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## **Important Update:** Beta Food Security Location at Purpose Church Has Closed

After more than a decade of serving the Pomona community, our Beta Food Security Program Center at Purpose Church has officially closed. Our last day of service was April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are deeply grateful to Purpose Church for their longstanding partnership and unwavering support throughout the years. We will never forget how the congregation so graciously stepped up to host our pantry at their facility when we had to leave our previous location in 2012. Together, our Beta Center provided **76,690** individuals with some **1,150,350** 

meals over the course of our partnership. The Beta Center also hosted Thanksgiving dinners, volunteer work parties, and many holiday meal, back-to-school supply, and Santa toy giveaway events. The generosity of Purpose Church has helped us make a meaningful impact in the lives of so many, and they will continue to host our weekly Farmers' Market each Saturday morning. Thank you!

While Beta's chapter at Purpose Church has come to a close, Hope Partners remains committed to continuing our mission to feed the hungry in Pomona. Plans are underway behind the scenes to re-

open the Beta Center at a new location in Pomona. We're excited about what's ahead and look forward to sharing more details as soon as we are able. In the meantime, Pomona clients can avail themselves of our food assistance at our pantries in Claremont, San Dimas, and Ontario.

Thank you to all who have supported the Beta Center over the years. Your continued support means the world to us as we take this next step!



Clockwise from top right: Beta's shelves stocked with supplies for distribution to families struggling with food insecurity; friends of Inland

Valley Hope Partners gathered for a ribboncutting event for the Beta Center in March 2013; families received backpacks and school supplies as part of a giveaway event in 2015; volunteers paint the Beta lobby walls as part of Pomona Beautification Day in 2014.

### Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market	Every Saturday
Newsletter Mailing	June 17, 2025
Annual Meeting	June 25, 2025
Newsletter Mailing	July 15, 2025

Call or email office for bold events (need volunteers)! 909-622-3806, x108; vcoordinator@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org

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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; SOVA, Claremont and San Dimas 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 panties 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.

### <u>Blessings ...</u>

The printing of this newsletter is happening nearly in tandem with our agency's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic at the beautiful Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana. We are so thankful to our partners who sponsor, volunteer, and play in this fundraising event each year. Although we won't be doing our full event recap until next month, I thought it fitting to highlight a few of our higher-level donors now. I'd like to recognize:



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Blessings!

President/CEO

Kami Grosvenor



Administration/Housing Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am-6:00

### Saying Goodbye...

Our Fiscal Assistant, Bryce Gardner, will be leaving us this summer. Bryce has been a valued member of our team for 2½ years, faithfully entering your generous donations and ensuring our bills are paid on time. He is now preparing to continue his higher education out of state—(what a commute that would be!). We are grateful for the time he spent with us and send him off with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

As a result, the fiscal team is beginning the search for his replacement. If you or someone you know is seeking a permanent, part-time position—four afternoons a week (Monday–Thursday)—at minimum wage, focused on data entry and financial tasks, please contact Office/Fiscal Administrator Yvonne West at 909-622-3806, x102, or email her at <u>yvonnew@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>.

We are first reaching out to our Hope Partners family and have chosen, for now, not to advertise this position to the general public. Thank you for your consideration!

## Hope Partners Receives \$2,500 Donation from



In celebration of the grand reopening of the newly renovated Stater Bros. Markets Vineyard location in Ontario, Stater Bros. Charities invited Store Manager Jaime to nominate a local nonprofit making a positive impact in the community. We are honored that

Stater Bros. Charities

Jaime selected Hope Partners' Sova Program Center as the recipient of a \$2,500 donation to support our hunger relief efforts. The check was presented to our President/CEO Kami Grosvenor at a brief check presentation at the store on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

This generous gift will go a long way in helping us provide food and essential resources to local families in need. We are deeply grateful to Stater Bros. Charities and the Vineyard store team for recognizing the importance of our mission and choosing to support our work.

### **Eggs-tra Special Thanks to Bank of America**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the local Bank of America branches for once again supporting Inland Valley Hope Partners with their generous donation of **65 Easter baskets** this year.

These festive baskets were shared with children at our family shelter, in our RRH program and through our local food pantries, bringing smiles and a touch of holiday cheer to families who need it most. We're grateful for Bank of America's continued partnership and their commitment to supporting our community.

Thank you for helping make Easter special for the families we serve!

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### **Support Hope Partners Through a Monthly Gift**

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 (<u>www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org</u>) 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 Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

### "Our House" Housing Program Success Story



For Miranda<sup>\*</sup>, a single mother with a beautiful 11-year-old daughter, life had become an overwhelming struggle. Living with a serious health condition, little family support, and the demands of caring for a child with special needs, she spent the last two years in homelessness, uncertain where to turn for help.

The weight of trying to care for her daughter's unique needs while battling her own physical and emotional hardships often left Miranda feeling isolated and hopeless.

After countless calls and dead ends, Miranda connected with the "Our House" Family Shelter Program—just when she needed it most. From that first intake interview, Miranda has begun to feel something shift. Through the support of Hope Partners' comprehensive case management, therapeutic services, and life-building workshops, she has finally been able to share her story—and be met with compassion, structure, and real solutions. For the first time, she has felt she had a team who listened, understood her struggles, and helped her create a real plan forward.

With her daughter enrolled in a supportive home school program and a safe place to live, Miranda is starting the hard work to rebuild her life. She's been securing the resources necessary to create a firm foundation for her and her daughter.

Thanks to her hard work, faith, and the assistance of Inland Valley Hope

Partners and our partners, Miranda's next chapter will be filled with stability, healing, and hope. We continue to wish her and her daughter all the best as they step into a bright future.

# YOU'RE INVITED

### to the Hope Partners Annual Meeting

Inland Valley Hope Partners warmly invites all of our supporters to attend our Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, June 25th at 4:00 p.m.** We'll be gathering in the Fellowship Hall at First Christian Church Pomona, located at 1751 N. Park Ave., Pomona.

This annual event provides the opportunity for our board, volunteers, and financial champions to come together as a community, reflect on the past year, and look ahead to what's next. During the meeting, we'll be electing new officers and members to our Board of Directors and sharing a State of the Agency update to highlight the impact your support has made possible.

Whether you're a long-time partner or a new friend, we welcome you to join us as we celebrate our progress and commitment to our mission of providing food, shelter, and supportive services to those in need.

Please RSVP to Kami Grosvenor at 909-622-3806, x101 or kamig@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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