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You're Still Invited!

Inland Valley Hope Partners is celebrating its 45th anniversary in conjunction with Samaritan Counseling Center's 40th anniversary. That makes 85 years of service to the Inland Valley and a community legacy of care and support for people in need and we want you to come celebrate with us! The celebration will be held on **June 27** at **St. Anthony Catholic Church** (2110 N San Antonio Ave., Upland) from **5:30 to 7:30 PM**.

We will be featuring sample dishes from a number of local restaurants, micro-brews and award-winning wine, and a silent and live auction to raise funds to further the missions of both agencies. Come for a fun evening of sampling what the area has to offer, both in food and drink and in service to our neighbors.

Tickets are \$50; we are also offering a number of sponsorship and advertising opportunities. You can reserve a spot online at Eventbrite.com (search for 'celebrating 85'), contacting Fran at (909) 622-3806 x231 or FranR@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org, or by detaching the form below and mailing it back to us at the address listed. See you there!

Calendar of Events

- Newsletter Mailing.....June 11**
 - Volunteer Orientation.....June 22
 - Anniversary Celebration/Meeting...June 27
 - Newsletter Mailing.....July 9**
 - El Rancho Restaurant Claremont...July 21
 - Walk Coordinator Meetings.....Aug-Sep
 - Walk for the Hungry.....Oct 20
 - Golf Tournament.....May 8, 2014
- call or email to volunteer for bold events!*



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Who We Are ...

Celebrating 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.....

I hope you've been reading these newsletters, because we have a very special event coming up that I am very excited about. As the Executive Director of Inland Valley Hope Partners and a member of the board of directors for Samaritan Counseling Center, the idea of a combined anniversary event celebrating a total of 85 years of service between the two agencies is thrilling.

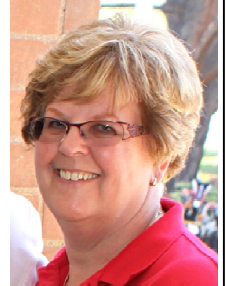
Obviously, working closely in the leadership of both gives me a unique perspective on each one. I am repeatedly confronted with the problems and difficulties that many people in the Inland Valley are accosted with every day, and just as often I'm impressed to find that people and organizations are stepping up to fill those needs. It's really touching to know that people have dedicated their time and effort to dealing with the physical and mental needs of the community.

That being said, we're very much looking forward to celebrating those efforts. And it's shaping up to be quite the party! We're going to have food vendors from some of my favorite local restaurants serving sample dishes, a local micro-brewery sharing its craft beers, and award winning wine to top it off. We'll also be hosting a live auction, silent auction, and raffle to raise funds for both agencies—some of the items that will be put up already have my eye on them.

But even more than the festivities, we're going to be talking about what these agencies are doing to serve the people of this area. I hope you come join us in celebrating 85 years of service and all the good that can be done in such a time.

Blessings,

Wytske G. Visser



Hungry?

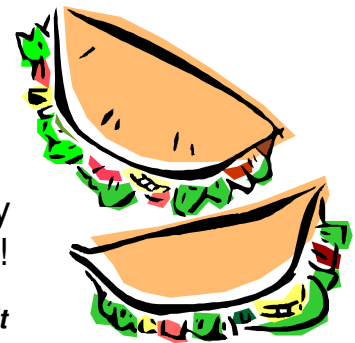
Join us on **Sunday, July 21** at

El Rancho Restaurant

in Claremont (984 W Foothill Blvd.)

Come and eat any time during that day and we'll get a portion of the proceeds!

Detach this section of the newsletter and present it to your server to secure the donation.



Supporters



Did you know that May 11 was Pomona Beautification Day? We certainly did—and we took full advantage of some willing volunteers to paint the exterior of the Our House shelter. We received 26 eager pairs of hands from the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Cal Poly Pomona who did some amazing acrobatics to get the building gleaming again. The fraternity tries to serve the community at least two times per month, and we're grateful that we were able to receive their efforts this time around!



Gleaning Hope

What do apricots, boysenberries, cherries, grapefruit, grapes, lemons, cantaloupe, honeydew, Valencia oranges, peaches, plums, strawberries, and watermelon have in common? *They're all in season in Southern California right now and we'd love to get them into our food pantries.*

THE PROBLEM IS: THEY'RE IN YOUR BACKYARD!!

That's where our Gleaning Hope program comes in. We'll bring in a group of volunteers to come and pick them. All you need to do is call the number below and let David know that you have the produce.

And we're not picky—as much or as little as you have, we'll send an appropriately sized volunteer group (or army). We'd even love to pick your vegetables—we're not fruit-supremists.

So give us a call or shoot us an email. This is a great way to support our mission and to support the well-being of your neighbors in the community.

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Want to hear a story?

Mike and Michael Wolfson of the La Verne Church of the Brethren have put together a community garden to support the food security work of Hope Partners. The way they do it is they offer plot rentals in the garden with one caveat: 10% of the plot's produce goes to the Beta center. In addition, any unrented plots they garden themselves, donating the entire harvest of those plots to Beta.

It's another unique and clever way that people are helping us feed the hungry in our communities. We thank them for their efforts.



