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Join the Par-TEE at This Year's Inland Valley Hope Partners' 26th Annual Golf Classic



Hope Partners invites you to join us on the links for a day of fun and philanthropy as part of our **26th Annual Golf Classic**. This year's event will take place on **Tuesday, May 9th at the Sierra Lakes Golf Course** in Fontana, and all proceeds will help Hope Partners provide food, shelter and supportive services to thousands of local children and their families. We are pleased to welcome back **Pacific Western Bank** as this year's **Title Sponsor**; their continued partnership through this leadership gift is greatly appreciated.

The tournament will kick-off with registration/check-in at 11:00 a.m. Our friends from **Jim Bone's BBQ** will provide a delicious lunch and then the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. This year's Golf Classic will feature a craft beer station with delicious selections from local family-owned brewery **The Stout House** – so you know it's going to be a par-tee. Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Hole-in-One contests will be conducted on the course with prizes to be presented at the evening's award dinner.

Make your plans to join us TODAY! Foursomes are \$1,000 and individual golfers are \$300 each including cart. Even if you don't play golf, you can still join us! The awards dinner, starting at approximately 6 p.m., will feature delicious food and opportunities to win fabulous auction and raffle prizes. Plus, it all benefits the hungry and homeless in our community. Whether you're a sponsor, individual golfer, foursome, or would simply like to join us for dinner, make sure to reserve your spot! To access the Golf Brochure/Registration form, please visit **www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org** and click on the Annual Golf Classic tab. For more information, contact our Development Department at 909-622-3806, x105 and 108.



We hope to see you May 9th for a day on the course, some good competition, and hopefully lots of fun!

Calendar of Events/ Activities

Farmers' Market.....Every Saturday

Golf Classic.....May 9, 2023

Annual Meeting....June 28, 2023

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,

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

Did you know that Inland Valley Hope Partners celebrated its 55th Anniversary last month?!?! It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating our big 50th year with monthly celebration events. Yet, it was now 55 years ago, on February 25, 1968, when representatives of 18 local faith communities came together at the First Presbyterian Church of Pomona to sign an agreement to become official members of the Pomona Valley Council of Churches. They believed that in uniting as one body, they could better serve the needs of the people residing in the Valley. These founding members included:



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Hope Partners is blessed to count *nearly* every one of these original faith communities among our hundreds of community partners in our current work to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. We've come such a long way over the course of our organization's history! I hope our founders would be proud of the work we've done and continue to do in service to our neighbors in need.

We look forward to seeing what the next 55 years will bring!

Blessings!

Kami Grosvenor

President/CEO

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Rapid Re-Housing Success Story

The K.L. family came to the Hope Partners' Rapid Re-Housing Program through referral from our partners over at Ontario-Montclair Unified School District. K.L. is a grandmother to two special needs elementary aged children in the school district. The kids' special needs require K.L.'s full-time care outside of school hours, forcing the household to rely upon the income of her two young adult children, the aunt and uncle of K.L.'s grandchildren. As young, early twenty-somethings, K.L.'s son and daughter had low-income service industry jobs. Their money was not enough to keep the family housed, and before long, they found themselves pouring every penny they made into motel rooms to keep their family off the



streets. Hope Partners was able to step in and offer a few weeks of help paying their motel as well as assistance through our Rapid Re-Housing Program. Through our HUD Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) grant, we were also able to help pay a portion of a car repair bill to ensure the family members were able to get to work. Our case manager worked diligently with the family to build their income, assisting the young adults to get better paying jobs and the grandmother to access some federal benefits programs. Through case management, she also helped the family realize that moving together with K.L.'s third adult son and the grandkids' uncle, a truck driver with income but no roots, would be a benefit to them all and help them be able to afford a home big enough to fit them all after Hope Partners' rental assistance expired. The entire family jumped full-force into the idea, and with the income from all the adult members of the family and our case manager's rolodex of property owners, they quickly located and qualified for a large five-bedroom home for rent.

Hope Partners is so pleased to have been able to help this family move from homelessness to a beautiful home that fits all their needs. K.L. says she has to pinch herself to think of how far her family has come over the last six months. She is forever grateful for Hope Partners and our RRH program.

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

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So many of our Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program families, like the K.L. family featured on the previous page, are continually making us proud with how far they come in a short period of time. But, one of our agency's biggest obstacle in assisting these families is finding property managers willing to rent to them due to their housing barriers. Families who participate in our RRH program receive short to medium term rental assistance and may also receive assistance with utility deposits and other move-in expenses. RRH clients also receive wrap-around services designed to help them secure and maintain a residence; these include ongoing case management, housing navigation, educational workshops on topics such as financial literacy, being a good tenant, landlord's rights and responsibilities as well as referrals to mental health services, mainstream benefit providers and other resources to help clients be successful at independent living.

We are on the hunt for property managers and landlords in San Bernardino County who would like to partner with us to help these families get back on their feed. **Consider just a few of the benefits to landlords participating in the Hope Partners Rapid Re-Housing program:**

- Decrease your advertising costs We have ready-to-rent tenants for your vacant units.
- *Timely and reliable payments while participants are in the RRH program* Hope Partners assists families with security deposits and other up-front moving costs as well as time-limited rental assistance. This allows clients time to stabilize and build an emergency fund for the future.
- **Problem prevention** We educate our clients on becoming ideal tenants and work with them on an ongoing basis to make sure they have the support they need to avoid past mistakes and become successful at independent living. Our case manager regularly meets with clients to identify and address problems early before they become irreparable.
- **Neutral party to mediate problems** We are also here to support our landlords and we offer back-up via a highly credible intermediary who can be called and will step in if/ when trouble or situations occur.
- Finally, the satisfaction of helping families in-need Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live. Some people make mistakes, but everyone deserves a second chance. By helping house our clients, you are playing an integral role not only in helping individuals take charge of their lives, but also in making your community a better place to live.

For more information on this program, contact our Housing Case Manager Karen Abram at 909-622-3806, x106 or karena@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

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