Feeding the Hungry and Sheltering the Homeless since 1968



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Thank You to Our **HEROES** for the Hungry and Homeless!

On Saturday, September 30th, Inland Valley Hope Partners hosted the **50TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**. To date the event, which took place at the Claremont University Consortium, has raised over **\$25,000** to help in the fight against hunger and homelessness within our local communities.

Colorful balloon towers and arches decorated the area, bringing a touch of fun to the event. Adding to the superhero-themed fun were the superhero cape freebies, a balloon tent, a poster-making and coloring station, face-painting to become your favorite superhero, a

DJ, and of course the energy and passion of all our committed attendees.

The walk kicked off at 9 a.m. with hundreds of walkers walking the 5k course in and around the Claremont Colleges. The wonderful **SUPERHEROES** who attended the event had meaningful reasons to be there, all united with the same hope that hunger

and homelessness would be stopped within the community. "It's amazing to see people from all walks of life come together in support of our mission and those we serve," said President/CEO Kami Grosvenor.

On behalf of all of us at Hope Partners, thank you to the sponsors, walkers, coordinators,

volunteers (especially Inland Valley Recovery Services and the Good Stewards Club), and committee members who made this year's 5K Walk a success! **YOU TRULY ARE**

YOU TRULY ARE SUPERHEROES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS!



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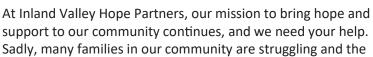
Who We Are ...

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 ...

As we enter the holiday season, we are reminded of the warmth, joy, and spirit of giving that fills the air. This is a time for gratitude, reflection, and community. It's also a season where we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who need it most.





demand for our vital food and housing assistance has been steadily increasing over the course of the year. Your generosity has always been the cornerstone of our success, and this holiday season, we invite you to join us once again in making a difference for our neighbors in need.

Your tax-deductible donation can help provide:

- Nourishing meals for a senior on a limited income.
- A warm, comfortable bed for a family who has been living in their car.
- Essential diapers and baby wipes for the child of a single mother experiencing hardships.
- Support and resources for a young man seeking a brighter future.

As you celebrate this festive season with your loved ones, we hope you'll consider extending your circle of care to include the individuals and families served by Inland Valley Hope Partners. **Every contribution, big or small, creates ripples of hope and kindness.** You can make your donation **TODAY** using the enclosed envelope or by visiting our website at www.lnlandValleyHopePartners.org.

Together, we can ensure that the spirit of the holidays reaches every corner of our community! Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of our journey towards building a better and more hopeful world for the families and individuals we serve.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, and heartwarming holiday season!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

P.S. Help create ripples of hope and kindness in our community this holiday season! Make your contribution TODAY!

Temple Beth Israel Food Drive Collects More Than 1,000 Bags of Food

Our good friends at **Temple Beth Israel** in Pomona once again delivered **BIG TIME** through their High Holy Days Food Drive Event. The drive, currently in its 24th year, yielded more than **1,000 bags of non-perishable food items** that helped fill Hope Partners' pantry shelves. The food is a huge blessing to the families and individuals in our community in need of our valuable food assistance. Congratulations to Temple Beth Israel and event honoree Jay Eisenberg for another successful food drive. We are so grateful for your continued support and friendship!

If you are interested in hosting your own drive, please contact Cirenia "CC" Cuevas, at 909-622-3806, x108 or cc@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org for more information.



First Christian Church Pomona Celebrates 140 Years!



Pastors Fronk dedicate a peace pole with blessings of peace written in different languages as part of FCC Pomona's 140th Anniversary Celebration.

A huge congratulations to **First Christian Church Pomona** on the occasion of its 140th
Anniversary! Hope Partners was delighted to play a role in October 22nd festivities which included a special Sunday service reflecting on what the faith family has meant to both the congregants and the larger community, the dedication of a peace pole in the church lobby, and a lovely luncheon in the fellowship hall. The congregation at First Christian Church is very special to Hope Partners as they have hosted our organization on their campus since our founding in 1968. Additionally, their co-pastor, Rev. Mike Fronk has been our board treasurer for many years. Congratulations!

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Hope Partners' Refrigerated Box Truck Stolen... And Thankfully Recovered!

The leadership of Hope Partners, top staff and the board of directors, were stunned when our refrigerated box truck was stolen from our Sova Food Security Center yard on the morning of Friday, October 5th. Our Food Security Manager Isaac Vega made the discovery when he stopped by the Sova Center that morning on his way to our annual board retreat meeting: the Sova yard gate lock was broken on the ground and the truck was gone! Police reports were instantly filed and of course the insurance company was contacted as our leadership team struggled to understand what kind of person or persons would steal from a charity.

Although Hope Partners does have a second truck, the stolen vehicle has been the hero of our fleet since its purchase in December of 2017. With the largest capacity, a lift-gate for easy loading and unloading of stocked pallets, and refrigeration capabilities, this truck is truly the workhorse of the Food Security Program. The loss of the vehicle was felt deeply by Isaac and his team. After weeks without hearing about the disposition of the truck, the board, staff, and volunteers lost hope it would ever be found.

Imagine our surprise when, just before Halloween, we received a call letting us know our truck had been recovered by Palm Springs PD! The truck had been abandoned and although there was some visible



refrigerated truck when it was first purchased six years ago; the recently donated electric pallet jack that was taken from the truck; and the side of the truck revealing the thieves' attempt to completely remove our logo wrap from the vehicle.

damage, including the removal of the Hope Partners logo wrap on one side, it appeared to be drivable! Upon further inspection, the truck was stripped of all the interior lights and trim, the locks and ignition were damaged, and the fender and grill had a few new bumps, but all the damage was relatively minor compared to the prospect of completely replacing our vital truck. The biggest detriments have been the time lost with the vehicle and that the thieves actually did make off with a recently donated electric pallet jack that had been locked in the truck's cargo box. We are happy to soon be wrapping up this saga and get back to business as normal in our Food Security Program, albeit with some important new security upgrades to our Sova yard to hopefully prevent future thefts.

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.



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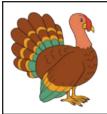
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