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Join Inland Valley Hope Partners for the 25th Annual Golf Classic!



Reserve your spot for this year's Golf Classic set for **Tuesday May 10th**, at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana! Brought to you by Title Sponsor *Pacific Western Bank*, the tournament will once again help raise funds in support of Hope Partners' programs serving the hunger and housing needs of local children and families in need. We hope we can count on you to help us raise even more this year —

- GOLF with us
- SPONSOR the event and access some great benefits
- **DONATE** to the silent auction/ raffle to help us maximize the experience for our golfers!

Foursome of golf is \$900 and individual golfers are \$250 each including cart. All golfers will participate in on-course contests, get lunch and beverages, a jacket, and a sleeve of golf balls.

For more information, contact Autumn Washington, Director of Development & Communications, at 909-622-3806, x105 or Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org and visit our website www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.





Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market......Every Saturday
25th Golf Classic.....May 10, 2022
49th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless......September 17, 2022

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,

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

It's Springtime, and many of us may be embarking on the timehonored tradition of Spring Cleaning. If you are anything like me, you've got way too much stuff cluttering up your home, and this time of year offers the perfect motivation to finally tackle it all!

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.

*Check individual websites for donation times and guidelines.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

Remembering Tim Constantine



Hope Partners was saddened to hear about our dear friend Tim Constantine's passing. Tim was very involved with Hope Partners; he served on the Board (2013 – 2021), including serving as the Board Chair for two years (2017-2019), and served on many committees, including Executive, Finance, Golf, Healthy Living, volunteer appreciation and many more. Tim founded and operated the Constantine Family Garden and Orchard, which grew and harvested fruits and vegetables for the Hope Partners' pantries and trained volunteers to assist. He helped facilitate the partnership between Inland Valley Hope Partners and Amy's Farm. He also recruited, oriented, and oversaw

volunteers at this site; he did the same for the garden at Urban Mission. Tim was honored with the Founders' Award for his volunteerism in 2015.

Hope Partners' staff and volunteers send our condolences to Tim Constantine's family and friends. He will truly be missed.

Our Community Is Amazing!

We are so blessed to have incredible community partners who are always eager to support Inland Valley Hope Partners' work and those we serve.

In March, we were blessed to have received pallets of nonperishable food items from **Albertsons** in Rancho Cucamonga. All the items were distributed to our food pantries and given to families in need.

Staff and volunteers at the Sova Center were excited to receive a new three-door refrigerator donated by **LA Regional Bank**. This refrigerator was much needed as staff



Autumn Washington, with Rev. Patrick Horn from Pilgrim Congregational Church receiving certificates from Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

and volunteers could keep more produce fresh.



Three- door refrigerator donated by LA Regional Bank

Autumn Washington and Cirenia Cuevas from the Hope Partners Development department had the opportunity to participate in **Pilgrim Congregational Church**'s 135th Anniversary Celebration. We had he opportunity to speak to many people about our organization as well as learn more about Pilgrim Congregational Church's history and involvement with the community. Hope Partners also received a certificate from Supervisor Hilda L. Solis for our participation in the 135th Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you for being so supportive!

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When you commit to a monthly gift, you commit to making a lasting difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Your monthly donation provides Hope Partners with a consistent, reliable funding source, allowing us to take a planned, long-term approach to help our community's hungry and homeless children and families.

It's so easy to become a monthly donor! Just go to the donation page on our website

(www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org) and select "monthly" under the recurring donation option near the top of the

form. Or give us a call, and we will enroll you in our monthly giving program! Your donation will automatically be deducted from your credit card or checking account each month.

Become a monthly donor today and know that your donation impacts the lives of children and families in need today and throughout the year!

For more information, contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

It's Time for the Annual Back to School Supply Drive

It's time to start collecting paper, pencils, and those other important school supplies children need to succeed when they return to school in August and September. 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.



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

These items will be needed in mid July, if possible. 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 the development department at 909-622-3806 x108 or CC@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

49th Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless

We're Back! Start recruiting your Walk Teammates TODAY because the **49**th **Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless** will soon be here! Save the date for this year's 5K Walk will take place:

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8 a.m. Registration Begins 9 a.m. Walk Begins Claremont Colleges Services (101 S. Mills Ave in Claremont)

This year's walk will feature a Farmers' Market Showcase, a food drive, free popcorn, balloons, and fun and fellowship. 90% of monies raised supports Hope Partners' local food pantries and emergency housing programs, and 10% supports global hunger efforts.

Pledge forms and other documents will soon be available for download at **www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org**. To receive your Walk Coordinator packet with hard copies of all documents when it becomes available in July, contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105, or Autumnw@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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.

Do you shop on Amazon? Through the **AmazonSmile** program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Inland Valley Hope Partners or another charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support Inland Valley Hope Partners by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

AmazonSmile Charity Lists is a new and meaningful way for you to donate items directly to Hope Partners. Items such as non-perishable food, hygiene products, back to school supplies and baby items will serve families in need. How to shop AmazonSmile Charity Lists:

- 1. Visit smile.amazon.com/charitylists
- 2. Sign in with your <u>Amazon.com</u> credentials (customers who are not already signed-up for AmazonSmile will receive a prompt to do so).
- 3. Shop Inland Valley Hope Partners Charity List.
- 4. Select and donate items from the list.
- 5. Ship to the Inland Valley Hope Partners.

Host a Facebook Fundraiser:

- 1. Go onto your Facebook page and click Fundraisers in the left menu of your News Feed
- 2. Click Raise Money, Select Nonprofit/Charity, and Select us as Inland Valley Council of Churches, dba Inland Valley Hope Partners
- 3. Choose a cover photo and fill in the fundraiser details then click Create.

 Once you have done this, your job is over. See your friends and family raise money for your cause without the hassle of collecting money! Once your fundraiser is over, Facebook will then send Hope Partners a check in your honor!







Matching gifts, 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.

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