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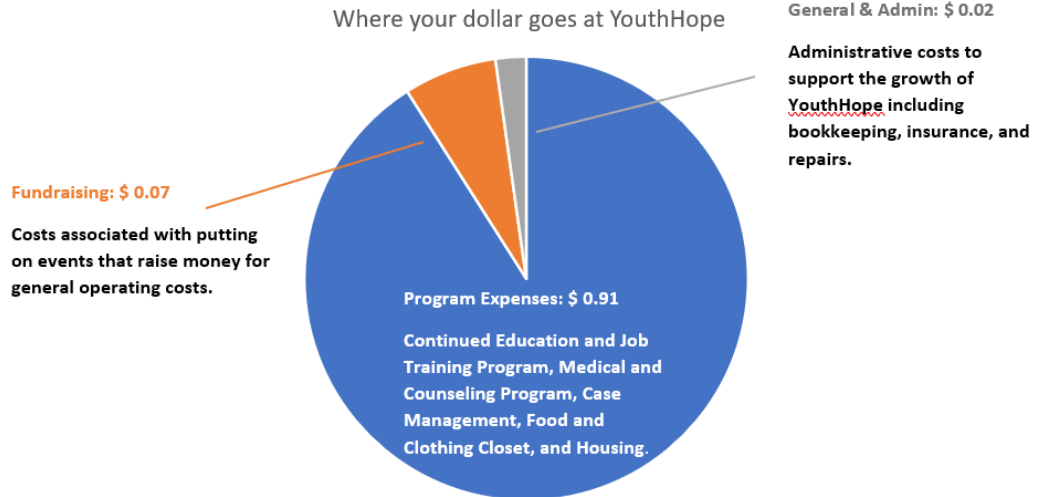


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Where does your money go when you donate?

We take donations at YouthHope very serious. When you trust us with your money, we want to make sure we can help as many youth as possible. For every dollar that you give, you can see where it goes.



A Walk in Their Shoes Dinner

We had such an incredible turn out for A Walk in Their Shoes last month. Here is a small glimpse into the night. We hope everyone had a great time!



A New Life

You could call me an original YouthHope kid. I was there back in the day when we hung out at parks and in parking lots. When YouthHope didn't have a building. When we would spend hours in the hot sun or the pouring rain getting clothes, food, and help.

I didn't have a family growing up. I jumped from house to house and was rarely in safe situations. YouthHope became my family. Every free moment I would be at YouthHope and would stay as long as I could.

I don't have the space to write out everything that YouthHope has helped me with, but a few of the things that stick out in my head are housing, jobs, food, clothes, therapy, advice, a shoulder to cry on, and a safe place to have fun.

I haven't been to YouthHope in years because I've been self-sufficient for awhile. I recently had a church celebration and I invited the only family I have, Judy and Heidi.

When I heard about this celebration, people at YouthHope came to my mind instantly. Not only do I consider them my family, but I also know that without their help, I wouldn't be alive to even attend this celebration.

I'm not exaggerating when I say that I wouldn't be here today without YouthHope.

If I didn't have the stable housing, or the constant food, or help with job resumes, then I would have never gotten to this point. So when I stand on that stage tomorrow, I will be thinking of YouthHope and the people who poured into my life to make sure I succeeded.

Did You Know?

We had 21 youth earn their Food Handlers Certificates last year. That's 21 youth getting jobs!

A Note From the Founder



We had such a great night at our Walk in Their Shoes Dinner last month. I loved seeing everyone there and catching up with so many people. It was a powerful night learning about addiction and trauma, thanks to Erin Snow, hearing stories from our youth, and listening to monologues that really showed what some of our youth experience.

A huge thank you to the University of Redlands for allow-

ing us to use the Orton Center. It was the perfect venue!

If you were unable to make it to the event, we made an announcement that our next Walk in Their Shoes will be at our Drop-In Center. We are so excited to bring this dinner here so we can show you where we help our youth. We are already starting to plan it for next year and we're thrilled about the possibilities!

We are getting ready for sum-

mer over here! We are planning camping trips for our youth, a end of school party, and skateboard contests.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, we are still looking for weekly volunteers to help serve food, hang out with our youth, and help with food and clothing organization. Email us at info@youthhope.org if you're interested.