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Hope Partners Opens New Food Pantry

We have an exciting update: Hope Partners has a new pantry satellite center in South Pomona! In collaboration with our friends at **Community Partners 4 Innovation**, we present the **Evergreen Market Pantry** located at Lopez Urban Farm (1034 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona). This pantry will be open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and replaces our former UrbanMission pantry that sadly closed last summer when that property was sold. Families that come to the Evergreen Market will also receive freshly harvested produce from the on-site Lopez Urban Farm! We are so excited to be back in the neighborhood and able to serve the many families and seniors in need of our emergency food assistance.

There have also been recent adjustments to some of our pantry locations' days and hours. We would like to take this opportunity to share our current hours of operation:

<u>Location</u> Sova Program Center	<u>Address</u> 904 E. California Street Ontario (Corner of Mission & Bon View)	<u>Days/Hours</u> Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Beta Program Center	209 W. Pearl, Ste 103 Pomona (Corner of Garey & Pearl)	Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
San Dimas Satellite Center	110 E. Third Street San Dimas (3 blocks north of Bonita)	Mon, Wed & the 2nd and 4th Friday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Claremont Satellite Center	660 N. Mountain Ave. Claremont (Corner of Harrison & Mtn.)	Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Evergreen Market Center	1034 W Mission Blvd. Pomona (by Lopez Elementary School)	Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Upland Distribution Center	814 Alpine St. Upland (Corner of Alpine & San Antonio)	Every 3rd Wednesday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m
Chino Distribution Center	5581 Daniels St., Unit F Chino (Inside the Komar Business Park)	Every 3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Stay tuned for info on the Evergreen Market Pantry's ribbon-cutting in the near future!

Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
Golf Classic	May 9, 2023
Annual Meetina	June 28. 2023

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 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

Happy Spring! Hope Partners has welcomed several new members to our team over the last year. Allow me to introduce them to you:



Ehmandah Ramsey, Board Member – Ehmandah has worked to cultivate spiritual growth and wellness in the community for more than 15 years. Previously serving as a spiritual care provider for youth with trauma and mental illness, today

Ehmandah focuses on teaching women to connect with their inner self to transform their life and career. She is a mother, entrepreneur, Life Coach, Speaker, Founder of SheStories, Host of Hey Suga Podcast and serves as Co-Pastor of the E-Church.



Gabriel DeLuna, Board Member – Gabriel is no stranger to Hope Partners as he has served as a member of our Finance Committee for nearly a decade. Gabriel brings critical knowledge from his position as a Wealth Advisor with Trilogy Financial to his roles with Hope Partners. He is a UC Riverside Alumnus and father of three. In his free time, he enjoys travel, artwork and the culinary arts with his family. He also serves as an ambassador with the Covina Chamber of Commerce.

Alissa Martinez, Housing Coordinator – Alissa was introduced to Hope

Partners through a county workforce training program and instantly

knew this was an organization she wanted to be a part of. Alissa was born and raised in Pomona and is a parent of two boys. She enjoys doing activities with her family such as hiking and painting. Alissa says she is excited to be a part of this team and looks forward to working



with our supporters, volunteers, and staff to achieve our mission. **Bryce Gardner, Fiscal Assistant** – Bryce is the newest member of our team. He is currently finishing his general studies at Chaffey College

and plans to major in chemistry to pursue a career in chemical engineering or pharmaceuticals. A native of Rancho Cucamonga, he recently returned from serving a mission with his church. His interests include playing soccer or pickleball as well as videogaming. He also says that although he often looks tired, he is very happy to be with us at Inland Valley Hope Partners.

We are very blessed to have these wonderful people join our board and staff. Please help us make them feel welcome!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor President/CEO



BIG Glean Recovers Citrus for the Hungry

Inland Valley Hope Partners recently had a successful volunteer event in the city of Rancho Cucamonga that left us feeling incredibly grateful and inspired. With the help of 63 dedicated volunteers, we were able to pick 6,180 Ibs of oranges and 1,228 Ibs of lemons in just two and a half hours! What's more, the event took place at the home of one of our wonderful donors, whose generosity and support made it all possible.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, we were able to fill our seven pantries with fresh, healthy produce that will go a long way towards

helping those in need. The impact of this event will be felt for weeks to come as families and individuals receive the food they need to live healthy, fulfilling lives. And to think most of this produce likely would have fallen on the ground and rotted if not for this glean. Recovering surplus produce is a great way to reduce food waste and feed our hungry neighbors.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made this event possible, from our generous donor to our hardworking volunteers. It is through the kindness and dedication of individuals like these that we are able to make a real difference in our community and help those who need it most.



If you are interested in volunteering with our organization or making a donation to support our work, please don't hesitate to get in touch at 909-622-3806, x108 or <u>CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>. We would love to hear from you and welcome you into our community of caring, compassionate individuals who are committed to making a difference in the world.

Hope Partners Receives Valuable Grant Funding



We have so much for which to be thankful! The **Rauch Family Foundation** recently awarded Inland Valley Hope Partners with a \$100,000 grant for unrestricted general operating support. The Foundation has been very generous to our organization over the last few years, previously bestowing 5-figure grants in support of our Family Stabilization efforts including homeless prevention emergency rental assistance. We are so thankful to The Rauch Family Foundation for its support of our mission.



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Final Days To Reserve Your Spot For the 2023 Golf Classic

We're in the final days leading up to our **26th Annual Golf Classic**, but it's <u>NOT</u> too late to save your spot to play! Join us for Inland Valley Hope Partners' Golf Classic to Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless on **Tuesday, May 9th** at Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. **Pacific Western Bank** is once again serving as the **Title Sponsor** of this event. As always, proceeds from this year's event help Hope Partners provide food, shelter and supportive services to thousands of local children and their families.

Sponsorships and foursomes are available! Register TODAY using our secure website. For more information on the many ways you can participate in this fun annual event, access our Golf Page at <u>www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org</u> or contact Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or <u>Kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>.

Enjoy a fun day on the course while helping a worthy cause. We hope to see you at this year's Annual Golf Classic!



Consider Getting a Jump Start on Your School Supply Drive

It may seem early to start making a call for donations of school supplies, but 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.



Common Items Needed Include:

Pens #2 Pencils Spiral Notebooks Folders with Pockets 3-Ring Binders Box of Crayons Colored Pencils Planners Calculators Highlighters Backpacks Copy Paper Index Cards Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper Rulers Scissors Glue Sticks/Glue Bottles Pencil Case/Pouch

School Supplies will be needed in mid July, if possible, for distribution before the start of school. Donations are accepted in the administration office (1753 N. Park Ave., Pomona) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact our Development & Volunteer Relations Associate Cirenia "CC" Cuevas at 909-622-3806, x108 or <u>CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.</u>

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April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we at Inland Valley Hope Partners want you, our wonderful volunteers, to know just how much **we love and appreciate you!** With a paid staff of only 12, it is only due to the faithful support of our corps of volunteers that Hope Partners can carry out our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. When a mother comes to one of our pantries looking for food to feed her family, it is most often one of our volunteers who offer a smile and lend a helping hand. And when that mother receives fresh produce from our urban farming partnerships, it is the result of the many volunteers who planted, tended and harvested that crop.

Whether you serve on our board or a committee, in one of the pantries, the housing program, the farmers' market, Amy's Farm, fold newsletters, host a food drive, or any of the other ways you give of yourself to support the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners, **THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!**

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 <u>www.ralphs.com</u>. 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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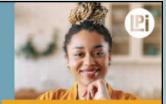
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