

Families Provided Full Meals and Fuller Hearts at Thanksgiving Give-Away



Clockwise from top: Congresswoman Judy Chu hands President/CEO Kami Grosvenor with a turkey for Hope Partners' families; Clients line up at our Sova Center for their turn to receive their turkey and sides;

Volunteers help get things ready for the give-away event on November 20th.

Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, Hope Partners was able to provide **350 households** with a Thanksgiving meal. The meals and turkeys came from local businesses, faith communities, and local officials, most notably **Life Bible Fellowship Church, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Golden State Water Company (at the recommendation of Assemblymember Chris Holden), HDL Companies**, and many more! We also had terrific volunteers who helped out with the distribution of these meals. On behalf of all of us at Inland Valley Hope Partners, thank you to all our community friends for once again showing up BIG for our neighbors in need this holiday season!

Help Us Meet the Basic Needs of the *Our House* Family Shelter Clients

You can help Hope Partners' shelter clients by donating new, unopened hygiene and cleaning supplies. The purchase of these basic items can quickly add up when we are supplying them year-round to all clients that come through the *Our House Family Shelter*. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated! Items include:

Hygiene Items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, razors, hand soap, laundry detergent, laundry softener, and lotion (for women, men and children). Family size would be fantastic!

Cleaning Supplies: dish soap, bleach, floor cleaner, window cleaner, cleaning cloths, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, and all purpose cleaner.

We are always in need of these items for our shelter clients. To donate, please contact either:

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or Cirenia "CC" Cuevas at 909-622-3806, x108
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Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday
Souper Bowl of CaringJanuary 15 - March 15, 2024
Newsletter Mailing.....February 20, 2024
Golf Classic.....May 14, 2024

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)!
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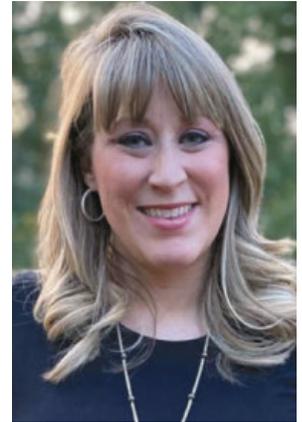
Who We Are ...

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 ...

In 2023, YOUR contributions of time, talent and treasure to the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners have helped our agency:

- Feed a total of **41,017 children, women and men** with emergency, staple foods to soothe their hungry stomachs—that's enough food for a total of **615,255 meals** distributed by our Food Security Program
- Move **16 families** from homelessness to safe, stable housing through the Rapid Re-Housing Program
- Support **111 families** with emergency rental assistance to prevent additional cases of homelessness
- Provide **121 individuals with 335 nights** of respite from living on the street or other place not meant for human habitation
- House **18 homeless families (28 individuals)** in the Our House Temporary Shelter, providing them with room, board and vital services to move them forward from homelessness into a place of their own.
- Harvest **more than 10,000 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables** through our Urban Farming Partnerships to feed our clients in our Housing and Food Security Programs
- Provide **more than 300 students** with a backpack full of school supplies
- Supply **350 families** with a turkey and trimmings for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Facilitate the "adoption" of **94 families** through our Adopt-A-Family Holiday Gift Program helping to bring a happy holiday to a family that might otherwise have had none



We thank you for your commitment and service to our mission of feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless here in the Inland Valley. We look forward to your continued support to serve our neighbors in need in 2024!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

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Partner Spotlight: Cal Poly University of Pomona

Hope Partners is blessed with so many wonderful partners throughout the community, but this month we wanted to highlight our friends at Cal Poly Pomona, specifically the students and faculty of the College of Business Administration.

Over the last few years, we have had the privilege of collaborating with lecturer **Sharonda Bishop and her students in the MHR 4610S course**. This service-learning course is for upper-level human resources students and allows them the opportunity to have experiences connecting lessons in the classroom to activities in the local community. Throughout their time in the course, students participate in an agency presentation and tour of our facilities as well as volunteer in several different ways depending on the semester. This fall semester, the class helped prepare food bags for our monthly food distributions in Upland and Chino, prepared 1,750 newsletters for mailing, fundraised and walked in the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless and sponsored a family for the Adopt a Family Program. The assistance of the students and Professor Bishop is a big benefit to our agency, and we look forward to continued partnership in future semesters. **Thank you!**



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Save the Date for Our 27th Annual Golf Classic

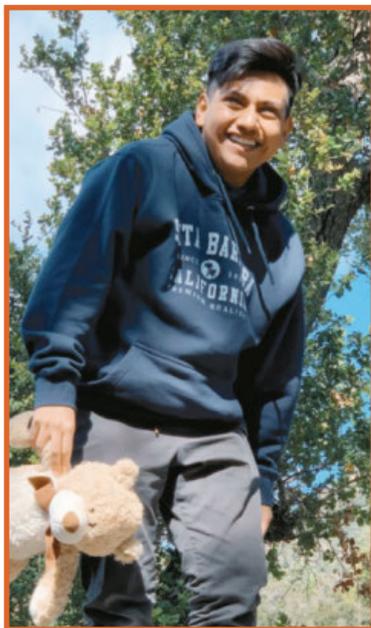


Help the children and families Hope Partners serves by joining us for the **27th Annual Golf Classic**. Taking place at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana on Tuesday, May 14th, proceeds from this year's event will help Inland Valley Hope Partners provide food, shelter and supportive services to thousands of local children and their families.

