

Hope Partners Honors Volunteers



Hope Partners' Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon took place on Friday, April 24th at the First Christian Church of Pomona's Fellowship Hall. We had a very successful turn out, with over 75 volunteers in attendance. It was great seeing all the different faces from all the different program sites in which they volunteer.

As we mentioned at the Luncheon-and will continue to mention-we appreciate every single one of you and the dedication you have to Hope Partners and those we serve! The luncheon provides our staff the chance to thank you, our wonderful team of volunteers, and recognize a select few volunteers as our *Volunteers of the Year*. Our honorees are those who have stood out for their commitment and service to the hungry and homeless. Several of our honorees have partnered with our agency for decades! A complete list of our 2015 *Volunteers of the Year* is included below.

Founders Award Winner Tim Constantine poses for a celebratory picture with Hope Partners' Board Chair Sharonda White and CEO Wytiske Visser. Constantine was recognized for his legacy of giving to our agency, our clients and the community. Besides being a member of our Board, he is an active member of our Golf Tournament Planning Committee, volunteers at our San Dimas Center and is the founder and operator of the Constantine Family Garden.

We would not be able to do everything we do without your support. The hard work you do for Inland Valley Hope Partners is greatly appreciated and we cannot thank you enough for everything you do to help the hungry and homeless in the community! We'd also like to thank Pappas Artisanal for the great food and Peggy Constantine for designing the event's beautiful centerpieces.

Thank you again to all our volunteers and congratulations to our *Volunteers of the Year*!

Volunteers of the Year

- Tim Constantine—Founders Award Winner
- Magdalena Yepes—Claremont Food Pantry
- Candy Beecher—Sova Food Pantry
- Lisa Kopanke—San Dimas Food Pantry
- Naomi Figueroa—Beta Food Pantry
- Adriana Fernandez—Our House
- Rita Kent—Administration
- Craig Whitenack—Certified Farmers' Market
- Ed Walsh—Constantine Garden
- La Verne Heights Presbyterian—Faith Community
- Perera Construction—Business

Calendar of Events/Activities

- Golf Tournament.....May 14, 2015
- Food Drive.....May 16 & 17, 2015
- Volunteer Orientation.....May 30, 2015
- Constantine Garden.....June 6, 2015
- Newsletter Mailing.....June 9, 2015
- Volunteer Orientation.....June 10, 2015
- Volunteer Orientation.....June 27, 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

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

-Proverbs 27:1-



Solomon's words in the Book of Proverbs remind us that tomorrow is promised to no man. These words hit home recently when my loved one faced an unexpected, life-threatening health emergency. Praise God, we have been blessed with a wonderful medical team and my loved one is expected to make a full recovery, but I believe a true understanding of life's fragility will forever remain with my family and me.

This situation has also reminded me of the importance of having my family's affairs in order. It is important to both my husband and I that we leave a lasting legacy for the ones we love and the causes for which we are most passionate. I know many of you share this desire, and so I thought it appropriate to share with you about Inland Valley Hope Partners' *Circle of Hope*.

The *Circle of Hope* is Hope Partner's legacy society designed to allow you, our partners, the opportunity to keep your values and your mission alive forever. When you include Inland Valley Hope Partners in your estate plans, you become a *Circle of Hope* member and help guarantee that our agency will be able to provide our area's homeless and hungry people with the help and supportive services they need for many years to come. For more information on making your planned gift to Inland Valley Hope Partners, please contact our development department.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity to our agency and those we serve!

Blessings,

Wytiske G. Visser

President/CEO

Save the Date: 42nd Annual Walk for the Hungry

Our 42nd Annual Walk for the Hungry will be on *Sunday, October 11, 2015*. Please be sure to save the date. We would love to hear if you and your group will be attending. Please feel free to contact Maria Zuleta at 909-622-3806 x104 or mariaz@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org and let her know that you will be participating! Our materials will be ready in the next couple of months, so get your walking shoes ready and join us in October. It will be here before you know it!



What's Happening at Hope Partners?

19th Annual Golf Classic



Our 19th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, May 14th at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. We are excited to see all our sponsors and golfers out on the links in support of Hope Partners and the hungry and homeless children and families we serve. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The tournament will feature lunch by Tommy's Burgers, on-course contests and auction and raffle prizes at the evening banquet.

We are thankful to our **Presenting Sponsor Pacific Western Bank** and many others who make this event possible. A complete list of our sponsors and partners will be featured in next month's issue.

