



Hope Partners to Re-Open the Beta Food Pantry in Pomona! Your Help Needed!

This spring, Inland Valley Hope Partners was deeply saddened to close the Beta Food Pantry, a cornerstone of our mission since 1979. For more than four decades, the Beta Center has provided food, compassion, and stability for thousands of Pomona families in need.

Today, we are delighted to **announce plans to reopen the Beta Food Security Center—right here in Pomona!** The new pantry will be located at **First Christian Church, Pomona**, on the same campus as our administrative and housing offices, and at the highly visible corner of Garey and Park Avenues. With its proximity to Pomona Valley Hospital, convenient access to public transportation, and our longstanding partnership with the church—dating back more than 50 years—this site offers an ideal opportunity to create a lasting home for the Beta Center and strengthen our service to the community.

Before we can open in this new location, the 1,000-square-foot space requires essential renovations. Plans include installing a new exterior entrance to ensure the safety of children in the on-site daycare, removing a few non-load-bearing walls for greater efficiency, and adding new flooring, paint, and finishing touches to create a welcoming environment. Altogether, these improvements are expected to cost **approximately \$20,000** and can be completed within a month.

Your generosity will help restore a lifeline for families facing food insecurity. While \$20,000 may seem like a significant goal, together we can make it achievable:

- 20 donors at \$1,000 each
- 40 donors at \$500 each
- 80 donors at \$250 each
- 200 donors at \$100 each
- 400 donors at \$50 each

Every contribution—large or small—moves us one step closer to reopening this vital community resource.

Join us as we rebuild hope in Pomona! To contribute, please visit our secure website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or mail in a donation using the enclosed envelope. Please indicate “Beta Project” in the memo or special instructions line. For more information on this special project and how you might get involved, please contact Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Thank you for helping us bring Beta back home to Pomona!

**New Beta Center and
Exterior Entrance Here!**



Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday
Giving Tuesday.....December 2, 2025

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; 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 ...

Our Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program assists families experiencing homelessness by helping them obtain employment, find appropriate housing, and then providing move-in costs, medium to short-term rental assistance and other resources to help them stabilize and maintain the housing long-term. But, some of our biggest obstacles in assisting these families is often finding both reasonably-priced rentals and property managers willing to rent to them due to their housing barriers.



This month I wanted to use my blessings piece to let you know that we are on the hunt for property managers and landlords in San Bernardino County to partner with us to help these families get back on their feet. Consider just a few of the benefits to landlords participating in the Hope Partners RRH program:

- **Decrease your advertising costs** – We have ready-to-rent tenants for your vacant units.
- **Timely and reliable payments while participants are in the program** – Hope Partners assists families with security deposits and other up-front moving costs as well as time-limited rental assistance. This allows clients time to stabilize and build an emergency fund for the future.
- **Problem prevention** – We educate our clients on becoming ideal tenants and work with them on an ongoing basis to make sure they have the support they need to avoid past mistakes and become successful at independent living.
- **Neutral party to mediate problems** – We are also here to support our landlords and offer back-up via a highly credible intermediary who can be called and will step in if/ when trouble or situations occur.
- **Finally, the satisfaction of helping families in-need** – Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live. Some people make mistakes, but everyone deserves a second chance. By helping house our clients, you are playing an integral role in helping individuals take charge of their lives and making your community a better place to live.

For more information on partnering with our RRH program, contact our Case Manager Karen Abram at 909-622-3806, x106 or karena@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

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Thank You for Walking for Hope at the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

On Saturday, September 13th, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted our 52nd annual **Walk for the Hungry and Homeless** at the Claremont Colleges Services. Thanks to the generosity of our walkers, sponsors, and supporters, this year's event has already raised more than **\$22,000** in support of our mission, with contributions still coming in!

More than **200 participants** joined us for this year's fun event with many attendees remarking that it felt like one of the largest turnouts in recent years. We are so thankful to our walkers and team leaders who recruited, fundraised and attended this year's event. In fact, check out the graph below highlighting our four top teams for their extraordinary fundraising efforts!

