# Feeding the Hungry and Sheltering the Homeless since 1968



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# Adopt A Family Program Helps Spread Holiday Joy to Struggling Families



**94 families** were able to open gifts this Christmas thanks to the generous donors who participated in this season's Adopt A Family Holiday Program. Families struggling financially were matched with compassionate donors, eager to help make the holidays special for someone experiencing hard times. Donors adopted one to multiple families, and even our staff were awed by the amazing bounty of gifts our participating families received! Toys, clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, baby gear, housewares, food, gift cards, and more generous gifts filled the Hope Partners offices throughout the month of

Donors included individuals, families, corporations and faith communities all willing to share their blessings. As always, it was inspiring to see all the holiday spirit from the donors - some even showed up donning Santa hats and other seasonal gear! As for the families on the receiving end of the equation, many were overcome with emotion and disbelief for all the donors provided them. Several shared that they had been so worried they wouldn't have anything to give their kids on Christmas morning, but now their tree would be overflowing with presents.

The Adopt a Family Program is a favorite among the staff, and this year was no exception. Learning the stories behind the families, experiencing the moments of pure joy and gratitude are so very rewarding. Thank you to all the donors who participated in this year's program (listed on page 3). This would have not been possible without YOUR generous support.



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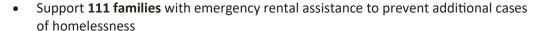
Celebrating over 50 years of commitment, Inland Valley Hope Partners serves over 75,000 men, women and children each year through "Our House" family residential shelter; and Rapid Re-Housing; BETA, SOVA, Claremont, San Dimas and South Pomona food pantries; and the Pomona Farmers' Market throughout 13 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 ...

In 2023, YOUR contributions of time, talent and treasure to the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners have helped our agency:

- Feed a total of 41,017 children, women and men with emergency, staple foods to soothe their hungry stomachs—that's enough food for a total of 615,255 meals distributed by our Food Security Program
- Move 16 families from homelessness to safe, stable housing through the Rapid Re-Housing Program



- Provide **121 individuals with 335 nights** of respite from living on the street or other place not meant for human habitation
- House 18 homeless families (28 individuals) in the Our House Temporary Shelter, providing them with room, board and vital services to move them forward from homelessness into a place of their own.
- Harvest more than 10,000 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables through our Urban Farming Partnerships to feed our clients in our Housing and Food Security Programs
- Provide more than 300 students with a backpack full of school supplies
- Supply 350 families with a turkey and trimmings for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Facilitate the "adoption" of 94 families through our Adopt-A-Family Holiday Gift Program helping to bring a happy holiday to a family that might otherwise have had none

We thank you for your commitment and service to our mission of feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless here in the Inland Valley. We look forward to your continued support to serve our neighbors in need in 2024!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



### **Sova Hosts Toy Give-Away Event**

There is always so much need in the community around the holidays, and sadly, our Adopt a Family can only serve a limited number of families. Hope Partners was able to expand the number of children in need who were provided with toys for Christmas through a toy give-away event at our Sova Program Center in Ontario on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to our partners who held general toy drives, especially our friends at Terra Crew (pictured right), for helping to make this event possible.



### **Tee-Off in Support of Hope Partners**

Save the Date for Hope Partners' **27**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Golf Classic!** Taking place at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, proceeds will again help provide food, shelter and other supportive services to thousands of local children and their families.

A foursome of golf is only \$1,000 (\$300 for an individual golfer), plus we have sponsorship opportunities available at nearly every level for the 2024 event!

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