Volunteers

In case you hadn't already heard, we just got finished with our 17th Annual Golf Classic and now, with most of the numbers in, we're calling it a resounding success! Although, if we had to call it on the day of the tournament, we would have declared it a fantastic event all the same. Under a beautiful blue sky 28 foursomes played a great round of golf at Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana.



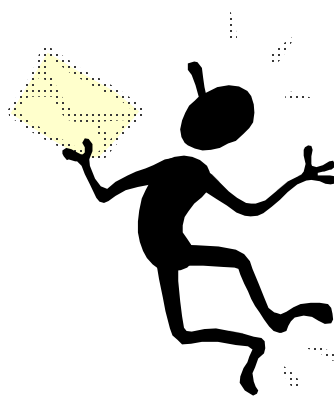
After everybody wore themselves out on the links, we met in the clubhouse for an exquisite buffet dinner and the festivities of live auction, silent auction, and raffle. We ended up giving away some amazing prizes to some very happy golfers and guests, while at the same time bringing in over \$10,000 to feed the hungry just from the prizes!

We want to offer thanks to all the golfers, supporters, volunteers, and donors that helped make this event possible. Being one of our two big fundraising events each year, we are so grateful that together we raised over \$62,000 total. Thanks to everybody who recognizes the importance of coming together to feed the hungry.

SPECIAL GOLF THANKS:

- Thank you to **Charlene Archer** and the amazing team from the **Ontario logistics Center** for another great year with us. In addition to their annual sponsorship of the tournament, they have volunteered with us for almost five years. We are grateful to each of them for giving their time, efforts and dedication in service to Hope Partners.
- **Grainger**: Thank you to **Josh Johnson** who represented Grainger during the sponsor presentation prior to the shotgun start. Thank you to Manuel Espinosa from the Rancho Cucamonga Granger store for donating \$10,000 and Lena Libert from the Chino store as well.
- **IVRS**: Thank you to the many helpful hearts and hands from **Inland Valley Recovery Service** who joined all day.
- **Jess Swick**: Thank you for your efforts in the live auction—you helped us raise over \$5000 to feed the hungry.
- **Golf Committee**: thank you to **Rev. Steve Marshall** from the Walnut United Methodist Church, **Carrie Lewis Hasse** from the University of La Verne School of Law, **Brenda Clark** from Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, **Stephanie Bustamante** from Pepsi and **Ted Powl**. They, along with Hope Partners staff, coordinated this year's tournament.

Last month we told you about the Postal Workers Food Drive. This month we can report to you a very successful event! With the help of many local postal workers and many more supporters along their routes, the Pomona post office brought in more than 16,000 lbs of food and more than 17,000 in Ontario!



They spread their generosity to a number of organizations, but we received around 20,000 lbs for our own food pantries. Thanks to everybody who helped make this a successful food drive.

We love every single volunteer we get and are pleased with every donation and amount, but with a group of Brownies on board with our food security mission, we can't help but be impressed.

Brownie Troop #2634 from Our Lady of the Assumption collected donations for us including a check for \$308! Thank you ladies for all your hard work!



Our Supporters

Rochelle Williams—Case Manager/Program Assistant

We have **good news and sad news** about Rochelle:

Good news: Rochelle got married and we wish her and her husband Von God's blessings on their lives together.

Sad news: Rochelle will be leaving Inland Valley Hope Partners after almost fourteen years; first as the Emergency Housing Coordinator and then Case Manager /Program Assistant. She has, in many ways, made our Emergency Housing Program what it is today. We want to take this opportunity to thank Rochelle for her years of service and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Thank You!

Avika Dua is coming to us as a summer student leader intern, working with a Bank of America program designed to build leadership skills through work at local nonprofit agencies. Avika just graduated from Walnut High School with honors and will attend Harvard in the fall. We look forward to working with her over the next few months!

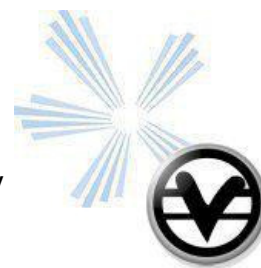


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One of the most resounding characteristics of our supporting churches is their faithfulness. Many of them have been there working with us from the beginning and continue to support our work in many different ways.

Claremont Center for Spiritual Living is no exception. They are a faithful presence at our annual Walk for the Hungry (not to mention vigorous fundraisers leading up to the event) and have a number of members who help at our pantries and at our office.

That's not to mention a constantly running food drive that keeps us on our toes. Every few weeks we receive a call to come pick up another load of food that they've collected. Like clockwork, we could nearly set our watches to their food pick up. We want to say a special thanks to them for all they do.



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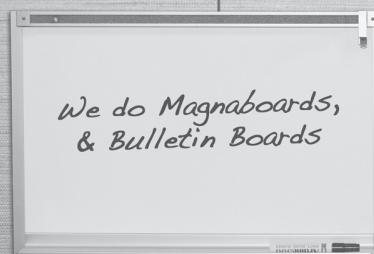
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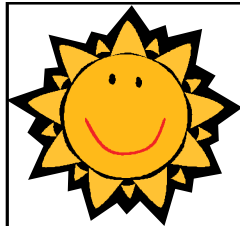
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