A foursome of golf is only \$1,000 (\$300 for an individual golfer). We also have sponsorship opportunities available at nearly every level for the 2024 event!

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please contact Misa Martinez at 909-622-3806, x105 or misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Meet Our New Director of Development and Communication: Misael “Misa” Martinez



Hello, Inland Valley Hope Partners family!

My name is Misa Martinez, and I am absolutely thrilled to join this incredible team as your new Director of Development and Communication. My hometown is the Windy City of Chicago, and I'm a recent graduate from Azusa Pacific University, Class of 2023. I bring a vibrant passion for servant leadership and an innovative marketing approach. Fun fact about me: I love spicy food, especially salsas that I can put on my tacos.

My journey over the past few years, particularly since 2020, has been deeply intertwined with nonprofit work, where I've had the privilege of collaborating with various organizations to empower and uplift underserved communities. This experience has not only shaped my professional path but has also instilled in me a profound commitment to making a tangible, positive impact in the lives of others.

When I'm not immersed in developing strategic communications or fostering development initiatives, you can often find me in the company of good friends, exploring unique eateries, or soaking in the beauty of new landscapes.

I am eagerly looking forward to contributing to our shared mission and building meaningful connections within our community. Together, I believe we can continue to expand the reach and impact of Inland Valley Hope Partners, bringing hope and help to those in need.

Let's embark on this journey together, and I can't wait to see where our collective efforts will take us!

Blessings,
Misa

P.S. - Contact me at 909-622-3806, x105 or misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Newsletter Volunteers Needed!

Help Hope Partners Assemble and Mail Our Newsletter Each Month

You may have noticed that Inland Valley Hope Partners has recently gotten behind in the distribution of our monthly newsletters. We have been backed up for several reasons, but we are working hard to get back on track! **We appreciate your patience in our delay!**

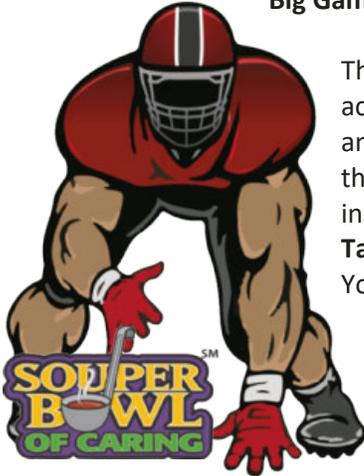
In our quest to re-organize our newsletter procedures, we are bringing back our monthly newsletter mailing work parties, and would love your assistance! Newsletter mailings will take place on the **3rd Tuesday of the month** at our administrative offices (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona) beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to drop in for an hour or stay until the entire mailing project is completed. Depending on the number of volunteers, the mailing usually can be completed between 3 and 4 hours.

If interested in helping, please contact our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate, Cirenía “CC” Cuevas, at 909-622-3806, x108 or cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.



Tackle Hunger With The Souper Bowl of Caring

What has a bigger impact than a hulking defensive line bearing down on a quarterback? **You!** You can score a huge win for our community by huddling up with your faith community, school, service club, family, or friends to participate in this year's **Souper Bowl of Caring!** Tackle Hunger by coordinating a canned food and/or fundraising drive in the weeks leading up to and immediately following the **Big Game – Sunday, February 11th.**



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. For more information, inspirational ideas, and promotional materials, visit **TackleHunger.org** to set up your Souper Bowl event. Your collected items/ funds go a long way toward filling our food pantries, so please reach out to our development team at 909-622-3806, x. 105 or 108 for additional resources or to let us know how you'd like to be involved.

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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.



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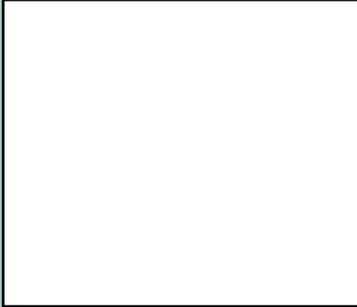
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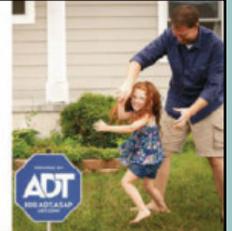
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