Grocery Store Food Drive

This month's grocery store food drive will be at the Stater Bros. in Claremont on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th 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.



Farmers' Market to Host Salsa Contest



The Farmers' Market will be having its **Annual Salsa Contest** on *July 11, 2015*. Details are available Saturday mornings at the market (located on the corner of Garey and Pearl in Pomona). There will be a \$100 prize, and participants may only use ingredients from the market (unless not available at the market). The salsa contest will be judged by our customers.

Also, the WIC FMNP (Farmers' Market Nutrition Program) will begin in mid-May. For more information, see Harry Brown-Hiegel at the market.

Shelter Success Story

Melanie—Melanie's story reminds us that homelessness is no respecter of persons. Less than a year ago, Melanie, a single mother with a one year old child, was an accounts payable representative with a big corporation. Yes, she lived paycheck to paycheck, but she managed to provide for herself and her child. That is until an unexpected job loss caused her to lose her income and her home. Without a proper support system in place, she found herself homeless and stranded in Victorville with her young son. She heard about Inland Valley Hope Partners' *Our House* Shelter and reached out for help to get her life back on track.

While in the shelter, Melanie was able to obtain employment with Volunteers of America, get a new apartment and even purchase a car. We are so proud of the work Melanie has done to rebuild her life. **We wish you and your son the best!**

Snack Bags for the Homeless Available for Distribution

Thanks to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, we have snack bags that can be distributed to the homeless in the community. Containing snacks, water, information on our food pantries and a 211 resource card, these snack bags are perfect to keep in your car and pass out to homeless individuals you encounter asking for assistance by the side of the road or as part of an outreach activity.

If interested, please contact our Development Department to schedule a time to pick some up!

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Our Wonderful Partners in Action

Community Senior Services

We would like to thank the volunteers and workers at **Community Senior Services in Claremont** for bagging bulk items for us. We receive bulk items such as dried fruit, nuts, chocolate, and more from Torn & Glasser in Pomona. The group bagged the bulk items into smaller family-size bags in order for us to distribute these food items to families in need. This group will be partnering with us each month to help with this activity. Thank you so much for your help.



Tree Planting at SOVA



On Saturday, April 18th, **Chaffey High School ROTC** along with Council Member **Debra Dorst-Porada** from the City of Ontario and



Ontario Kiwanis planted 10 trees on the south side of our SOVA food pantry. Thank you so much for this great effort!

Spotlight on Faith Communities



La Verne Church of the Brethren filled up our donation boxes and donated multiple boxes of cereal to the Beta food security site.



Claremont United Church of Christ donated 24 bags and 3 boxes of food.



Claremont Presbyterian donated 3 boxes of bread, 16 bags of food, and some cereal to feed the hungry at our food security sites.

Thank you so much for all your support and for having faith in the work that we do!

Different Ways to Help Inland Valley Hope Partners

Become a Monthly Donor

When you commit to a monthly gift, you are committing to making a lasting difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Your monthly donation provides Hope Partners with a consistent, reliable source of funding, allowing us to take a planned, long-term approach to helping our community's hungry and homeless children and families.

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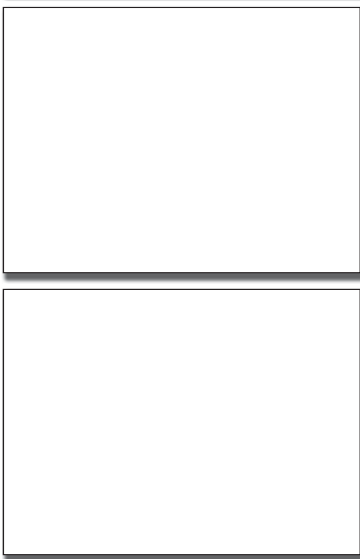
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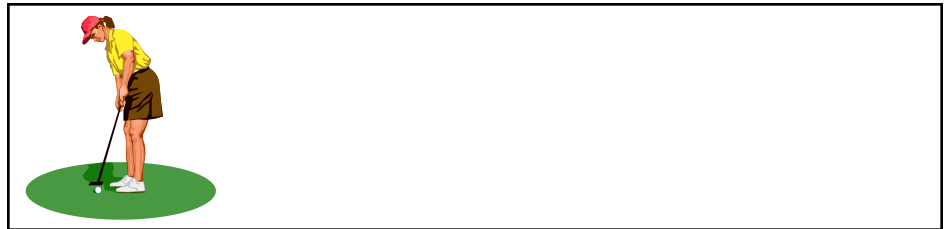
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