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On Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted its **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic to Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless** at the beautiful Sierra Lakes Golf Club. The day was a bit cloudy and chilly, but the spirits of those in attendance were warm and bright as their efforts helped raise **over \$20,000** in support of our food pantries and distributions, housing programs, and healthy living initiatives.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this event including the sponsors listed to the left. We look forward to expanding this event with your support in May of 2026. We hope to see you there!



### Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
Annual Meeting	June 25, 2025
Newsletter Mailing	July 15, 2025
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Walk for the Hungry & HomelessSeptember 13, 2025	

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

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# HOPE PARTNERS

#### 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; 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 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 ...

As a nonprofit organization, every dollar counts—and that includes what we spend on printing and postage. We want to be good stewards of our resources, and that means making sure we're not sending duplicate mailings or have outdated information. You can help Hope Partners clean our mailing list and keep our costs down by taking a moment to update your mailing preferences!



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#### *Here's how to update your information:*



Call us at 909-622-3806 and select administration.

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Or mail your corrected information to: Inland Valley Hope Partners PO Box 2572 Pomona, CA 91769-2572 Attn: Mailing List Update

Thank you for helping us stretch our resources further and for being a valued part of our community!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



### **Feeding Hope This May**

May was a month of food donation abundance at Inland Valley Hope Partners thanks to two major community food drives coordinated by our long-time partners!

Once again, the Rancho Cucamonga branch of the **National Association of Letter Carriers** selected Hope Partners as a local recipient of the food items they collected as part of their annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Drive on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Local postal workers collected bags of donated food right from residents' mailboxes, helping us restock with essential items for families and seniors facing food insecurity.

Less than a week later, the **LA County Fair** invited fairgoers to bring nonperishable items in exchange for discounted admission. Hope Partners was blessed to be one of the recipient organizations of the food items collected on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and drove away with **20 pallets full of food** to feed clients at our local food pantries.

Together, these two drives brought in **tens of thousands of pounds of food**, ensuring that our neighbors in need won't go hungry. To the Fairplex team, our local postal carriers, and every community member who donated—thank you.

### **Help Kids in Need Start School Right**

It's time to start collecting paper, pencils, and those other important school supplies children need to succeed when they return to school. Help Hope Partners provide these items to the low-income children we serve at our local pantries and housing programs by hosting a school supplies drive or simply adding a few basic back-to-school items to your own shopping list.

#### Items needed include:

Pens #2 Pencils

Spiral Notebooks Folders with Pockets

3-Ring Binders Crayons/Colored
Calculators Pencils
Planners Highlighters
Backpacks Copy Paper
Index Cards Rulers

Scissors Pencil Case/Pouch
Loose-Leaf Notebook Glue (stick or bottle)

Paper (College Ruled)

With many children returning to school at the beginning of August, these items will be needed in late July, if possible. Donations will be accepted in the administration office (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona) Monday through Thursday. **Please call or email us to schedule your delivery time.** For more information, contact the development department at 909-622-3806 or info@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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This month we wanted to highlight Jarrod\*, a young single father who has shown immense strength, resilience, and growth in his journey from homelessness to stability—with the help and support of our shelter and rapid re-housing programs. When Jarrod first came to Hope Partners, he had just emerged from a long and emotionally exhausting legal battle in which he gained custody of his young daughter. Though employed, Jarrod was living in his car at the time because, as a former foster child himself, he had no family or support system to fall back on during this extremely challenging season. Thankfully, a former employee of Inland Valley Hope Partners referred him to the *Our House* Family Shelter and we were able to offer him and his daughter a place in our shelter.

Their stay at the shelter was not without challenges. As the only adult male in the program, Jarrod faced a unique set of interpersonal obstacles—particularly among the female residents who carried trauma from their past domestic violence experiences. But rather than give up or

isolate himself, Jarrod leaned in. He became a committed participant in our parenting workshops and counseling sessions offered through our partners at the Clinebell Institute. He showed up for his daughter every day, determined to break generational cycles and give her the stable, loving environment he never had. Our case manager, Karen Abram, worked with Jarrod and CES to get him into our Rapid Re-Housing Program. We're thrilled to share that with our support, Jarrod recently secured and moved into an apartment of his own—a safe and stable home for him and his daughter to continue rebuilding their lives. And he just called us crying with gratitude after our friends at Bridges to Home followed this up by completely furnishing the apartment for his family.

We are incredibly proud of Jarrod—not only for his perseverance but also for the trust he placed in us during one of the most vulnerable seasons of his life. We look forward to continuing to support Jarrod and watching his story unfold. God bless you and be safe!

\*Name changed

### Sanctuary Coffee's Support of Hope Partners Spotlighted on Local News

Our wonderful community partner, **Sanctuary Coffee**, was recently featured on KCAL News as part of their "Coffee with KCAL" segment. The Claremont coffee shop was selected to host the May 21<sup>st</sup> event, which brought KCAL producers together with community members to talk about the issues that matter most to them.

As part of the segment, KCAL spotlighted Sanctuary Coffee's commitment to community, more specifically, their commitment to Hope Partners and our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. For every one-pound bag of coffee sold at their Claremont shop, Sanctuary donates ten pounds of food to Inland Valley Hope Partners. Our very own CEO, Kami Grosvenor, was invited to the event to share more about how community partnerships like Sanctuary Coffee's allow us to feed, shelter, and serve thousands of local families each year.



We are very grateful to Dr. Steve Gerali and our friends at Sanctuary Coffee for their long-standing collaboration and continued commitment to building a stronger, more compassionate community—and to KCAL for highlighting this meaningful collaboration. You can catch the entire segment on KCAL's YouTube channel.

**Want to support?** Grab a bag of coffee from Sanctuary Coffee, located at 863 W Foothill Blvd. in Claremont, and know that you're helping them achieve their goal to "impact lives with every cup".



# 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

Join Inland Valley Hope Partners for the 2025 **Walk for the Hungry and Homeless** on:

#### Saturday, September 13, 2025

8 a.m. Registration | 9 a.m. Walk Begins Claremont Colleges Services (101 S. Mills Ave., Claremont)

Bring your walking shoes and passion for the cause as we raise vital funds to fight hunger and homelessness across the Inland Valley. Registration is just \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, and FREE for children 12 and under—plus, all registered walkers receive a special giveaway! Pledge forms and other documents will soon be available for download on our website: <a href="https://www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org">www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</a>, or to request hard copies, contact Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or <a href="mailto:kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org">kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</a>.



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