



Celebrating You at Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Inland Valley Hope Partners Annual Appreciation Luncheon! This special event is our way of saying a heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers—the backbone of our organization. Your unwavering dedication, from assisting with newsletter mailings to working tirelessly at our food pantries and gleaning events, does not go unnoticed. We invite you to join us as we celebrate the efforts of our volunteers on **Friday, April 26th at 11:30 a.m.** The event will take place in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church of Pomona (1751 N. Park Ave.).

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Inland Valley Hope Partners, embodying the spirit of compassion and community service. The Annual Appreciation Luncheon is more than just a meal; it's a celebration of the positive impact you make every day in the lives of those we serve. Whether you're sorting donations at the food pantry, contributing to our newsletter, or helping during gleaning events, your efforts are invaluable.

Event Highlights

- **Recognition:** We will be acknowledging the extraordinary contributions of our volunteers with special awards and recognitions.
- **Connection:** This event is a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow volunteers, share experiences, and strengthen our community bonds.
- **Inspiration:** Hear inspiring stories about the difference your contributions make and the lives touched by your generosity and hard work.

Reserve Your Spot Today!

We would love to have as many of our wonderful volunteers in attendance as possible! Save your spot by letting our Development and Volunteer Relations Associate, Cirenia “CC” Cuevas, know you will be in attendance at 909-622-3806, x108 or cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org. When possible, we kindly request your response by April 18th. Make sure to check your emails, our website, and future newsletters for updates.

Your Impact Matters

Each volunteer brings something unique to our organization, and together, we create a tapestry of hope and support for those in need. The Annual Appreciation Luncheon is our way of acknowledging the time, energy, and love you put into making our community a better place. We are so excited to honor your dedication and thank you in person for all that you do. Here's to our incredible volunteers—see you at the luncheon!

Calendar of Events/ Activities

<i>Farmers' Market</i>	<i>Every Saturday</i>
<i>Large Gleaning Event</i>	<i>March 30, 2024</i>
<i>Newsletter Mailing</i>	<i>April 16, 2024</i>
<i>Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon</i>	<i>April 26, 2024</i>
<i>Golf Classic</i>	<i>May 14, 2024</i>

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; 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 ...

I don't know about you, but I am so looking forward to the Spring season right around the corner! Perhaps, like me, you are planning to participate in the time-honored tradition of Spring Cleaning.

As you clean your homes of clutter this Spring, we at Inland Valley Hope Partners would like to let you know of our local thrift store partners who support our mission: Acts Thrift Store in Pomona, A Lot of Good in Upland, and Economy Shop in Claremont. We encourage you to donate your un-wanted clothes, shoes, toys, purses, sporting equipment, small electronics, furniture, and other household items to our partners. Here's how your in-kind donations to our partners help assist our mission to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless:



ACTS records your donations and credits our Hope Partners account so we can issue vouchers to a family or individual which allows them to purchase the items they need against the credit in our account. ACTS also makes regular financial donations to our organization. ACTS Thrift Store is located at 232 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pomona or give them a call at (909) 491-3199.

A Lot of Good supports the work we do in the community by providing Hope Partners a generous number of vouchers our clients can use to purchase items they may need in their store. They've also hosted a fundraising day for us in the store, created some buzz for us on their Facebook and YouTube pages, and have made financial contributions towards our mission as well. A Lot of Good is located at 1980 W. Foothill Blvd. in Upland and can be reached at (909) 233-7830.

The Economy Shop has partnered with Inland Valley Hope Partners for DECADES and has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars of its proceeds to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in our community. You can visit the Economy Shop at 325 W 1st St, Claremont, CA 91711 or contact them at (909) 626-7334.

These partnerships have proven to be a win-win for all involved! We are so pleased to have the participation and support of so many in the community. We recommend you check the organizations' individual websites for donation times and guidelines.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

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Join Inland Valley Hope Partners For Our Next Big Gleaning Event

Last year, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted a gleaning event that brought our community together in the beautiful orchards of Rancho Cucamonga. Thanks to the incredible efforts of 63 dedicated volunteers, we harvested an impressive 6,180 lbs of oranges and 1,228 lbs of lemons in just a few hours. This remarkable achievement not only showcased the power of community collaboration but also filled our pantries with fresh, nutritious produce to support those in need.

Inspired by last year's triumph, we are thrilled to announce our next gleaning event, set to take place on **Saturday, March 30th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Rancho Cucamonga.** We invite you to be a part of this rewarding experience, where you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those around you. The fresh fruit you will collect helps ensure that families and individuals we serve at our food pantries have access to healthy food options, turning what might have been waste into a wellspring of nourishment.