After a few challenging years with declining attendance and fundraising, this year's rebound was encouraging and gives us new excitement as we look to next year's event. From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you** for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Walk event!



2025 Top Fundraising Walk Teams*

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church	\$4,365
Pilgrim Place	\$4,000
Claremont United Church of Christ	\$2,295
Our Lady of the Assumption Church and School	\$1,282

**Fundraising totals are based on the information provided to us at the time of donation. While we've done our best to attribute gifts to the correct walk teams, some totals may be imperfect.*

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Bring Holiday Magic to a Local Family in Need

The leaves may just be turning, but here at Inland Valley Hope Partners, the holiday season has already begun! Our annual **Adopt-a-Family Program** is underway, and we are actively recruiting more than 100 local families from our food pantries and housing programs to participate and be matched with generous donors like you.

For many of these parents, providing a holiday meal or putting gifts under the tree is out of reach while they struggle just to cover the basics of food and housing. Yet, like all of us, they want to create those joyful holiday moments—the laughter, the gift-giving, and the family traditions that make the season so special. This is where your kindness can make a world of difference.

Here's how it works:

- You let us know what type of family you'd like to adopt—maybe a small family with young children or a larger one with teens.
- We'll match you with a family and provide their profile, including wish lists and clothing sizes.
- You shop using their wishes as a guide, and together we'll make sure their holiday is filled with love, warmth, and hope.

Whether you adopt a family on your own or join forces with your friends, coworkers, church, or community group, you'll be part of something truly transformative. Not only will you brighten the season for a family in need, but you'll also experience the joy of giving in a very personal way.

If you are interested in making the holidays special for a family in need, please contact Rosa Valdes, Development Coordinator, at 909-622-3806, x105 or rosav@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org to be matched with a family today!



Support Hope Partners This Giving Tuesday

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving—and after the shopping excitement of Black Friday and Cyber Monday—Giving Tuesday marks the beginning of the charitable season, when many people turn their focus to generosity and giving back.



Tuesday, December 2, 2025

This year, on Tuesday, December 2nd, we invite you to start the season of giving with a gift to Inland Valley Hope Partners. We will once again be collecting both monetary donations and hygiene items to fill our homeless outreach bags. These essentials help bring comfort and dignity to the men, women, and children we serve.

Items Needed:

- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body wash & hand soap
- Lotion (for women, men, and children)
- Travel-size items especially welcome!
- Bottled water (homeless clients often lack access to clean water)

We will collect these items on Giving Tuesday at our administrative offices (1753 N Park Ave in Pomona) or you can make a monetary donation in support of our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless on our website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Consider helping us spread the word by placing a Giving Tuesday sign and collection box in your business, church, or community space. We'll provide the resources you need—just let us know you're interested!

Our Community Is Amazing!



HomeAid IE's Executive Director Matt Freidlander and Board Chair Jonathan Freeman delivered the items to Case Manager Karen Abram, Development Coordinator Rosa Valdes, and Volunteer Kaseene Oliver.

We are blessed to have incredible community partners who are always eager to support Hope Partners' work and those we serve. Here are a few recent highlights:

A huge thank you to our friends at **HomeAid Inland Empire**! The local non-profit again delivered diapers, baby wipes, hygiene items and much more to the *Our House* Family Shelter on August 21st. The donation was their largest to-date and filled an SUV and work truck! These items will be a huge blessing to the families we serve! We are so grateful for being included in this annual event.

Inland Valley Hope Partners also extends our heartfelt gratitude to **Claremont United Church of Christ's Voyagers Group** for their generous support. The group recently hosted a pizza night centered on church music, bringing fellowship and song together for a wonderful cause. Through their efforts, the Voyagers raised \$500 to help us continue our mission of feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless in our community.

