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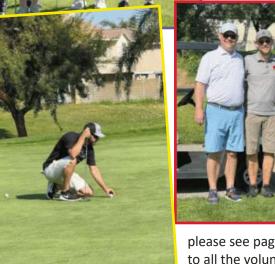
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Celebrating the Success of Our 27th Annual Golf Classic



On May 14th, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted the **27th Annual Golf Classic** at the scenic Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. We were excited to welcome our golf enthusiasts to enjoy a day on the green and see them come together to champion our cause of feeding and sheltering the homeless. Thanks to their generosity, our event raised **more than \$34,000** for our programs.

The day was filled with camaraderie and enthusiasm as golfers of all skill levels teed off in a friendly competition that went beyond sportsmanship. It was a vibrant gathering of supporters who share a common goal: to make a substantial impact on the lives of those we serve at Inland Valley Hope Partners.



Participants had the opportunity to learn more about the ways in which our organization makes a daily difference in the lives of families and individuals. From providing essential services like food and housing assistance to empowering programs that foster independence, the event allowed us to showcase the critical work our organization does throughout the year.

A huge thank you to our many sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor **Banc of California**. For a complete list of Golf Classic Sponsors,

please see page two of the newsletter. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all the volunteers and our Golf Committee (Chair Ted Powl, Brenda Clark, and Mike Schirm) whose assistance made this event possible! Your continued support fuels our

mission and enables us to reach more people each day. Here's to many more years of making a difference together!

We hope to see you for next year's Golf Classic in May 2025!



Calendar of Events/ Activities

Annual Meeting......June 26, 2024

Newsletter Mailing....July 16, 2024

Walk for the Hungry & Homeless.....October 5, 2024

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)! 909-622-3806, x108;

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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 PARTNERS

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. Ćlients may come once every 30 days. The Farmers Market operates every Saturday morning and accepts WIC and EBŤ cards. Begun in 1968 ás 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 ...

Inland Valley Hope Partners is so thankful for our partners who sponsor and participate in our Annual Golf Classic event. We know the price point and activity isn't for everyone, so we appreciate the organizations, men and women who make the commitment to sponsor and spend the day with us at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club! I'd like to recognize the following sponsors:



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And of course, thank you to all the golfers, hole and tee sign sponsors and donors to the auction/raffle. We appreciate you all!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

A Bountiful Harvest: Generosity at the LA County Fair

This year, the spirit of giving was vibrantly alive at the LA County Fair, where community members came together in a remarkable show of support for those in need. On Thursdays, Fairgoers were offered free admission to the Fair in exchange for donating five canned goods—a simple act that resulted in a profound impact.

Inland Valley Hope Partners is of the many local food programs to benefit from this initiative.

Through the collective effort of fairgoers, we received over 20 pallets

(10,000 pounds) of canned goods, significantly bolstering the supplies at our food pantries.

This substantial contribution comes at a crucial time, as we continue to serve an increasing number of individuals and families

facing food insecurity. The

donated goods range from

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essential staples to nutritional items, all of which will help provide balanced meals to those we serve through our local food pantries.

We are grateful for the generosity shown by the LA County Fair and all the participants who donated. The community's contributions have not only filled shelves but have also brought hope and relief to many. This act of kindness demonstrates what we can achieve when we come together as a community committed to helping one another.

COMING SOON: Inland Valley Hope Partners' **WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**

HEROES ASSEMBLE AGAIN! Inland Valley Hope Partners proudly announces the return of our superhero-themed **51**ST **ANNUAL WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 5**, **2024** at the Claremont Colleges Services.



Last year, you amazed us with your heroic spirits and super costumes, and we can't wait to see you bring your powers back for another incredible year of making a difference! To make your pledge to get involved and be the first to receive your Walk materials when they become available this summer, please contact a member of our development team:

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HAPPENING NOW! Our School Supply Drive

The start of a new school year will be here before we know it! In fact, several local school districts return to school as early as August 7th. Many families in our community are struggling. Rising rents, fuel, utilities, and food costs are impacting everyone, but studies show that high inflation hits low-income families the hardest. Your help providing local children with the basic school supplies they need to succeed is more vital than ever.

Help Hope Partners provide these items to the low-income children we serve by hosting a school supplies drive or simply adding a few basic back-to-school items to your own shopping list.

School supplies will be needed by mid-July, if possible, for distribution before the start of school. Donations are accepted at our administration office (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact our Development & Communication Director. Misa Martinez, at 909-622-380

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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.





Enhancing Safety and Security at the SOVA Center

Inland Valley Hope Partners is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our facilities, which play a crucial role in our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. We are pleased to announce the completion of a significant security upgrade at our SOVA Center in Ontario. This upgrade includes the installation of higher fencing around the property and upgraded security locks, a proactive step towards safeguarding our resources and ensuring the uninterrupted provision of services. The new fencing at the SOVA Center is designed not only to enhance the physical security of the property but also to provide a safer environment for our staff, volunteers, and the people we serve. By

strengthening our perimeter, we are ensuring that our equipment, resources, and facilities remain secure and protected from any external risks. This improvement allows us to focus on our core mission of providing essential services such as food distribution and support programs without disruption. We are grateful for the anonymous support of a particular foundation who made these vital upgrades possible. Your continued support is vital in allowing us to improve our infrastructure and ensure the safety of all who depend upon our organization to help meet their daily needs.



Volunteer Spotlight: Luxfer Gas Cylinders



We at Inland Valley Hope Partners are immensely grateful to the dedicated volunteers from **Luxfer Gas Cylinders** who have generously given their time and effort at our food pantries over the past two years.

Their team's unwavering commitment and hard work have positively impacted our community. Thank you for being such a strong and supportive group; we truly appreciate everything you do! This group of volunteers inspire us to continue to work hard for our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. **Thank you, Team Luxfer!**

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Hope Partners is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us make a difference in our community. Whether you can give a few hours a week or volunteer on a one-time basis, your time and efforts are invaluable.

Volunteering with us is a rewarding experience that allows you to give back, connect with others, and develop new skills. We have a variety of opportunities available, from assisting in our food pantries and organizing events to supporting our administrative tasks and various programs.

Interested? Contact our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate, Cirenia Cuevas (CC), at 909-622-3806, x108 or email cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org for more information.

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