



TAKE A POW-ERFUL STEP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

Hope Partners invites you to **BE A HERO** for our citizens in peril by participating in the:

50TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 @ THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES SERVICES
8:00 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS * 9:00 AM WALK BEGINS

With a fun **SUPERHERO** theme, walkers are encouraged, but not required, to dress in your favorite superhero gear as we walk to raise funds to combat the evils of hunger and homelessness right here in our community. The Walk will also feature a food drive, free popcorn, balloons, face-painting, live music, community fair, and lots more for a fun morning for the entire family.

IT'S EASY TO GET STARTED! Online registration is now open on our website and walker registration packets are available in our office or for download at www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org. A form is included in this month's newsletter for your convenience as well. Walk Registration is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, and free for children 12 and under, and all registered walkers will receive a free Hope Partners superhero cape! Ask your family, friends, co-workers and faith community to support your fundraising efforts with a donation or join forces to form a walk team and multiply both your enjoyment and impact for the cause!

Don't forget, Hope Partners is offering other ways to support this year's **WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS!**

- **PRESENT A COMMUNITY FAIR BOOTH** - Space is free, but all booths must include an activity or craft for children to enjoy on-site.
- **SPONSOR A ROUTE SIGN** - Priced at only \$250, a route sign is a wonderful way to draw attention to your message and support the children and families Hope Partners serves.
- **HOST A FOOD DRIVE** - our Be A Hero Food Drive calendar makes it easy to organize a September Hunger Action Month Food Drive. Remember to bring your collected food items on the day of the Walk!

For more information, visit our website at www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org or contact our team:

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We look forward to seeing you at the **WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS** on Saturday, September 30th!

**Calendar of Events/
Activities**

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday
Adopt a Family Appointments.....August/September 2023
Hunger Action Month Food Drive.....September 2023
50th Walk for the Hungry & Homeless.....September 30, 2023

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)!
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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, 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 ...

Hope Partners recently completed our fiscal year, which always provides an opportunity to pause and reflect upon our activities and their impact. I thought I would take a moment to illustrate some of our highlights and challenges from this last year.

The sale of the Urban Mission property last Summer meant the end of our food pantry and urban farming efforts at that location. We quickly found a new collaborative partner, Community Partners 4 Innovation (CP4I). The organization offered Hope Partners a new home at Lopez Urban Farm so we could continue our outreach to the families in that neighborhood. With the leadership of our partners at Amy's Farm and specialized grant funding, we helped CP4I to expand the Lopez Urban Farm from **50 to 130 planting beds** and helped fund a part-time farming position. Additionally, the agencies launched the collaborative Evergreen Market Pantry in April to serve households in need in that neighborhood.

Our Food Security Program experienced a steady increase in demand as families struggled to deal with the increasing costs of fuel, utilities, rent, groceries, and other commodities. The largest surge in demand has been at our Sova location in Ontario which has begun **servicing upwards of 80 households a day**. This is not surprising considering low-income families spend a significantly higher portion of their budget on necessities and are therefore typically hit the hardest during times of inflation.

Homeless prevention rental assistance continued to be a highly sought-after service this year as well. The high volume of inquiries required our team to implement a new digital waitlist system to increase the efficiency of the process. Through generous funding, Hope Partners **helped 175 families remain in their home and avoid homelessness** in FY 22-23. And finally, after several delays, Hope Partners is currently wrapping up the renovation of the *Our House Family Shelter* and will be operating at full capacity (20 beds) any day now. We are so excited to have made it to this point and can't wait to assist even more families and single women experiencing homelessness.

Each success and challenge serve to re-ignite our passion to serve families struggling in our community. As always, Hope Partners would be unable to assist anyone without YOUR valuable support! We thank you for your investments of time, talent, prayers, and finances to the work and mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



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Local Students Receive Backpacks and Supplies



Thanks to the generosity of several community partners, Hope Partners has collected enough backpacks and school supplies to assist **224 local school children** with even more donations on the way! Hope Partners hosted a Backpack Giveaway event at our newest food pantry location, the Evergreen Market in Pomona, on Thursday, August 3rd. Through this event, we blessed 50 students with a brand new backpack and supplies to ensure a successful start to their new school year. The children and their parents were so happy and grateful to receive these backpacks, as evidenced by the pictures to the left. The remaining backpacks and supplies have been and will continue to be distributed to students on Thursdays at our Beta and Sova Program Centers in Pomona and Ontario

while supplies last. Thank you to all our donors, including those listed below for making this possible!