And finally, we are delighted to celebrate the return of **Holy Name of Mary Church and School's** beloved "Double Bag Ministry", which just resumed with the start of the new school year. Students at the parochial school bring a "second" lunch to school—one for themselves and one to share with a neighbor in need. Hope Partners receives these lunches monthly and distributes them to help feed our unhoused neighbors. This tradition has been going strong for more than a decade, and we are deeply grateful for the compassion and generosity instilled in these young students year after year.

Thank you to all who make this work possible!

Housing Program Success Story

When Patty* came to Inland Valley Hope Partners, she was facing some of the most difficult challenges of her life. At 50 years old, newly divorced, and without the support of family, she was struggling to rebuild after years of trauma, disappointment, and loss of trust in those around her. With nowhere to turn and little faith that her situation could change, Patty felt completely alone.

But just when she thought all doors had closed, a new opportunity opened. After completing a phone screening, Patty was placed on the waiting list for Inland Valley Hope Partners' *Our House* Family Shelter. Only two days later, she received the call that would change everything: Hope Partners had an opening for her to come in for an interview. Exhausted, discouraged, and with no safe place left to stay, Patty says this felt like a miracle. "It finally felt like there's some kind of hope for me," she shared. And honestly, a spot in the shelter rarely opens up that quickly, so perhaps there was some divine intervention in her placement.

From that moment, Patty began a new chapter. With the support of Hope Partners' housing team, she was connected with resources, referrals, and guidance to help her find employment and begin planning for a stable future. Even more, when Patty was ready to move into an apartment of her own, we were able to pay her security deposit and first two months of rent through our limited state-funded HHAP Rapid Re-Housing Program – a major step toward lasting stability!

Today, Patty has renewed hope and a vision for her future. While she knows there is still a long road ahead, she no longer feels she is walking alone. She expressed her gratitude, saying, "Finally someone wanted to listen and join me in helping me find my way back. Hope Partners has given me a new beginning and a real start on life."

Congratulations, Patty, we are so proud of you and pray continued blessings for your future.

*Name changed.

Help Us Share the Gift of Thanksgiving

It's hard to believe, but Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! While many of us look forward to gathering around the table with family and friends, far too many of our neighbors are facing the painful reality of food insecurity. This season of abundance is also a time to remember those who are struggling to put a meal on the table.

You can help by hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive! Holiday favorites and everyday staples are both in demand during this busy season at our food pantries. Every contribution helps ensure that families in need can share in the joy of a holiday meal. **Some of our most-needed items include:**

Staple Foods

Peanut Butter
Spaghetti Sauce
Soup (can or package)
Canned Chicken
Canned Vegetables
Cereal
Chili Beans
Rice
Beans
Canned Meat
Canned Tuna
Pasta
Baby Formula
Baby Food

Holiday Food Items

Canned vegetables (corn, carrots, yams, green beans, etc.)
Cranberries/ cranberry sauce
Boxed stuffing
Potatoes (boxed)
Frozen turkey, ham, or grocery store gift card



Your generosity makes it possible for families in need to experience the warmth of a shared holiday meal and the hope that comes with knowing their community cares. For more information, please contact Rosa Valdes, Development Coordinator, at rosav@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or (909) 622-3806, x105.

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Other Ways to Give

Do you designate your **Ralphs rewards**? Please consider designating them to 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 help you access your company's matching gifts program. Nordstrom, Macy's, Bank of America, ADP, The Home Depot, Starbucks, Verizon, H&R Block, and the Walt Disney Corporation are just a few employers with donation matching programs. Ask your employer about matching your gift TODAY!



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For more information on planned giving opportunities, give us a call at 909-622-3806.

**** Donations received for the Walk through our website **
as well as all September donations will be included in the next edition of our newsletter.**



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Thank You!

A Quick Note to Our Readers

You may notice this edition of our newsletter is arriving a bit later than usual. Recently, we hit an unexpected snag with our longtime printing partner, who due to rising costs and loss of sponsorships, suddenly ended our partnership without notice. We're exploring new printing options and may need to adjust the newsletter's schedule moving forward. We will keep you posted and thank you for your patience and support as we navigate this transition!