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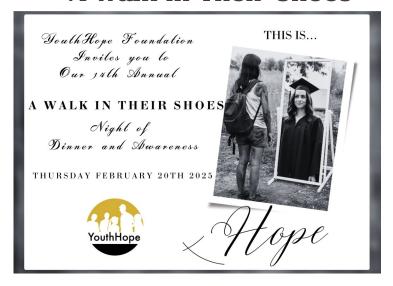
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A Walk in Their Shoes



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

I Want To Go Home

When I turned 18 I left home. I had a bad relationship with my parents and I didn't see a future in Mexico. I came to the US with big dreams of finding a great job, having friends, and being successful.

After 2 years in the US, I wanted to go home. When I came to the States, I thought it would be easy. I thought I could find my way and find community, but that didn't happen. I've couch surfed, I've slept on the streets, and I've been robbed multiple times.

At this point, I was homeless with nothing to my name.

I just wanted to be back with my family. I had no idea how to get back home and what is needed.

I needed help and I found YouthHope.

I walked into YouthHope and they immediately started helping me. They didn't judge me or make me wait days to get help.

They spent the entire day calling people and organizations that could help me get back home. They were searching for transportation, places that could get me an ID, and where I could stay in the mean time.

By the end of the first day, they were able to get me into a hotel so I would be safe.

By the end of the week they were in contact with an organization that helps people get back to their home country.

I'm currently on my way to be reunited with my family.

I'm so thankful for YouthHope and the way they helped me. They put so much effort into helping anyone who walks through their doors.

Without their help, I wouldn't be back with my family.

Thank you YouthHope for caring!

Did You Know?

69 youth earned their Food Handler's Certificates this year!

A Note From the Founder



Happy New Year! We are so excited for the new year and all that we will accomplish.

We had a great Christmas Party with our youth. We had over 200 youth sign up for shoes and they were so excited to come and see their name on a wrapped gift.

We had so many incredible donations from our community that we were able to provide our youth with new clothes, toys, blankets, and

new socks. Our youth felt so loved and it was such a joy to see them light up at what our community provided for them.

Thank you so much for helping to create such a magical night for our youth. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you are looking for a place to volunteer in the new year, we are still looking for people to help us with our youth in Redlands and also in Colton. This is a great opportunity to make a huge difference in a youth's life.

I am looking forward to a great year here at YouthHope. I know we will see a lot of success with our youth with the help of our wonderful community.

I hope you enjoyed your holidays with your family and friends.

Cheers to 2025!