

Special Thanks to Our Walk For the Hungry and Homeless Heroes!

Over 200 community heroes gathered at the Claremont Colleges Services for the **51st Annual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless** on Saturday, October 5th. Thanks to the efforts of our community heroes, the event raised just under **\$16,000** in support of Hope Partners' mission. These funds, raised through registration fees, sponsorships, and individual fundraising efforts, are absolutely critical to our mission and ensure that we are able to provide our essential services to households struggling with food and housing insecurity in our community.

The event isn't just a fundraiser, it's a fun friend-raising event! Each registered walker received a pair of superhero cuffs, symbolizing their commitment to being heroes for those in need. Individuals and walk teams in attendance were met with live music, free popcorn, balloons, and face-painting, making it a festive family affair. As our heroes made their way through the designated route, they were cheered on by volunteers, staff, and community support.

We would like to give a special shout out to our **Presenting Sponsor Banc of California** for their amazing support of this event, as well as a huge thank you to a few of our amazing sponsors and walk teams listed below:

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- * Upland Foothill Kiwanis, and many more!

For those who missed the event but would still like to contribute, donations can be made through our website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org. Our website is also a great place to find more information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities as well. Thank you again to all our sponsors, walkers, volunteers and donors to this year's Walk for the Hungry and Homeless! We look forward to next year's event to continue our mission of bringing hope to those in need, one step at a time.



Calendar of Events/ Activities

Adopt A Family.....August—December 2024

Thanksgiving Give-Away @ Sovo.....November 21, 2024

Locations Closed (Thanksgiving).....November 28, 2024

Giving Tuesday.....December 3, 2024

Newsletter Mailing.....December 17, 2024

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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 ...

The holidays symbolize a special time of year for many. As a Christian, the heart of **my** holiday season is Christmas, and one of my most favorite traditions is reading and reflecting on the story of the nativity. I think of Mary and Joseph and how frightened they must have been when they couldn't find a room in which to stay in Bethlehem, especially with a baby on the way! How marvelous that barn must have been for the couple - a safe haven from the elements and danger.

Much like the original Christmas story, there are families in our community without a place to lay their heads tonight.

Sadly, these moms and dads know all too well the fear and anxiety of finding some kind of shelter for their children each night. Every day is a struggle to stay safe, warm, and fed. **Fortunately, Inland Valley Hope Partners has been a refuge for families and individuals experiencing homelessness for several decades.** The *Our House* Family Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Programs provide safe housing and valuable resources to help households successfully transition from homelessness to safe and stable housing. Here, families are not just given a roof over their heads but are provided with a safe place to take a breath, knowing their children are protected from the dangers of the streets and without the constant worry of what comes next. With access to food, the comfort and supportive ear of staff, and a safe place to sleep, families can begin to rebuild their lives and allow the light of hope to shine through once again.

As the holiday season and cold winter months set in, families are seeking the warmth, safety, and security Hope Partners provides more than ever. But we can't do it alone! **We need your help to provide struggling families in our community with the safe haven they so desperately need.** Your tax-deductible gift of any amount will help ensure no and low-income families have a safe place to sleep and food on their tables during the holiday season and beyond. Please prayerfully make your contribution today using the enclosed return-addressed envelope or by visiting our secure website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

On behalf of all of us at Inland Valley Hope Partners, thank you for your continued support and generosity to help children and their families in our community.

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

P.S. Help Hope Partners provide families with a safe haven for the holidays – and beyond! Make your donation TODAY!



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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. Here are a few recent highlights:

A huge thank you is in order for our friends at **Temple Beth Israel!** The Pomona synagogue hosted it's 25th High Holy Days Food Drive Event in October. This year's event collected an impressive **1,064 bags** of non-perishable food items that helped fill Hope Partners' pantry shelves as well as a monetary donation of \$2,987. Congratulations to Temple Beth Israel for another successful food drive! We appreciate your steadfast support and friendship.



Speaking of food drives, our new friends at **Foothill Storm Soccer Club** partnered with us to host a food drive at the Joslyn Center in Claremont on Saturday, November 9th. We were beyond motivated to see these young athletes, coaches, and parents so excited to giveback and make a difference! Thank you for your partnership!