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- And others!*



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At Inland Valley Hope Partners we believe in establishing great relationships with you—our supporters! For this reason, we want to be connected with you on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Here you can learn more about our services, impact and special events and we can get your feedback on our work in the community. Follow/Like us TODAY!

Thank You to HomeAid



This month, HomeAid Inland Empire Executive Director Matt Friedlander and Board Member Mark Dimitruk delivered enough diapers and other essentials to fill an SUV! These items were donated as part of the non-profit's annual Diaper Drive and will be a huge blessing to the families we serve in the Our House Family Shelter and other housing programs.

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Toyota Motor North America Hosts Food Drive at Its Ontario Facility



A huge thank you to our friends at **Toyota Motor North America** for their very successful Summer Food Drive. The company provided an opportunity for our President/CEO Kami Grosvenor to attend a team meeting to share information about Inland Valley Hope Partners and our services with their employees in early July. Then they held a month-long food drive that generated fantastic results. Their hard work and generosity is so very appreciated and their food donations are a vital addition to our food inventory for distribution to our neighbors struggling with food insecurity.



Get Your Fresh Produce at Hope Partners' Weekly Farmers' Market



Inland Valley Hope Partners sponsors the year-round Pomona Valley Certified Farmers' Market to bring fresh, nutritious fruits and produce grown by local family farmers to residents of the Pomona Valley. Although our market is designed to serve the needs of low-income families, the market is for **EVERYONE** and takes place **every Saturday** (rain or shine) in the parking lot of Purpose Church at the corner of Pearl and Garey in Pomona from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Items regularly available for purchase include fruits, vegetables, bread, tamales, flowers, and much more!

Volunteers are always needed for special events as well as ongoing operations at the Farmers' Market! If interested, please contact Development and Volunteer Relations Associate Cirenia Cuevas at cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or (909) 622-3806, x. 108.

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 www.ralphs.com. 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.

Matching gifts is a form of corporate philanthropy which allows companies to match their employees' donations to nonprofits. Companies will match their employees' donations at a 1:1, 2:1, or even 3:1 ratio, effectively maximizing the impact of a single eligible donation. Your HR Dept. will typically be able to assist you access your company's matching gifts program.



Our House Family Shelter Success Story

A young single female, **Shelby***, came to Inland Valley Hope Partners after a period of domestic violence and emotional trauma. She had previously fled an emotionally and physically abusive romantic relationship and ended up living with her family. Unfortunately, this situation was also not a healthy environment for her. She was unable to process and work through the trauma inflicted on her by her past partner when she was experiencing fresh emotional trauma in this environment. She left, but with nowhere to live and no real tools to heal her mental and emotional wounds. She arrived at Hope Partners feeling confused and lost on how to move her life forward. Fortunately, during her interview with our housing case manager, she recognized that the *Our House Family Shelter* might be just the program she needed to figure her life out and begin on a different, healthier path.

Shelby entered the shelter ready and willing to address her challenges head on. She attended and engaged in all case management, counseling, and life skills sessions, openly sharing the events of her journey, and seeking input from our qualified professionals to help her learn and heal. Shelby shares that this process of becoming vulnerable and transparent about her struggles and hurts has helped her stabilize emotionally and mentally and find her self-worth as a woman. She also feels she is now better equipped to handle the anxieties and emotions of everyday life which has enabled her to return to her previous employment which she loved. After nearly three months in the shelter and taking full advantage of all the opportunities and services offered to her, Shelby moved on to permanent housing for her and her adorable support animal in the city of Upland. Shelby states that her life and outlook are no longer dark and gloomy, and that she is so thankful to the Hope Partners team for helping her start a new beginning. We are so proud of the work Shelby has done to heal and restore her life and can't wait to see all the exciting things the Lord has planned for her over the next few years.

*Name Changed



It's Never Too Early to Start Your Holiday Shopping! Help Us Bring Joy to Local Children in Need!



Pictured above are two of the more than 100 families assisted through last holiday season's Adopt a Family Program.

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 August, we

are accepting applications for the 2023 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.

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.

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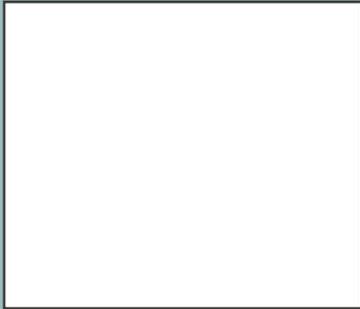
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