

Give Thanks, Give Back: Make a Difference This Thanksgiving!

It’s hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is right around the corner! As many of us make plans to gather around the table this holiday, many families in our community are facing the harsh reality of food insecurity. While we celebrate abundance and gratitude, individuals in our neighborhoods are struggling to provide a meal for their loved ones. Your support can help change that! Here’s how:

- **Host a food drive:** Both holiday and staple food items are much appreciated as there is generally increased demand for our food services during the holiday season. Some of our most needed items are listed below.
- **Make a monetary donation:** Did you know that Hope Partners is able to leverage your generous contributions to provide 5 lbs. of food for every dollar donated? It’s true! Your funds donated by check or online at www.InlandValleyHopePartners.org will quickly multiply and ensure the families who come to our local food pantries get the food they so desperately need.

By donating items or funds, you can ensure that families in need receive nutritious food and the warmth of a shared meal, bringing hope and joy to those who need it most this holiday season. Together, let’s make a difference and show that no one should go hungry this Thanksgiving.

For more information, please contact Misa Martinez, Director of Development and Communication, at 909-622-3806, x105 or misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

<u>Staple Foods</u>	<u>Holiday Food Items</u>
Peanut Butter	Canned vegetables (corn, carrots, yams, green beans, etc.)
Spaghetti Sauce	Cranberries/ cranberry sauce
Soup (can or package)	Boxed stuffing
Canned Chicken	Potatoes (boxed)
Canned Vegetables	Frozen turkey, ham, or grocery store gift card
Cereal	
Chili Beans	
Rice	
Beans	
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Pasta	
Baby Formula	
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Thank You to Our **WALK FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS HEROES!**

Hope Partners would like to thank every hero who participated and supported this year’s **Walk for the Hungry and Homeless!** This edition of the newsletter is being printed too soon after the walk event so fundraising totals and other information is not yet available. We look forward to sharing these results with you next month. **Thank you!**

Calendar of Events/ Activities

Adopt A Family.....August—December 2024
Newsletter Mailing.....November 19, 2024
Locations Closed (Thanksgiving).....November 28, 2024
Giving Tuesday.....December 3, 2024

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 ...

Although we are waiting final fundraising tallies before giving you all a full recap of this year's Walk for the Hungry and Homeless, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few personal highlights from the event.

First, I was blessed to share a moment with our most senior walker: Mr. John Denham. At 94 years old, Mr. Denham was full of enthusiasm and ready to take on the 5K with several of his friends from Pilgrim Place. Mr. Denham has been a supporter of the work of Inland Valley Hope



Partners for decades, and we are so appreciative of his dedication to our mission. **Friends like you are priceless, and you are an inspiration to all of us all, Mr. Denham!**



Another highlight was the volunteer team over at **Inland Valley Recovery Services (IVRS)**. They were a tremendous help at this year's Walk for the Hungry and Homeless. This group of guys was there before sunrise, helping unload supplies from the trucks and setting up the event space before heading out to serve as crossing guards along the route. Their dedication extends beyond this event, as they also regularly assist at our golf tournament and other key activities. A huge thank you from all us at Inland Valley Hope Partners for your assistance and dedication!



Finally, thank you to all of our walkers and sponsors, especially our friends at **Banc of California** for serving as the presenting sponsor. We look forward to sharing more information and photos with you next month!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

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Calling All Santa's Helpers

Adopt A Family for the 2024 Holiday Season!

Dust off your pointy ears and elf costumes because it's time for Santa's helpers to get to work! As we enter the fall season, Inland Valley Hope Partners' annual Adopt A Family Program is gearing up for another year of holiday magic. This year, we are aiming to adopt over 100 families who are struggling to provide the basic necessities of food and housing for their children. With your help, these families can experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

What is the 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.

How Does It Work?

- **Adopt a Family:** We have wish lists for families of various sizes and compositions ready 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.
- **Receive a Family Profile:** Once matched, you'll receive a profile that includes details about the family along with wish lists and clothing sizes for each child. Use this information to guide your shopping and make the holidays brighter for your adopted family.
- **Spread the Joy:** You can adopt a family as an individual or involve your family, friends, coworkers, faith community, or any other group to make an even bigger impact.

Why Participate?

Participating in the Adopt A Family Program is a rewarding and heartwarming experience for both donors and recipient families. It's an opportunity to give back and make the holiday season special for local families who are going through tough times. Your generosity ensures that parents can create magical holiday moments for their children, moments that many of us often take for granted.

How You Can Help:

To make a difference this holiday season, or to learn more about the Adopt A Family Program, please contact Misa Martinez, Director of Development & Communication, at 909-622-3806, x105, or via email at misam@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org. Your support can bring joy, hope, and a bit of holiday magic to a family in need.



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Inland Valley Hope Partners and City of Hope Upland Deliver Fresh Support Through Produce for Patients Event

Earlier this month, Inland Valley Hope Partners teamed up with City of Hope in Upland for the impactful "Produce for Patients" event. This collaboration provided over **200 bags of fresh produce, non-perishable food**, and healthy recipe ideas to patients and their families, offering vital nutritional support to those undergoing cancer treatments.

The event underscored the community's commitment to fostering health and wellness among its most vulnerable members. Attendees received an assortment of fresh fruits, vegetables, and recipes designed to promote healthy eating habits and provide easy meal preparation options.

The success of the day was largely due to the numerous volunteers who dedicated their time and effort. Their participation was essential in assembling and distributing the food bags, and they played a crucial role in creating a supportive and caring environment for all attendees.

The "Produce for Patients" event is a key part of Inland Valley Hope Partners' broader initiative to address health disparities within the community by ensuring access to healthy food.

For those interested in supporting future events or learning more about the work of Inland Valley Hope Partners, please visit our website. Your involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of many, demonstrating the power of community in fostering hope and health for all.



Other Ways to Give

Do you designate your **Ralphs rewards**? Please consider designating them to 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.



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Support the Work of Inland Valley Hope Partners This 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 has decided to use Giving Tuesday to collect 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. Our supporters always show up big on this international giving day, and we hope this year will be no exception! Thank you in advance!

GIVING
TUESDAY

Client Testimonial From a Former *Our House* Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Client

I would like to thank Inland Valley Hope Partners for their support, love, and their ability to be a pillar of this community! Inland Valley Hope Partners is not just an organization, but more like family to me. I love Ms. Karen and Kami—they have a heart of gold and they are really for you. They are here to help you through this journey called life. This program is basic. There is structure and goals to help you succeed in getting housed. I couldn't have had a better experience anywhere else. This is home away from home! I always come back to visit and for the talks and guidance I get from Ms. Karen Abram whom I value as a mentor and Case Manager! Love her!!

-Selina L.

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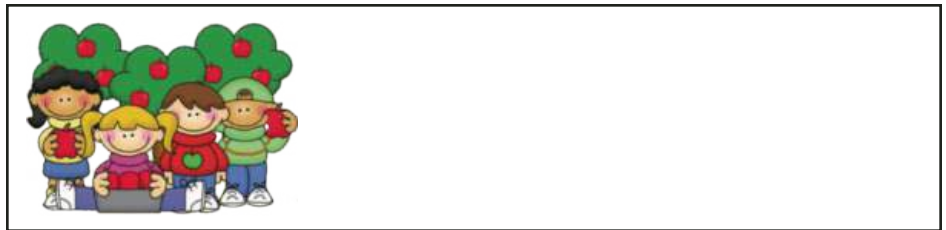
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