We also wish to thank **Pilgrim Place** in Claremont for including Inland Valley Hope Partners in their Partner Booth Spotlight at this year's Pilgrim Place Festival earlier this month. It was a great opportunity to see some of our volunteers, network with other organizations, and educate the community about the services we provide.

HomeAid Inland Empire once again delivered diapers and baby wipes to Hope Partners' *Our House* Family Shelter on October 15th. The donation, which was big



enough to fill an SUV, was part of the organization's annual Diaper Drive and will be a huge blessing to the families we serve in our housing programs. Thank you for again including us as part of this wonderful annual event.

Finally, thank you to **Best Buy** for hosting a hygiene drive to benefit Inland Valley Hope Partners. Your donation of toiletries will support unhoused families and individuals through our housing programs.

We wish we had even more room in our monthly newsletter to highlight all our amazing partners! Make sure you follow us on social media to see all the other great collaborations and support we receive from the community that don't make it to the pages of our newsletter! **Thank you all for your partnership!**

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Help Ignite Hope for the Holidays With Inland Valley Hope Partners

The holiday season is upon us, and with it, the family gatherings with festive decorations, feasts, and gift exchanges. We often forget that so many families struggle every day just to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads. And, with the sky-rocketing cost of living these last few years, time's have been even harder for low-income families and those on a fixed income. For these households, the holiday gifts and feasts don't happen.

Join Inland Valley Hope Partners and our community friends to help ignite hope for the holidays for our less-fortunate neighbors. Here are a few ways we hope you can support Hope Partners and those we serve this Holiday Season:



Adopt-A-Family Program: The Adopt-A-Family Program connects generous community members like you with families in need. Each family submits a "wish list" that includes essential items and special requests to make the holiday season memorable for their children. Whether it's planning a festive family dinner or wrapping gifts to place under the tree, your support makes a huge difference. **We still have families available for adoption!** Simply let us know your preferences (such as a family of four or a family with teenagers), and we'll match you with a family that closely aligns with your criteria.

Holiday Food Drives: Many wonderful partners throughout our community host food drives on behalf of Hope Partners during this joyous time of the year. Some of our most needed items include:

Staple Foods: peanut butter, chili beans, spaghetti sauce, rice, soup (can or package), beans, canned meat, baby food, canned chicken, baby formula, canned vegetables, canned tuna, cereal, macaroni and cheese, water, and pasta

Holiday Food Items: canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, yams, green beans, etc.), cranberries/cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, potatoes (boxed), and grocery store gift cards to purchase ham or turkey

General Toy Drives: In addition to our *Adopt-A-Family* Program, Hope Partners regularly hosts holiday toy give-away events for children at our local food pantries. You can help by collecting new and unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Recruit co-workers, family members, and friends to bring joy to local children in need. We request all toy donations be delivered by December 12th, if possible.



Giving Tuesday: Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Start the season of gift-giving with a charitable donation to Hope Partners on **Tuesday, December 3rd**! This year Hope Partners is collecting baby wipes, toilet paper, and travel-sized hygiene items for our homeless bags. We will collect these items on Giving Tuesday at our admin offices (1753 N Park Ave), or you can make a monetary donation at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

For more information about any of our holiday drives and giving opportunities, or to request a family wish list, please contact our Director of Development and Communication Misa Martinez at 909-622-3806, x105 or misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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3. Choose a cover photo and fill in the fundraiser details then click Create.

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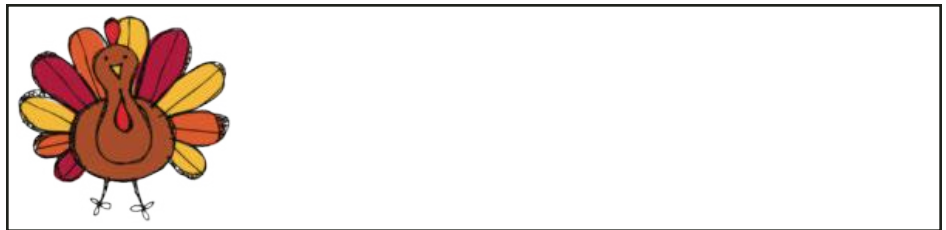
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