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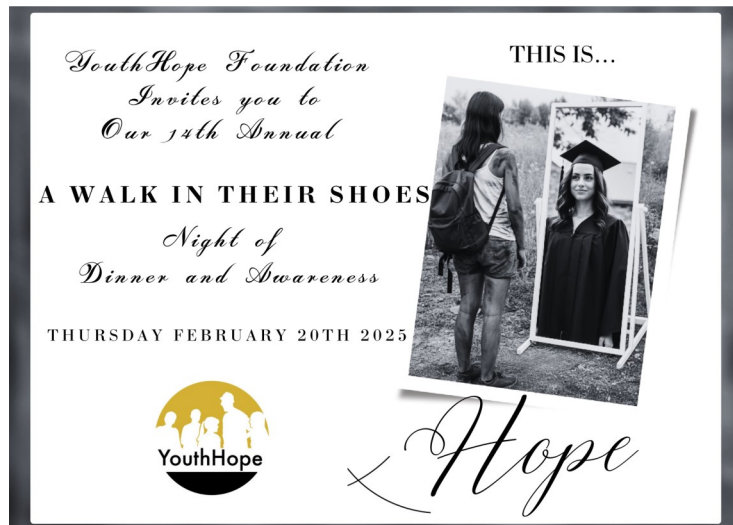
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## A Walk in Their Shoes



**YouthHope graciously requests the pleasure of your company for an evening of dining, reflections, and inspiration.**

**Thursday February 20, 2025**

**The Mitten Building**

**345 N. 5th St.**

**Redlands, CA 92373**

**Awareness Hour: 6:00 pm**

**Dinner & Program: 7:00 pm**

**\$95 Individual Reservation**

**\$700 Table Reservation for 8**

**Join us for an inspiring evening dedicated to the stories of our youth, reflecting on their journeys and what HOPE is for each of them!**

**Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you!**

**Reserve your tickets at [www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes](http://www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes)**

## A Bright Future

I found YouthHope when I was a teenager. I was an at-risk youth who needed a safe place to be during the day. My parents worked all day and I was left alone with no supervision during the day and usually found myself in trouble.

I would hang out with my friends in places that would usually end up with people drinking or doing drugs, then we would stumble home when it was dark and do it all over again the next day.

I like to call myself one of YouthHopes original. We were around when Heidi started YouthHope and followed her to all of the meeting places. We started on the street, then went to the church, then the park, a church basement, and finally YouthHope.

Heidi created a place where we could hang out without getting in trouble. Little did I know that surrounding myself

in a safe place with safe people saved my life.

I saw people who didn't come to YouthHope get in a lot more trouble as they got older. Some were addicted to drugs, some died, others are still homeless.

I am now in college and have a bright future. By going to YouthHope and having people believe in me and showing me practical steps to be successful, I am now building the life I want.

I needed some community service hours to complete one of my classes and in-

stantly knew I wanted to give back to YouthHope.

If I can help one single youth and give them the hope that they need, then my volunteer hours will be more than worth it.

Thank you YouthHope for providing hope and real steps to better our lives.

I am successful because of the time and energy you spent in helping me over the years.

## Did You Know?

**There are over 1,400 homeless students in the Redlands Unified School District.**

[www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

## A Note From the Founder



We are looking forward to our "Walk in Their Shoes" Dinner this month. The event will take place at the Mitten Building on February 20 and I hope you all can make it.

I want to say thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for awarding me with Woman of the Year. I feel so blessed and honored at receiving this.

We are busy at our Drop-In Center and also at our location in Colton. We currently see

the youth in Colton on Tuesdays and bring food, clothes, and whatever else they may need. We are very excited to see how our Colton location grows over the coming months and years.

We helped the County of San Bernardino and the City of Redlands with the annual Point in Time Count. This is a nationwide count of homeless individuals all counted on the same day. This is important because it gives us an idea of

how many people are on the streets and need help along with being able to provide the City with the needed resources to help these people.

We are off to a strong start this year with our youth. We have many youth who are looking to take the next step to becoming self-sufficient. Whether that's getting a job, getting off the streets, or getting the help they need to stop using drugs and alcohol. I know its going to be a good year.