to stay cool in the intense summer heat, secure adult supervision for the children during school hours and provide much needed back to school supplies as well.



We at Inland Valley Hope Partners are thankful for you, our community friends, who enable us to help these children and their families. Due to your generosity, we have been able to provide food to each and every child, woman and man who has requested food at one of our food security sites this summer. We pride ourselves on never turning anyone away hungry, and we thank you for assistance in this accomplishment. We are also excited that, to date, we have collected more than 130 backpacks filled with supplies with more donations arriving in our offices each day. What a blessing to our agency and the no, very-low and low income children who will receive them!

Children are also the focus of our annual *Adopt a Family* Program, kicking off this month. Last year, **428 children** and their families were blessed with presents and household items to make their holiday special! We hope you'll join us to help even more deserving children this year. More information on this year's Adopt a Family Program can be found on page 8.

Blessings,

Wytske G. Visser

President/CEO

Thank You Inter Valley Health Plan Volunteers



Thank you to volunteers from Inter Valley Health Plan for putting together our *Walk for the Hungry* Walk Coordinator Packets and for volunteering at our Beta Food Pantry. We are very grateful for your annual volunteer support each summer. Thank you Patricia Jacobson for coordinating this.

THIS MONTH: Shop, Save AND Support Hope Partners' Families in Need!

On Saturday, August 29, 2015, Macy's will host its 10th annual Shop For A Cause benefiting charities nationwide. Macy's has provided Hope Partners with **shopping passes to sell for \$5 each**. By purchasing a shopping pass to the event, customers provide a contribution that goes **completely to our cause**. Additionally, they will enjoy a day of

spectacular discounts, entertainment,

special events and a chance to win a

\$500 shopping spree.



This exclusive shopping pass includes 25% or 10% off regular, sale and clearance purchases all day. This is an exceptional fundraising offer for Hope Partners and our donors.

To purchase your ticket, contact Kami Newman at kamin@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or 909-622-3806 x105.

Hope Partners' GleaningHope Program to Partner with Non-Profit Food Forward

Hope Partners is pleased to partner with Los Angelesbased non-profit Food Forward to expand our GleaningHope program. GleaningHope pairs volunteers with local residents who wish to donate nutritious, unused fruit from the trees in their yard. The volunteers pick the fruit from the donors' trees and deliver all of it to Inland



Volunteers from Girl Scout Troop 2094 assist at a recent glean.

Valley Hope Partners' food pantries to be distributed to the hungry families we serve.

Interested in being a part of this unique program to feed the hungry? Both homeowners looking

to donate their excess fruit and volunteers (individuals or groups) wishing to assist in gleaning, please contact Ron Crampton, Volunteer Coordinator, at 909-622-3806 x108 or ronc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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Join Us For a Restaurant Fundraiser

Monday, August 24, 2015 @ Vince's Spaghetti in Ontario & Rancho Cucamonga

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to dine in or take out in support of **Inland Valley Hope Partners'** families in need!!

Simply present this flyer at either Vince's Spaghetti location during the designated hours on **8/24**, and Vince's will donate **20%** of the bill to Inland Valley Hope Partners.

MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER IN ORDER FOR INLAND VALLEY HOPE PARTNERS TO RECEIVE CREDIT.

Fundraisers exclude all discounted items and coupons

For more information, contact the Development Dept. at 909-622-3806 x105 or 104.



Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Constantine Family Garden

On May 27, 2015, the Cal Poly Pomona chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta honored the Constantine Family Garden and Orchard and its manager, Tim Constantine, with a \$500 check and a commemorative plaque. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society for students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA and are in the top 20% of the class



Tim & Peggy Constantine at the ALD Dinner in May.

during their first year or first term of higher education.

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta volunteered three times in the Constantine Garden this year, and have designated the garden as their official charity for the 2015-2016 school year.

Thank You School Supply Donors!

A huge thank you to everyone participating in our annual school supply drive! Utilizing the generous donations we have



Siemens' employees collected more than four boxes of backpacks, notebooks, pencils and other school supplies for Hope Partners' clients.

already received, we hosted a Backpack and School Supply Give Away Event at our Beta Food Pantry on August 7th (pictures and details to follow).

We know there are many of you still collecting supplies on behalf of our clients, and we are

truly grateful. We will continue to accept and distribute these items to the children in need at our food pantries and shelter throughout the months of August and September. For more information, please contact Maria Zuleta at 909-622-3806 x104 or mariaz@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Donors to date are included in the GIK Donors List on page 6.

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!

If you're not doing so already, follow us on Facebook (Inland Valley Hope Partners) and Twitter (@HopePartners). We will keep you informed about our latest efforts and current volunteer opportunities.

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Inland Valley Hope Partners' **Adopt a Family Holiday Program** is a holiday gift giving program designed to make the season joyous for local families in need. The Adopt a Family Program matches struggling families with faith communities, businesses, organizations, families and individuals to show them that they are not forgotten.

We have families that need your help! It may still be Summer, but Inland Valley Hope Partners is already accepting applications for this year's Adopt a Family Program. But without the support of generous donors to "adopt" these families, the children will have nothing to

open 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 x104 or x105.

Also, if you know of a family that needs assistance this holiday season, please let them know that we are accepting applications **by appointment ONLY**. Appointments will be:

Mondays August 17—September 21 (excluding Labor Day) 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. @ the Housing Office (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona)

Certain limitations apply, and spots are limited. To schedule an appointment, call 909-622-3806 x109.

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