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with your community, enjoy the great outdoors, and participate in a fulfilling cause. If you're interested in joining us for this event or if you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Cirenia "CC" Cuevas at 909-622-3806, x108 or via email at cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

We are immensely grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm of our volunteers and donors. Your contributions make events like these possible and help us to provide essential services to those in need. Together, we can continue to make a significant impact and spread hope throughout our community. Join us in making this year's gleaning event another success story!

Check it Out!

Hope Partners Ambassadors Wanted

Hope Partners is recruiting volunteers to help serve as agency ambassadors to the community. If you have a passion for the work of Hope Partners and a willingness to meet and talk with your fellow community members about the impact of our programs, please contact Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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Highlight on Our Rapid Re-Housing Program

In these trying times, an increasing number of families in our community are facing the harsh realities of housing insecurity and homelessness. As rent prices soar and affordable housing becomes scarce, the stability that a home provides is slipping away from too many of our neighbors.

The Stark Reality

- **Rising Costs:** The average rent in our region has seen a significant increase over the past few years, placing an enormous burden on low and moderate-income families. Sadly, far too many households are a single paycheck away from experiencing homelessness.
- **Limited Availability:** Affordable housing units are in short supply, with waiting lists extending for months or even years.

Inland Valley Hope Partners: A Beacon of Hope

In response to this escalating crisis, Inland Valley Hope Partners remains steadfast in our commitment to support our community's most vulnerable. Our Rapid Rehousing Program stands out as a critical initiative, providing not just a temporary shelter, but a pathway to long-term stability. We start by offering permanent housing solutions to families with children experiencing literal homelessness in San Bernardino County. Once housing is secured, families are provided with short to medium-term rental assistance (up to 12 months) plus assistance with security deposit and other necessary move-in costs. Then, our program goes beyond housing, offering critical services like financial counseling, case management, good tenant workshops, job assistance, psycho-social counseling, and referrals to many other important resources to ensure families not only find a home but also build a foundation for the future. By working together with local landlords, government agencies, and other nonprofits, we create a network of support that uplifts our participants and addresses the root causes of housing insecurity. Since 2015, Inland Valley Hope Partners has successfully assisted more than 100 families with this vital service; several households have even gone on to become home owners and successful entrepreneurs.

Your Role in This Mission

As part of the Inland Valley Hope Partners family, you play a crucial role in this transformative journey. Your continued support, whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading awareness, fuels our ability to make a real difference in the lives of those struggling to find their footing. For more information, please visit our website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Let us stand together in solidarity, reaffirming our commitment to a future where every family has a place to call home. Together, we can turn the tide on housing insecurity and build a stronger, more resilient community.

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 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 assist you access your company's matching gifts program.



Tee Off for Hope at Our 27th Annual Golf Classic

Swing into action with Inland Valley Hope Partners as we proudly announce our 27th Annual Golf Classic to Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless! Set against the picturesque backdrop of Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana, this cherished event promises not only a day of exceptional golf but also an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve.

A Tradition of Giving Back

Our Golf Classic has become a hallmark event for Inland Valley Hope Partners, bringing together community members, business leaders, and golf enthusiasts to support our mission of providing food, shelter, and supportive services to local children and their families. Following the success of last year's tournament, we are excited to once again offer an unforgettable day of golf, fellowship, and charity.



Event Details

- **Date:** Monday, May 14, 2024
- **Time:** Registration Begins at 11 a.m.; Tee-Off at 1 p.m.
- **Location:** Sierra Lakes Golf Club, Fontana (16600 Clubhouse Dr, Fontana, CA 92336)

How You Can Participate

- **Sponsor:** Various sponsorship opportunities are available, offering valuable exposure while supporting a great cause.
- **Play:** Whether you're a seasoned golfer or looking for a fun day on the green, your participation will drive our mission forward.
- **Volunteer:** Lend a hand and experience the event from behind the scenes by joining our team of dedicated volunteers.

Registration

Ready to reserve your spot or interested in sponsorship opportunities? Contact Hope Partners' Director of Development and Communications, Misa Martinez, at 909-622-3806, x105 or misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org for all the details and to register for the Golf Classic. More information for the event can also be found on our website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

Why Join Us?

Your involvement in our Annual Golf Tournament extends far beyond the fairways. Proceeds from the event directly contribute to our vital programs, ensuring that we can continue to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and provide a beacon of hope to thousands in our community. Enjoy a day filled with great golf, fantastic company, and the satisfaction of knowing you're supporting a noble cause. We can't wait to welcome you to this year's tournament and together, make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. **Swing for hope, and let's make this year's Golf Classic the best one yet!**



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