

Time to Get in the Holiday Spirit by Helping Santa



Calling all Santa's Helpers! Inland Valley Hope Partners is currently recruiting businesses, faith communities, service clubs, families and individuals who would like to "adopt" a family or families for the holiday. We have many local low-income families who need your help to make this holiday season a special one for their children. These families struggle to provide the necessities of food or even a place to live. Just like you, these parents want to make the holidays amazing for their kids with a brightly decorated tree surrounded by gifts or a big family dinner, but due to lack of funds, are simply unable.

Inland Valley Hope Partners' Adopt a Family Holiday Program matches families in need with those who can show them that they are not forgotten. 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 or CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.



Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday
Giving Tuesday.....November 29, 2022
Golf Classic.....May 2023

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

Growing up, Autumn always marked the start of a new school year and all the opportunities that year would bring. Here at Inland Valley Hope Partners, the Fall brings a similar excitement as our Board of Directors and senior staff meet for our annual Strategic Planning Meeting. This meeting is always an invaluable time as it brings together our leadership team to learn, reflect, and strategize about ways we can better serve our neighbors in need over the coming year(s). This year's "retreat" was even more special as it was the first time since 2019 that we were able to conduct the meeting as a full day, in-person gathering!



Our newly elected Board Chair Ron Bolding, CEO of Pilgrim Place, led the day's meeting which took place close to home at the First Christian Church of Pomona on October 7th. No stranger to the world of non-profits, Bolding skillfully led the board through a Peter Drucker inspired discussion regarding the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners, the families, individuals, and communities we serve, and what we want our organization to become in the coming years. Many thoughtful comments were posed, and though we are far from concluding this conversation, it acted as a great reset for our thinking as we emerge from the pandemic survivor mode of the last few years. I'm looking forward to seeing where our continuing discussion leads the organization over the coming year and beyond.

I'm so grateful to each of our board members, committee members, volunteers, and partners who so generously give of themselves to make Hope Partners' services possible for our neighbors in need. I am constantly amazed by the breadth of knowledge, skills, and creativity you offer in service to others. I am proud to be among your company.

Blessings!

Kami Grosuenor

President/CEO

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In Memoriam: Revs. Frank Hamilton and Karl Hilgert

Since our last newsletter, we have learned of the passing of two valuable Hope Partners volunteers: Revs. Frank Hamilton and Karl Hilgert. Both men were champions of the communities in which they lived and served.



Frank Hamilton at Hope Partners board retreat dinner in 2017.

Rev. Frank Hamilton twice served on the board of directors of Inland Valley Hope Partners, ending his second tenure in 2021. As the head pastor of First Christian Church of Ontario for 34 years, Rev. Frank had a strong interest in helping Ontario's homeless and low-income households and was therefore very supportive of our Sova Center. He also served on Hope Partners' executive hiring committee to appoint our previous CEO, and his wise counsel in board meetings was always greatly appreciated.

Karl Hilgert has been a friend to Hope Partners since his arrival in Claremont. He previously served as the director of a homeless shelter and had a strong affinity for the work



Karl Hilgert volunteered at the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless in 2018.

we do at Hope Partners. He utilized his degree in social work to help supervise interns working in our housing programs for several years. Also, as a co-founder of the Claremont Homeless Advocacy Program (CHAP), Karl helped solidify our collaborative efforts with the group to serve the housing needs of homeless individuals in the city of Claremont. Karl also loved supporting our fundraising events, often walking in the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless and serving as the witness for our Hole-in-One contest at our annual Golf Classic.

We greatly appreciate the contributions both these great men made to our agency and send our condolences to their families.

THANK YOU for Supporting the 49th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless!

On Saturday October 1, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted the **49th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless**. To date the event, which took place at the Claremont College Services, has raised over **\$28,000** to help in the fight against hunger and homelessness within the community. Thank you to all our sponsors, walkers, walk coordinators, volunteers and committee members who made the 49th Annual Walk for the Hungry a success. We hope to see you next for the big 50th year!



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



Give Hope on Giving Tuesday

GIVING TUESDAY

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Start the season of gift giving with a charitable donation to Hope Partners on **Tuesday, November 29!** This year Hope Partners has decided to use Giving Tuesday to collect baby wipes, toilet paper and travel sized hygiene items for our homeless bags. We will collect these items on Giving Tuesday at our admin. offices (1753 N Park Ave) or you can make a monetary donation at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Host A Drive This Holiday Season

Make the holidays bright for families in need. *Your generous donation of any of the items below will go a long way in helping us meet the increased demand for our services during the holiday season!*

Staple Foods: peanut butter, chili beans, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup (can or package), beans, canned meat, baby food, canned chicken, baby formula, canned vegetables
canned tuna, cereal, macaroni and cheese, water, and pasta

Holiday Food Items: canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, yams, green beans, etc.), cranberries/ cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, potatoes (boxed), and grocery store gift card to purchase ham or turkey

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, razors, hand soap, and lotion (for women, men, and children). Travel size would be fantastic!

Toy Drive: New and unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Recruit co-workers, family members, and friends to bring joy to local children in need. We request all toy donations be delivered by December 8, if possible.



Please contact Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or email KamiG@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org if you have any questions or want informational materials, signage, or other information resources to help your drive be successful. We are also available to pick up the items you collect.

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