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# Pomona Valley Certified Farmers' Market

Inland Valley Hope Partners sponsors the year-round Pomona Valley Certified Farmers' Market to bring fresh, nutritious fruits and produce grown by local family farmers to the Pomona Valley residents, specifically low-income families. The market takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) at the corner of Pearl and Garey in Pomona from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Our Farmers' Market is unique not only in that we are working to bring more and more vendors who are growing chemical-free produce, but we are one of the few area farmers' markets that accept federal nutrition assistance benefits (i.e., CalFresh and WIC) as a form of payment. We are also the only local market (within 15 miles) to offer the Market Match program. Provided through a partnership with Hunger Action LA, this program offers customers an extra \$5 when they spend at least \$10 of their federal nutrition assistance dollars to purchase healthy produce at the farmers' market. By using their WIC, EBT or other federal



nutrition assistance in conjunction with the Market Match program at the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers' Market, low-income families and individuals can stretch their limited food budget to include more healthy, locally grown food items. Items available for purchase include fruits, vegetables, bread, tamales, flowers, and much more!

Volunteers are always needed for special events as well as ongoing operations at the Farmers' Market! If interested, please contact Cirenia Cuevas at Vcoordinator@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or (909) 622-3806, x108.



### Calendar of Events/Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday

24th Annual Golf Classic.....June 10, 2021

48th Annual Virtual Walk for the Hungry and Homeless...September 2021

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 .....

Happy Spring to you! I thought I would take a moment this month to introduce you to my family's newest little blessing: our newborn daughter Kallie Jayne Grosvenor! She surprised us all by making her arrival three weeks early on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Kallie weighed 7 lbs., 8 ounces and was 19 inches at birth. We are very thankful to the Lord for entrusting us with this healthy, beautiful baby girl and providing us a safe delivery.

Our daughter's early arrival hastened my maternity leave and required others to jump in to help complete certain projects and tasks. I am so grateful not only for our staff members who are holding down the fort while I am at home, but also for our

wonderful volunteers who serve on our Board of Directors. The role these individuals play in directing our agency and ensuring things run smoothly is crucial, and the time, input, and hard work they devote means so much to me and our staff especially at this time. With April being National Volunteer Appreciation Month, I thought there no better time to express my gratitude to our Board as well as the hundreds of other dedicated volunteers who donate their time and talents to serve the mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners. Our volunteers come from all different backgrounds and walks of life and perform a variety of different tasks. They load and unload trucks, host food drives, interview clients, bring meals to the shelter, work in the pantry, paint walls, fold and label newsletters, pick fruit trees, perform office work in the housing and administrative offices, and help with a million other important jobs. No matter the duty they complete, our volunteers are absolutely vital!

Normally, we would be having our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in April, but that will not be the case this year. We hope that despite our inability to gather and celebrate them, our volunteers know just how much we appreciate each and every one of them! So, from all of us at Inland Valley Hope Partners, thank you to our volunteers from the bottom of our hearts!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO



# **Our Community Is Amazing**

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support Inland Valley Hope Partners' work during our present circumstances. Check it out!

Students at the Glendora High School Christian Club hosted a food drive in March, and all foods donated were given to Our House Shelter. Hope Partners was thrilled with the number of donations we received from Glendora High School Christian Club. Contact the Hope Partners Development Department for more information on how to host a food drive at 909-622-3806, x105 or email

AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.



Karen Abram, Case Manager, accepting donations of Easter basket from Pilgrim Congregational Church.



Glendora High School delivering food donations to Hope Partners.

Congregational Church donated about 20 Easter baskets and Bibles to families at the Our House Shelter. At the same time, Lady of the Assumption donated gift cards to the families at the Our House Shelter to purchase their Easter dinners. Thank you to these fantastic organizations for providing Easter goodies to our families in the shelter.

A private resident in Rancho Cucamonga with an abundance of orange and lemon trees contacted

Hope Partners. Volunteers picked 5,376 oranges and 1,090 lemons over three weeks, and all fruits were delivered to the food pantries for distribution to families in need. For gleaning or volunteer opportunities, contact our volunteer coordinator at Vcoordinator@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org or call 909-622-3806 x108.

Thank you for your support during these challenging times! We are all in this TOGETHER!

# Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren

Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren is in the process of relocating, and they have items in their church that are looking for new homes before May 22, 2021! The list



includes pews, folding tables and chairs, bookshelves, kitchen stove and vent, upright piano, portable sound equipment, and more. If you or your organization is interested, please contact Pastor Lauren Cohen

at Pastorlauren@mypomonachurch.org.

A donation to the church for any item purchased in consideration of its worth, would be greatly appreciated.

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#### 24th Annual Golf Classic



Reserve your spot TODAY for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic scheduled for Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana. A foursome of golf, including breakfast, lunch, on-course games, and tee bag giveaway, is only \$800. Individual golfers and twosomes are also welcome for a donation of \$225 each.

A huge thank you to our friends at Pacific Western Bank for once again serving as our tournament's Title Sponsor. Other sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's event! All proceeds from the Golf Classic help fund Hope Partners' programs to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

If you would like to sponsor or join us for this event, please contact Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105, or AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

# **Free Food Assistance for Older** Adults 60 Years+

The LA Regional Food Bank is partnering with pantries in LA County to provide additional food assistance to seniors 60 years or older. Seniors will be able to receive a 10-12 lb food kit of healthy shelf-stable items, once a month, at participating pantries. Seniors can pick up food kits at any of Hope Partners' food pantries during operating times. Participants can expect to receive a food kit that will include various items such as cereal, peanut butter, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, low sodium vegetables, and many more. Older Adult participants must show proof of age. If participants cannot pick up the food kits, an authorized individual can pick up the items on their behalf. For more information, contact the Sova Pantry at 909-622-3806, x200.

# 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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- 1. Visit smile.amazon.com/charitylists
- 2. Sign in with your Amazon.com 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!

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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 Autumn Washington at 909-622-3806, x105 or AutumnW@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

# Spring Is A Good Time to Visit Amy's Farm

It's springtime, and that means it is an excellent time to visit **Amy's Farm**. Since August of 2015, Inland Valley Hope Partners and Amy's Farm have collaborated to ensure the no, and low-income families Hope Partners serves to have access to health-promoting, nutrient-rich vegetables, fruit, and other produce. Amy's Farm donates a substantial percentage of its harvest to Hope Partners' food pantries and family shelter. Hope Partners hosts volunteer workdays on Amy's Farm for both individuals and groups who want to get involved. Volunteer hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or set up your volunteer times, contact Cirenia Cuevas (CC) at 909-622-3806, x108, or

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Amy's Farm aspires to cultivate

community life, friendships, and social justice; educate health and sustainability for people and places, and preserve agricultural lands and organic ways of growing food. They offer tours, self-guided walks, shops, and events for those interested in learning more. Visit Amy's Farm website <a href="www.amysfarm.com">www.amysfarm.com</a> for more information. You may also contact the Farm at (844) 426–9732 or email them at info@amysfarm.com.

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