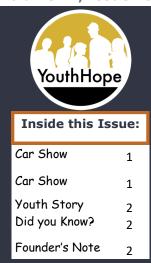
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We had such a great time at our Day in the Park this past month. The day was filled with beautiful cars, great vendors, and amazing weather. A huge shoutout to Assemblymember James Ramos and his family for coming and blessing the land. What a great way to start our day.

We had a beautiful flag raising ceremony thanks to American Legion 106 & Boy Scouts Troop 44 with the National Anthem sang by Erin Vonpingel.

Thank you to all the vendors who came out. There was a great variety of things to shop from and everyone enjoyed the food and drinks that were there.

We love to see the community come together and we are so thankful for the support that we are given.

If you were unable to come to our Day in the Park, but would still like to donate to Youth-Hope, please visit www.youthhope.org/donate.

Thank you Councilmember Jenna Guzman-Lowery for these amazing pictures!

Look How Far I've Come

I'm a lead chef at a restaurant in Redlands. I love my job and love how I get to make people happy with the food I make. It's a dream job.

This hasn't always been my life though. When I was a young teenager, I was a street kid. I would be out skateboarding most of the day causing problems with my friends.

I would go home late at night to my moms house. We didn't have much money and my mom had to work all day so I had too much freedom during the day with no accountability.

We ran into Heidi when she was walking down State Street one day. She was handing out peanut butter sandwiches. This was before she had a building or anywhere to meet. This was the time when she was learning about the problems of youth homelessness and where she should start. What stood out to me and my friends was that when she offered food and clothes to us there were no strings attached. We didn't have to do anything, sit through anything, and we didn't have to make any promise or deal.

Her intentions were to just help. She wanted nothing in return. I know that is why she has helped so many youth over the years.

After that initial time meeting Heidi, I continued to get help from YouthHope for years. They helped me with job searching, clothes, and Christmas Shoes. I wore those Christmas shoes for 3 years. I never got new shoes and that gift meant so much to me.

Now that I am a selfsufficient adult with a great job and fulfilling life, I can look back and say that a pivoting point in my life was the time that I spent at Youth-Hope.

Thank you YouthHope for propelling me into a bright future.

Did You Know?

56% of our youth suffer from a mental illness.

A Note From the Founder



We had such a fun day at our Day in the Park Car Show. We had a great turnout of cars, vendor, and families. Thank you to everyone who came out for the day. We are already looking forward to next year.

We have a busy few months coming up at YouthHope. Next month we are starting our Hope for a Lifetime Christmas Shoe Drive. Our goal is to give every one of our youth a brand new pair of shoes for Christmas. Look out for more info in the next couple weeks where you can help us make our youth's Christmas a success!

November will be a full month as well as we spend the whole month bringing awareness to the epidemic of youth homelessness and there will be many different opportunities to support YouthHope in our community. As you begin to think about year end giving, please keep YouthHope in mind.

\$0.86 of every dollar goes directly to our programs to help our youth. When you donate, you can be certain that your money is being used directly to help our youth get off the streets, get jobs, be fed and clothed, and meeting them where they are at.

Thank you for your continued support!